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Man gets \$500,000 for injury

A Mobile County Circuit Court jury on Friday awarded a 44-year-old man \$500,000 in connection with an injury he received while attempting to raise a crane.

The jury deliberated almost three hours before returning the verdict in favor of Dwight Livingston and against Koehring Crane Co.

Judge Michael Zoghby presided over the four-day trial.

Greg Breedlove, Livingston's attorney, said Livingston was working in Clarke County for NewMc Inc. of Montgomery, a bridge building company, when he was injured on April 15, 1988.

Breedlove said Livingston was going to set the crane up and he was reading the instructions in the manual on how to raise the crane.

"He followed the instructions and something fell and struck his left leg and fractured it," Breedlove said. He said as a result of the injury, Livingston has had 15 surgeries on his leg.