

Delayed Cesarean: Nurse Midwife Found Not Liable.

A jury in the Circuit Court, Fredericksburg, Virginia returned a defense verdict. The hospital which employed the certified nurse midwives was the only defendant, the plaintiffs having voluntarily dismissed the obstetrician.

The mother reportedly had a long and difficult labor. Her water broke at home at 2:30 a.m. and she went to the hospital at 8:30 a.m. where a certified nurse midwife was assigned.

It was not until 11:35 p.m. that the midwife called the obstetrician. The cesarean was completed at 12:15 a.m.

The basis for the jury's no-liability verdict was defense medical testimony interpreting the CT scan taken shortly after birth showing an intracranial bleed related to thrombi related to a placental infection which was not caused or affected in any way by the midwives' management of the labor. **Confidential v. Confidential, 2007 WL 4953373 (Cir. Ct. Fredericksburg, Virginia, August 15, 2007).**