

# Auto club goes to trial over slaying of young motorist

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BOSTON — In the summer of 1999, AAA got a call about a young woman whose car had broken down in a parking lot on Cape Cod. The auto club told the woman's stepfather it would send help.

Melissa Gosule never made it home that night.

Her body was found in a shallow grave eight days later. She had been raped and stabbed to death.

Gosule's family sued AAA for unspecified damages, claiming that if the auto club had done its job that night, she would be alive today. Jury selection began Monday in state court in the negligence and wrongful-death case.

The case is being watched

closely because it is the first time AAA has been sued in the death of a motorist who was killed after seeking assistance from the auto club, legal experts said.

In their lawsuit, Gosule's parents, Leslie Gosule and Sandra Glaser, and her stepfather, Peter Glaser, claim AAA left Gosule stranded and forced to turn to a stranger for help. That stranger, Michael Gentile,

killed her.

"AAA is not who they say they are," Leslie Gosule said recently in a statement. "Had AAA done what they tell the world they do and what they said they were going to do — provide reliable and reasonable emergency roadside assistance that night — Melissa would still be with us."

"One call to AAA and your worries are over," reads one

brochure. AAA also refers to itself as "family" and warns against depending on strangers: "In today's world, relying on strangers has become a scary (and sometimes dangerous) thing to do."

The lawsuit names national AAA; its local affiliate, AAA Southern New England; and the tow truck driver.

AAA disputes the family's claims that it did not offer

Gosule help, and says it should not be held responsible for her death. Gentile, a newspaper delivery man with a long criminal record, was convicted of her murder and is now serving a life sentence.

On July 11, 1999, Gosule, a 27-year-old elementary school teacher, had returned at 5:30 p.m. from a bike ride at a park in Bourne to find that her 1986 Pontiac would not start.

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