

# Triple amputee accepts \$3.1 million in settlement

A triple amputee has agreed to a \$3.1 million settlement reached prior to the case going to trial Monday in Mobile County Circuit Court.

James A. Yance and Robert T. Cunningham Jr., attorneys for Joe LeBoeuf, said Mobil Oil Co. agreed to pay \$2.5 million and Peterson-Riedel Environmental Services Inc., a contractor for Mobil, agreed to pay \$600,000 in the cash settlement.

The attorneys said LeBoeuf, a truck driver from Houma, La., suffered the injuries Jan. 16, 1989, when he was crushed by a 4,000-pound drilling jar he had delivered to Mobil's marine dock in Theo-

dore.

They said LeBoeuf was following the instructions of the yard dispatcher during the unloading operation and was removing chains and binders from the drill jar when he was injured.

The attorneys said the injuries resulted in the amputations of LeBoeuf's right leg below the knee, his left leg above the knee and his left arm just above the wrist.

They said that while LeBoeuf had his back turned to the drill jar, which is a long tubular piece of steel used in drilling, the dispatcher attempted to lift the drill jar with a forklift, causing it to roll into LeBoeuf.