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# 'We needed to send a message': Hogan jury slams 'arrogant' Gawker

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The jurors who hit Gawker with a \$140 million judgment over the Hulk Hogan (inset) sex tape actually wanted it to be "a lot higher." Clockwise from top left on Wednesday: Kevin Kennedy, Shane O'Neil, Robin Young, Shelby Adkins, Salina Stevens and Paula Eastman.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The jurors who awarded Hulk Hogan \$140 million in his invasion-of-privacy suit against Gawker said the ex-WWE star deserved even more money — because the gossip website's founder and former editor came off as remorseless, "arrogant" lawbreakers.

But the six jurors were hamstrung, they told The Post, by the judge cautioning them not to bankrupt Gawker founder Nick Denton, ex-editor A.J. Daulerio or the company itself.

The two men and four women gathered Wednesday in Florida to talk to The Post about the sensational, 11-day trial.

"There was a lot of potential for it to go up a lot higher," juror Shane O'Neil, 49, said of the \$25 million in punitive damages that came on top of \$115 million in compensatory damages.

"A lot higher," interjected Paula Eastman, 50.

"This was malicious," Robin Young, 58, said of Gawker's decision to post online a portion of a secretly recorded 2007 video of Hogan having sex with the wife of his then-best friend, shock jock Bubba The Love Sponge Clem.

"So we felt we needed to send a message."

Said Eastman: "The arrogance behind [posting the sex video] isn't within the framework of the law. It just blows me away."

Denton "has just got a different moral backbone than, I think, the typical person," added Shelby Adkins, 23.

At trial, Denton hypocritically conceded that he would be "mortified" if a sex tape came out featuring himself. "Then he said, 'I believe in transparency, but everybody drop their cell phones in this basket before you come at my wedding,'" Young said.

"There was something about the level of arrogance," Young said of Denton. "He definitely likes himself.

"We could kind of feel that he thought we were Florida Hulk Hogan fans . . . that we've got Hulk Hogan-mania T-shirts in our closet and this kind of stuff. And if you go around the room, you'll find most of us . . . come from other parts of the country and other parts of the world, and so that kind of intellectual New York snobbism sort of came across."

The jurors also singled out Daulerio for scorn.

They had been outraged by deposition video in which he sarcastically snapped, "Four," when asked what age was his hypothetical, too-young cutoff for posting celebrity child porn.

"He [Daulerio] just comes out with this arrogance that 'There's nothing that can stop us from what we're doing,' the comments he made [that] it's open game for a celebrity of 5 years old or older — those kind of bold statements, under oath, knowing that you're going to trial over this," O'Neill said. "What kind of signal is that going to send to a jury that that's your attitude going in there?"

About the \$100,000 judgment against Daulerio, who claims to have no assets and \$27,000 in student-loan debt, Young said, "We probably would have hit A.J. harder, but we just didn't think you could get blood out of a rock."

The juror added, "Could you get more to a lower point than to have a guy who gets an anonymous video, never checks on the source [or] tries to understand the motivation of that video, never contacts the participants [Hogan and Clem's then-wife, Heather Cole] of that video, never tests himself about whether he should post that video, but instead writes an article that he can wrap around it?"

And as for Clem, who secretly recorded the sex romp, Eastman said, "All I could think is, 'What a pig.'"

*Additional reporting by Laura Italiano*

**Check out the Hogan verdict:**



Bubba The Love Sponge Clem with Heather Cole in 2006 (right) and in 2016.



Nick Denton leaves court March 21.



Former Gawker editor A.J. Daulerio, who published the sex tape to the website.

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