

GM Says 'Accidents Happen' in New Ignition Switch Flaw Trial

"Sometimes, accidents just happen," a lawyer for General Motors Co. told a U.S. jury in defense of the carmaker at a test trial over a deadly flaw in millions of ignition switches, according to a **BloombergBusiness** report.

The accident involving a collision on a New Orleans bridge during a January 2014 ice storm is at the center of a case that could affect the outcome of hundreds of other GM ignition switch cases.

"The trial is the second of six bellwether cases, so called because they are used to test strategies," Bloomberg reports. "The jury's reaction to the evidence may push either side to settle – or battle out – hundreds of other cases and help set the size of any settlements."

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