

NEW MEXICO

A woman who alleges she was sexually assaulted by a therapist has been awarded more than \$1.2 million.

Jurors ordered the woman be paid \$235,800 by Charter Hospital of Santa Fe. The decision came two days after state District Judge Steve Herrera ordered therapist William Kent McGregor to pay \$1 million in damages.

However, McGregor did not show up for trial and has not been located, the woman's lawyers said. They said chances of collecting from him appear bleak.

The \$1 million default judgment includes \$500,000 to punish McGregor and \$500,000 to compensate the woman for emotional distress.

The woman claimed the hospital was responsible for the therapist's conduct.

The jury ordered the hospital to pay \$85,000 for fraudulent misrepresentation, \$70,000 for negligence in selecting the therapist and \$80,000 for negligence in supervising him.

The woman claimed McGregor ripped off her clothes during a counseling session and tried to rape her. She said the incident forced her to check into a psychiatric hospital several times.