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**JUDGES:** TU M. PHAM, United States Magistrate Judge.

**OPINION BY:** TU M. PHAM

## OPINION

### ORDER GRANTING IN PART AND DENYING IN PART PLAINTIFFS' AMENDED MOTION TO COMPEL DISCOVERY AS TO ALL TAKATA DEFENDANTS

Before the Court by order of reference is Plaintiffs' Amended Motion to Compel Discovery as to Takata Defendants. (D.E. 167). For the reasons below, the Motion is GRANTED in part and DENIED in part.

#### I. BACKGROUND

The plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint alleges that on June 11, 2006, on Highway 72 in Mississippi, [REDACTED] was driving westbound in her vehicle, a 2005 Yukon that was designed, manufactured, assembled, and distributed by General Motors Corporation ("GM"). The tires on the Yukon were purchased by James M. [REDACTED] husband, approximately two months earlier, on April 17, 2006. At the time [REDACTED] was wearing her safety belt. Passengers in the Yukon [\*4] included James [REDACTED] and their two minor daughters, Caroline [REDACTED] and Mary Taylor [REDACTED]. While driving in the passing lane, the left front tire of the vehicle momentarily eased into the gravel shoulder. [REDACTED] attempted to slow the vehicle down while maneuvering to the right so as to

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