



Passenger Settles Middlesex Suit Over Crash Injuries for \$875,000

A passenger who alleged that head injuries suffered in a car crash have left her dependent on help in daily activities accepted \$875,000 on March 25 to settle her suit, *Petro v. Gyemfi*.

Geza Petro of Monroe was driving south on Route 130 at the Cranbury traffic circle on Oct. 5, 2009, when a truck driven by Emmanuel Gyemfi of Philadelphia was changing lanes, according to the police report.

The truck hit the passenger side of Petro's Honda Accord, allegedly causing him to lose control, cross into the right lane and come to a stop partly off the road.



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SETTLEMENT CRAFTED FOR CLIENT LEFT DEPENDENT: Robert Solomon says the plaintiff's head injuries left her needing help with eating, dressing and other activities.

Petro's wife Marcia, in the passenger seat, was taken to Robert Wood Johnson Hospital in New Brunswick, with bleeding in her brain.

She had a craniotomy to drain the blood, which involved removing a bone flap and drilling holes in her skull, says her lawyer, **Robert Solomon of Nagel Rice** in Roseland. Subsequent surgeries installed a shunt and a feeding tube.

Marcia, now 82, spent about a month in the hospital and five months at a rehabilitation center. She now needs help with eating, dressing and other activities, says Solomon.

The police faulted Gyemfi for careless driving and an improper lane change, Solomon says.

The Petros sued Gyemfi and his employer, Damkwa Enterprises of Philadelphia, in Middlesex County Superior Court. They settled directly with an insurance adjuster for Gyemfi's carrier, Travelers, before defense counsel was assigned. The adjuster, Anthony D'Agostino, confirms the existence of the settlement but declines to disclose the amount.

Greg Kohn of Nagel Rice also worked on the case.

— By Mary Pat Gallagher