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Verdicts & Settlements

Truck left scene after rear-ender by plaintiff

Head injury was not pre-existing \$230,000

Plaintiff driver collided with the rear of a pickup truck on a main road, but the truck did not stop and left the scene of the accident. Plaintiff called the police and sought treatment 10 days after the accident.

Plaintiff incurred a closed-head injury, posterior disc her-

nations with annular tears, disc bulges, post-concussive syndrome, myofacial pain, headaches and cervical and lumbar radiculopathy. Despite



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the injuries, plaintiff opted for conservative treatment only and refused surgery.

Both parties disputed liability, as defendant claimed that because plaintiff had rear-ended the truck, plaintiff was negligent. In addition, defendant downplayed the severity of the accident and alleged that plaintiff's injuries were pre-existing.

At arbitration, plaintiff was awarded \$230,000.

Type of action: Uninsured motorist

Type of injuries: Closed-head injury, posterior disc herniations, disc bulges, post-concussive syndrome, cervical and lumbar radiculopathy

Name of case: Confidential

Court/Case no./Date: Confidential; confidential; Dec. 30, 2013

Name of judge: Withheld

Name of arbitrator(s): Withheld

Arbitration award: \$230,000

Insurance carrier(s): Withheld

Attorney for plaintiff: Walid Y. Fakhoury, Naim G. Younan

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