

Disabled Man Wins \$4.824 Million Jury Award

BASS v. GMAC, ENTERPRISE LEASING, INC. AND JOSEPH BROOKS

A Palm Beach County jury recently awarded Darrell Bass \$4,824,000 for crippling injuries he received in an automobile collision on August 22, 1991. Chris Searcy and Todd Stewart represented the 38 year old Wellington man in the three week long trial.

Darrell Bass was stopped at a red light on Okeechobee Blvd. in West Palm Beach, when a Cadillac driven by Joseph Brooks slammed into the rear of Mr. Bass' car at approximately 45 mph. Mr. Brooks' car was owned by General Motors Acceptance Corporation and leased through Enterprise Leasing of St. Louis, Missouri, all of whom were named as defendants.

Darrell Bass suffered multiple comminuted fractures of the neck, and despite three surgeries and extensive rehabilitation has been left with partial paralysis of the left leg. He is in constant pain and is totally dependent upon crutches and a wheelchair. Half of the award was given to compensate him for future lost wages and medical expenses.

"Darrell Bass is totally disabled and in pain every moment of his life," said Chris Searcy. "Although the verdict represents a substantial amount of money, there's no doubt that he would give every penny back to return to the life he had before this catastrophe," said Searcy. ■