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\$1 Million  
Settlement:  
PERSONAL INJURY**

## MASSIVE INJURIES CAUSED BY HUGE SUV SPEEDING IN PARKING LOT

**The Hummer SUV had to be driven off the injured woman's body.**

Mary Doe was employed as a part-time licensed practical nurse at a medical clinic in Fort Pierce, Florida. She and her 18-month-old baby girl lived with her mother and father. Mary's mother was a registered nurse employed at the same clinic, and they often worked together. Mary's father was retired and babysat Mary's daughter while the two women were at work. The baby's father lived separately, but was very close to Mary and her family. All in all, life was working out fairly well for Mary.

November 2, 2007 was Mary's 37th birthday. After work, she left the clinic and headed to her nearby bank. As she walked toward the bank, a Hummer sped through the parking lot, running into Mary and pinning her under the vehicle. Immediately after, Mary's mother exited the clinic and saw her daughter pinned under the vehicle, suffering from massive head injuries. She yelled for the clinic's doctor and ran to Mary's side. The Hummer had to be driven off her daughter's body. An ambulance was called which transported Mary to another medical center where she was airlifted to a hospital and placed in intensive care. When the police arrived at the scene of the accident, they took a blood sample from the driver and took the vehicle into custody.

Mary remained in a coma for three weeks. Mary and her family have always been very religious and very active in their church. When the Does' church family heard of Mary's situation, they marshaled their prayer forces. There were literally over 1,000 people praying for Mary's recovery every day that she was in intensive care in the hospital. On Thanksgiving Day, Mary woke up from her coma. She began an intensive regimen of physical therapy and rehabilitation. Mary is still not fully recovered from the accident, but she is determined and is well on her way to recovery.

Shortly after the accident, while Mary lay in a coma of indeterminable length, Mary's parents sought representation by SDSBS attorney Earl Denney. With the assistance of another attorney, it was arranged that Mary's mother would be appointed as Mary's guardian while she was incapacitated. The insurer for the driver of the Hummer immediately tendered their policy limits of \$1 million. Another \$100,000 was recovered from Mary's insurance carrier for underinsured motorist coverage. ■



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