

JOHN DOE vs. DOE HOSPITAL AND DOCTOR DOE

Plaintiff, a 65 year old retired truck driver, was involved in a rollover motor vehicle accident in Alachua County. He was found 30 feet from his car with the windshield and steering wheel broken. He was taken, immobilized on a back board, to the local defendant hospital where he was examined by the emergency room physician. Despite complaints of being unable to stand up, he was discharged several hours later with a diagnosis of trauma and musculo-skeletal strain. He was carried to his car by hospital personnel and was taken home by relatives. At home, his condition deteriorated quickly.

By the next day he was admitted to a Veterans Administration hospital. He was diagnosed with quadriplegia, as a result of a 50% subluxation of his spine due to the rupture of ligaments in his neck. He remains paralyzed from his chest down and needs total care for all his acts of daily living.

Just prior to trial, Lois Frankel and Chris Searcy negotiated a \$3.2 million dollar settlement with the emergency room physician and hospital. ■