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Collision caused by trucking company's negligence results in \$3 million settlement

**Catastrophic collision caused multiple
severe and permanent injuries to victim.**

In March 2020, Robert Smith (name changed to protect privacy), a retired military pilot, sustained devastating injuries in a serious collision at a dangerous intersection in Florida.

The collision was caused when a truck driver employed by XYZ Trucking, Inc., (name changed to protect privacy) negligently attempted to make a right-hand turn onto a roadway that was too narrow for safe maneuvering without obstructing traffic or leaving the roadway. Due to the unsafe attempt to turn, the truck came to a stop partially blocking the roadway and obscuring Mr. Smith's visibility as he waited at a stop sign. When Mr. Smith proceeded to make a left turn, unaware of another vehicle approaching in the inside lane that was obscured by the stopped truck, his vehicle was violently struck.

**Investigations later revealed that
XYZ Trucking had negligently hired the
truck driver despite his history of
prior traffic citations
and misrepresentations on his
employment application.**

The collision caused catastrophic injuries to Mr. Smith, including severe brain trauma, extensive organ damage, broken bones, and multiple internal injuries. First responders immediately airlifted him to a nearby trauma center where he underwent emergency surgeries and intense medical intervention. After nearly two months in the hospital, Mr. Smith required extensive rehabilitation and care for severe and lasting brain injuries.

Today, Mr. Smith lives with profound and permanent disabilities, experiencing severe short-term memory loss. He relies entirely on his family for assistance with daily activities.

The Smith family retained Searcy Denney attorney **Carter Scott** for assistance. Mr. Scott aggressively pursued claims against XYZ Trucking and other responsible parties, ultimately securing a resolution of \$3 million. This settlement will provide critical resources to support Mr. Smith's ongoing medical and personal care needs. ♦

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