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### RECENT NOTEWORTHY CASES

# \$350,000 For Mother & Daughter Seriously Hurt in Motor Vehicle Crash

In August 2015, our client F.S., a restrained driver of her Mercedes C230 and her daughter D.E., the restrained, front-seat passenger – were traveling southbound on 441, north of Lake Worth Road. As F.S. slowed down for traffic, she was violently rear-ended by a vehicle with such great force that it pushed F.S.' vehicle into a truck in front of her.





Jason J. Guari

Immediately after the crash, F.S. was transported by ambulance to Wellington Regional Medical Center. F.S. suffered a head contusion, injuries to her neck, back, and left shoulder.

D.E., her daughter, sustained personal injuries to her head, neck, and ankle.

F.S., a native of the islands who immigrated to the United States 10 years prior to this crash, had never before been involved in a car accident. With little to no knowledge of the legal process, she was unsure who to turn to and what to do.

Imagine her concern for her teen daughter's injuries – not being able to care for her and continuing to experience her own chronic pain and significant physical limitations due to her injuries. That is when **a family member – who was a past client – encouraged F.S. to contact Attorney Jason Guari for legal guidance.** 

At 18 years of age, D.E.'s injuries resulted in blurred vision, neck pain, difficulty concentrating, and missing days from school, resulting in her grades dropping. Unfortunately, F.S.' condition continued to worsen, ultimately requiring a lumbar spine surgery.



Thankfully, the driver of the car that caused the crash carried significant **Bodily Injury (BI) automobile insurance coverage**. With the diligent work of **Attorney Jason** 

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## \$155,000 for Pedestrian/Bystander Trapped Between Vehicles

In December 2014, Mr. H. was standing outside his vehicle getting ready to open his car door for his wife who had recently undergone hip replacement surgery when the driver of a Hyundai jumped a curb in the church parking lot and rammed Mr. H.'s vehicle – trapping Mr. H. between the vehicles.





Scott C. Murray

Eyewitnesses, including an off-duty

PBSO Captain, confirmed that the driver continued to accelerate forward and spun his wheels after initially striking Mr. H.'s vehicle; this caused the vehicles to act as a vice, closing around Mr. H.'s leg and hip. At one point, the off-duty Sheriff's Captain had to reach into the driver's vehicle to try to get his foot off the accelerator. This crash was very traumatic also for Mrs. H. as the other driver revved his engine, and Mrs. H. was stuck in the vehicle unable to help her husband.

#### To the right is a photograph demonstrating the **property** damage caused by Mr. H.'s body while pinned between vehicles.

Immediately after the crash, Mr. H. was transported to JFK Medical Center. Mr. H. was diagnosed with lumbar spine pain with radiculopathy, a left knee lateral tibial plateau fracture, and meniscus tear, as well as a crush injury to the left knee and thigh.

Following emergency treatment, Mr. H. endured months of physical therapy. Mr. H. continued to experience difficulty sleeping as a result of the discomfort and knee pain. Doctors recommended a left knee arthroscopic surgery with a partial medial meniscectomy. Shortly, thereafter, Mr. H. underwent the recommended knee surgery.

Mr. H. sought representation from Murray Guari Trial Attorneys PL to bring an action against the driver who hit him. **Attorney Scott Murray** diligently initiated a thorough analysis and reconstruction of the accident focusing on the damage to the



vehicle, eyewitness testimony, and the available automobile liability insurance coverages.

Mr. Murray's investigation revealed that the driver of the Hyundai had minimal **Bodily Injury (BI) coverage. Thankfully, Mr. H. carried significant Uninsured Motorist (UM) automobile insurance coverage to protect him and his family from this type of situation.** 

Upon successfully obtaining the limited, Bodily Injury (BI) automobile insurance policy limits from the negligent driver, **Attorney Scott Murray** and his team negotiated with Mr. H.'s Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist (UM/UIM) carrier – for several months, and resolved Mr. H.'s claim for a total of \$155,000.

This case is a perfect example of how **Uninsured**/ **Underinsured Motorist (UM/UIM)** auto insurance coverage – though it is not required under Florida law – **best protects you and your family from an underinsured/uninsured driver.** When you are renewing and/or analyzing your existing auto policy, **DO NOT REJECT UM/UIM COVERAGE!** 

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## **\$250,000 Policy Limits Settlement for Permanently** Injured Passenger

Last fall, Ms. F. was a restrained, front passenger in her friend's vehicle ("host vehicle") traveling east on Salerno Road when her friend ran a red light causing a violent crash that turned Ms. F's world upside down.



Upon impact, the airbags deployed and the vehicle (as shown on the right) was ultimately deemed a **total loss**.

Scott C. Murray

At the time of this crash, Ms. F. did not own a vehicle; she also did not reside with any family/relatives – therefore, she was afforded **Personal Injury Protection (PIP) automobile insurance** benefits through the host vehicle/driver's insurance company.

#### Ms. F. contacted Murray Guari Trial Attorneys PL, met with Attorney Scott Murray and requested his representation for her claim.

As a result of this crash, Ms. F. injured her neck with radiating symptoms, as well as her back, including a **compression** 





**fracture of her back at L1** (illustrated to the left), with radiating symptoms into her lower extremities for which she underwent lumbar spine surgery.

Fortunately, Ms. F.'s friend carried **Bodily Injury (BI) automobile insurance coverage** and both, her friend and his insurance company accepted complete responsibility for this crash. (Ms. F. did not want her friend to become personally responsible for her personal injury damages). A key factor to establish the extensive damages Ms. F. sustained was her friend's willingness to testify truthfully about his observations of Ms. F.'s pain and suffering from the crash.

With the diligent work of Murray Guari Trial Attorneys PL, Attorney Scott Murray resolved Ms F.'s case in less than a year for the total available Bodily Injury (BI) policy limits of \$250,000.

This case is a reminder of the importance of driving safely and obeying traffic signals. Also, it is most important to have as much automotive insurance coverage as you can afford.

## Murray Guari Trial Attorneys Settles Taxi Crash for Confidential Sum

Attorney Scott Perry recently resolved a case for a young client who was rear-ended by a taxi cab that pushed her car into a stopped vehicle in front of her, resulting in airbag deployment. The force of the impact was so heavy that our client **lost consciousness** at the scene and suffered injuries to her knees, neck, and low back.



Our client immediately went to the hospital and sought timely, follow-up care for treatment and evaluation. Her treating chiropractor referred her to medical specialists, including orthopedic and pain management doctors.

Luckily, for our young client, she reached maximum medical improvement through physical therapy and pain management, including a **lumbar facet injection.** 

By arguing the force of the impact, the medical bills, the medical treatment (especially the timely treatment), our client's young age, and the likelihood for future care for the rest of her life, **Attorney Scott Perry** obtained a substantial pre-suit,



confidential recovery amount that fairly compensated her for her damages, including her pain, suffering, and mental anguish.

The best thing a client can do to help to protect themselves – when involved in a crash or a fall – is to get immediate and timely medical treatment, if hurt.

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**Guari**, F.S.' case resolved since she had a lumbar microdisectomy for the total available policy limits of **\$250,000** – in less than a year. In addition, **\$100,000** was obtained for her daughter, D.E.'s serious injuries.

Today, F.S. and D.E. continue to make excellent recoveries from their injuries. They can rest at ease knowing that their medical bills have been paid and Murray Guari Trial Attorneys PL ensured that they received **"fair and just compensation" for their past medical expenses, future medical expenses, past lost wages, past and future inconvenience, loss of the capacity to enjoy life, pain and suffering, and mental anguish.** 

