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# Wrongful Death of Pedestrian

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# Confidential Seven Figure Settlement

## Settlement for Family of Man Who Died When Struck by Vehicle

Murray Guari Trial Attorneys recently recovered a confidential, seven figure settlement in a tragic, wrongful death case.

Our firm was retained on behalf of the surviving spouse, and her minor daughter, after her husband was struck and killed as a pedestrian crossing the street, in a crosswalk, by a driver who crossed over the median and travelled into oncoming traffic. Inserted is a Florida Traffic Crash Report Diagram of this incident:



Murray Guari Trial Attorneys was able to ensure an efficient and successful recovery, despite multiple competing claims that were asserted by other injured motorists, based upon our prompt claim handling and diligent investigation – including retaining an accident reconstruction expert, retaining a forensic economist, and examining the wrongdoer's personal assets in Florida and abroad. Our primary goals were to obtain justice and to minimize the prolonged suffering of our grieving clients.

Here is what our client reported about our work:

### *Professional & Respectful*

*My husband was in a horrific car accident. He was struck by a vehicle while attempting to cross the road about 25 feet from my front door. This has left my family devastated, full of anger, and caused a multitude of mental stress issues. We thought all of our support was lost. Then, I found Mr. Jason Guari and Mr. Scott Murray of Murray Guari Trial Attorneys - a firm who was recommended to me by a family member who was represented successfully in the past.*

*Mr. Guari, his law partner Mr. Murray, and Attorney Scott Perry have been supportive in every way. Mr. Guari let us know everything that was going to take place and assured us that this will be handled in a professional and discreet way. Our claim was settled in a short amount of time assuring that my family will be taken care of in an appropriate manner. I always felt that Murray Guari had only my best interests at heart.*

*I would recommend the firm to anyone who needs a professional, respectful and family-like firm who is there to get you what you are entitled to. I thank God every day for bringing Mr. Guari and Mr. Murray to us. ■*

# Night Time Visibility

## Headlight Testing - How Did Your Vehicle's Headlights Fare?

Imagine you are driving down the road at night, when suddenly a child appears in front of you, and you have no time to avoid impact. Are your headlights to blame?

Many of us were taught not to “overdrive” our headlights - meaning not to travel so fast that our stopping distance is farther than what we can see with our headlights. See Diagram below.

A new report reveals that many of the cars produced today need to improve the performance of their headlights. *The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS)* found that most headlights performed poorly when it came to helping drivers see far enough down the road to help them detect hazards in time to avoid them. The study tested 86 types of headlights on 31 vehicles. Only one - the Toyota Prius V - out of 31 tested earned a “Good” rating. Unfortunately, consumers will have to wait to see if the auto industry steps up to correct poor headlight performance or whether the government will require stricter headlight standards.

To see if your make and model was tested and how it fared visit: <http://www.iihs.org/iihs/news/desktopnews/first-ever-iihs-headlight-ratings-show-most-need-improvement>. ■



## Drivers: Beware of Pedestrians & Scan the Roadway

Pedestrian versus motor vehicle accidents are far more common than you think.

**Often, pedestrian accidents result in serious and sometimes catastrophic injuries or death.** According to the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's National Center for Statistics and Analysis*, 501 pedestrians were killed in single-vehicle crashes in Florida in 2013.

Generally, when a pedestrian is struck by a vehicle while the pedestrian is in the crosswalk, the motor vehicle driver is responsible; however, **even if a pedestrian is not in a crosswalk, the motor vehicle driver still has a legal duty to scan the roadway and to exercise due care to avoid striking the pedestrian.**



**Drivers can avoid and/or lessen the risk of pedestrian accidents by:**

- Not “overdriving” their headlights
- Slowing down in residential neighborhoods
- Looking twice before approaching intersections
- Staying off cell phones while driving

**Pedestrians can also reduce the risk of these accidents by:**

- Ensuring they are aware of vehicles around them
- Wearing bright, visible clothing
- Crossing at an intersection in a crosswalk, when available

# Florida's Boating Safety Bill Passes

## Saving Lives – Making Boating Safer

In March, Governor Rick Scott passed House Bill 427 (<https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2016/0427>) also known as the "Safe Boating" bill, prompted by the disappearance of Florida teens Austin Stephanos and Perry Cohen.

The bill offers boaters a state vessel registration discount for buying and registering emergency locator devices.

Emergency beacons such as a Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) and an Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB) can alert the Coast Guard to vessels in distress and lead rescuers to their location with a satellite signal. Statistics show that use of 406 MHz beacons have saved more than 37,000 lives since the system's establishment in 1979. ■



## Pedestrian Accidents Word Search

C	G	F	N	M	C	Y	K	S	K	B	O	B	A	G
R	U	I	T	O	I	R	I	R	R	Y	P	D	N	G
O	A	D	P	E	I	D	O	R	O	C	L	I	H	S
S	R	Y	L	S	E	T	L	S	W	A	K	W	G	N
S	D	D	R	W	R	D	C	I	S	L	S	N	H	A
I	G	M	A	X	Y	E	R	E	A	W	I	X	M	I
N	T	L	V	H	F	T	V	W	S	K	A	C	N	D
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A	O	P	T	B	J	R	P	W	L	D	L	T	T	I
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S	C	H	O	O	L	S	A	W	U	L	M	B	K	I
K	Y	S	M	K	Q	I	Z	C	M	Y	K	U	R	F
R	G	U	Q	E	L	D	I	B	H	F	R	E	X	E
L	N	D	O	G	L	S	F	T	D	H	M	X	R	T

## Circle-Word List

Crossing Guard	Median	Sidewalk
Cross Walk	Parking Lot	Stop
Distracted Driver	Pedestrian	Yield
Intersection	School Zone	Walker
Jaywalking	Sidewalk	Workzone

## And The Answer is?

How many Pedestrian Fatalities were there in Florida in 2014?

- 50  
 125  
 400  
 606

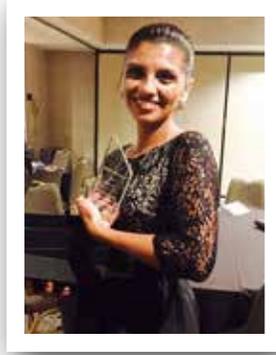


\*See page 5 for answer.

# Supporting Our Community

## A Rising Star

Attorney Kelsey C. Burke was recognized in March as a “Rising Star” at the LatinoJustice PRLDEF’s Inaugural Southeast Regional Awards Reception—Asegurando el Sueño. The award honors individuals who champion and embody diversity and Latino advancement. ■



## LLS Walk Leadership

Board Chair Jason Guari is serving as a member of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Executive Leadership Committee for “Light the Night.” The walk chair is Sam Forrest and the event will be held at Meyer Amphitheater on Friday evening, November 18, 2016. ■



## Thank You For Your Confidence and Trust In Us

We at Murray Guari are thankful and humbled by the **positive feedback from our clients**. We remain strong on our focus – helping client’s when they need it most. Here, we share a recent comment provided by a client:

*If you are looking for honesty, integrity, kindness, compassion, and the awesome teamwork that I have experienced, then I highly recommend Murray Guari.*

*I was in a horrible car accident and was injured severely. Also, my husband was injured. We were referred to Murray Guari by word of mouth. They knew exactly what help we needed and told us that our only job was to get well. It was a big relief. You see - our world had just been turned upside down when we were heading back to Iowa when the auto accident happened.*

*So, I believe it was divine intervention that led us to their door.*

*Please check them out - if you ever have a need for a great legal team.*

*Thanks so much to all of you!*

*Sincerely, Fred & Yvonne &, of course, Princess. ■*

## Murray Guari – Hablamos Español

Nosotros, tanto como usted, llamamos el Sur de la Florida nuestro hogar. Practicamos la ley de lesiones personales en todas partes de la Florida y estamos orgullosos de ofrecer nuestros servicios en los condados de Palm Beach, Broward, Martin, y Treasure Coast. Tenemos más de 30 años de experiencia legal combinada. Si usted tiene un accidente de auto, un resbalón o caída, un producto defectuoso, negligencia médica o algún otro tipo de negligencia, llámenos al (561) 366-9099 o póngase en contacto con nosotros en el Internet en [www.murrayguari.com](http://www.murrayguari.com). Nosotros tenemos un abogado disponible para hablar con usted en cualquier momento. ■



## Meet Receptionist Crystal Phillips

Crystal joined the firm in 2010. She is our receptionist and official greeter at Murray Guari Trial Attorneys. She enjoys working with the attorneys and staff to make our clients feel at home and at ease when they visit our office. ■

## Connect With Us!

We see Social Media as a way for us to help people carry out Murray Guari's mission each day – Helping clients when they need it most. You can connect with us and other Murray Guari supporters on the social networking sites you like to spend time on. ■

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## How Can We Help



At Murray Guari Trial Attorneys PL, we **represent victims** throughout Florida who have suffered serious personal injuries due to the negligence of others.

At our firm, you will find a team that is **truly concerned about your well-being and getting justice for you.** We are proud that our clients come to us based on a personal recommendation from past clients and from other attorneys in the community who respect our reputation and the quality of our work. We would be honored to put our experience, skill and integrity to work for you. ■



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