

Case Description: Motor Vehicle Collision

Client Profile: Husband 55; Wife 50

Driver: 25 year old male

Alleged Injuries: Husband: Cervical Sprain, Lumbar Sprain/Strain, Left Elbow  
Tendinitis/Contusion

Wife: Bilateral Thoracic Strain, Cervical and Lumbar Strain,  
Right Hip Trochanteric Bursitis/Tendinitis, Headaches

Settlement: Husband: \$ 20,000.00

Wife: \$130,000.00

FACTS OF CASE:

On the evening of July 1, 2006, at approximately 9:22 p.m., Stewart and Diana were traveling southbound on Interstate 270 (I-270) near Route 85, in Frederick, Maryland. Stewart was driving their 2005 Honda Pilot, his wife, Diana, was sitting in the front passenger seat. Stewart was driving in a prudent and safe manner. The night was clear and the streets were dry and clear of debris.

Traveling southbound, directly in front of them, was a white 2002 Volvo V-70, driven by Ronald. His wife was sitting in the back seat of the Volvo.

At the same time, Nathan, driving a 2002 Chevrolet Silverado, was traveling northbound on Interstate 270, just past Route 85. Nathan lost control of his truck, crossed the median strip, and drove directly into oncoming traffic on southbound I-270. He crashed into the Volvo. Stewart, driving directly behind the Volvo, attempted to avoid colliding with the truck by veering towards the right hand side of the highway. Nathan crashed into the front end of the Volvo, then bounced off and hit the Honda.

The Honda was so badly damaged, it had to be towed from the scene. It took over one month to repair and cost \$16,917.45.

EMS transported Stewart and Diana to a local hospital where they were treated for their injuries. Diana sustained bilateral knee pain, chest contusion, sore shoulders, cervical spine pain, and headaches. Stewart sustained a head contusion, right sided lower back pain, contusions to

his right forearms, abrasions to his right arm, and complained of headaches.

Both Stewart and Diana spent many months following the collision undergoing physical therapy treatment. Unfortunately, Diana was plagued with substantial pain and discomfort in her lower back and hips and after months of physical therapy, she sought out the help of a specialist in pain medicine management and acupuncture.

As stated in the police investigative report, the collision was a result of negligent driving, excessive speeding, and driving under the influence. Nathan was issued 9 citations, including but not limited to, negligent driving, reckless driving, aggressive driving, and driving or attempting to drive a vehicle while impaired by drugs or alcohol. At trial, he pled guilty to aggressive driving and driving or attempting to drive a vehicle while impaired by drugs or alcohol and was sentenced to 1 year in jail and 2 years of probation.