

NEKISHA LONG vs. LENA C. SINGLETON

Docket No.: 07-CA-0579 Div. K; FJVR Reference No. 08:11-17

Verdict Date: **September** 16, 2008; Publication Date: **November** 2008

**TOPIC:** Motor Vehicles - Motor Vehicle Accident - Rear-end Collision

**RESULT:** \$ 18,095.21 for Plaintiff. (verdict)

(\$ 16,595.21 - past medical bills; \$ 1,500 - past pain and suffering; \$ 0 - future medical specials; \$ 0 - future pain and suffering).

**STATE:** Florida

**COUNTY:** Hillsborough

**JUDGE:** William Levens

**PLAINTIFF PROFILE:** Age: 27

Sex: Female

Occupation: Food Service Employee

**PLAINTIFF ATTORNEY:** Susan M. Zwiesler, Tampa

**DEFENDANT ATTORNEY:** Anthony J. Petrillo of **Luks, Santaniello**, et al., Tampa

**CAUSE OF INJURY:** On May 24, 2005, at 3:30 p.m., on Highway 301 and MLK Boulevard, an accident occurred when Plaintiff's vehicle was rear-ended by Defendant's vehicle. This was a low-impact collision with minimal property damage.

**NATURE OF INJURY:** Herniated disc at L4-L5 with surgery recommended by Dr. Martinez. Plaintiff was treated by a chiropractor and had physical therapy for six months. Initial neck and mid-back complaints resolved after six months of therapy; lower back complaints continued.

**PLAINTIFF EXPERT WITNESSES:** Todd W. Sweeney, D.C., Chiropractic, Orlando  
Robert Martinez, M.D., Neurosurgery, Tampa

**DEFENDANT EXPERT WITNESSES:** Steve Knezevich, M.D., Orthopedics, Tampa

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This was two-day trial. The jury was composed of three males and three females. The jury deliberated for approximately two hours. Defendant offered \$ 1,001; Plaintiff demanded \$ 6,151. The net verdict after the PIP set-off of \$ 10,000 was \$ 8,095.21.