

NADIA WILLIAMS vs. STEVEN FINLAY

Docket No.: 03-001168-05; FJVR Reference No. 04:03-18

Verdict Date: **January** 30, 2004; Publication Date: **March** 2004

TOPIC: Motor Vehicle Accident - Rear-end Collision

RESULT: \$ 6,000 for Plaintiff. (verdict)

(past medical expenses).

STATE: Florida

COUNTY: Broward

JUDGE: Richard Eade

PLAINTIFF PROFILE: Age: 29

Sex: Female

Occupation: Jewelry Salesperson

PLAINTIFF ATTORNEY: Marc Bebergal of Ellis & Ged, Boca Raton

DEFENDANT ATTORNEY: Daniel J. **Santaniello** and Robin B. Levine of **Luks, Santaniello**, et al., Ft. Lauderdale

CAUSE OF INJURY: On February 20, 2002, Plaintiff alleged that she was traveling east on Pines Boulevard in Pembroke Pines when she was rear-ended by Defendant's vehicle. This case was tried on liability and damages.

NATURE OF INJURY: Bulging disc at L5-S1; neck, back, and shoulder injuries. Plaintiff's medical expenses totaled \$ 15,292. Plaintiff's property damage totaled \$ 2,000.

PLAINTIFF EXPERT WITNESSES: Yehuda Fishfeld, M.D., Orthopedic Surgery, Ft. Lauderdale

Elliot Cintron, D.C., Chiropractic, N. Miami Beach

Dennis Arena, M.D., Radiology, Ft. Lauderdale

DEFENDANT EXPERT WITNESSES: Richard Strain, M.D., Orthopedic Surgery, Ft. Lauderdale

DEFENDANT'S ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS: The court entered a directed verdict of liability against Defendant upon Plaintiff's Motion for a Directed Verdict. Because the parties had stipulated that Defendant was entitled to a \$ 10,000 PIP set-off, the net verdict was "0." Defendant will be entitled to tax costs and attorney's fees pursuant to final judgment that will be entered in Defendant's favor.