

Summary of Demo summary

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Accident

Accident Details

The accident occurred on a winter night around 7:05-7:10 pm in February 2003. [\[26:12-26:16\]](#)

The ground was wet and there was snow on the sides of the road from a snowfall two weeks prior. [\[26:3-26:7\]](#)

The accident took place on Point Pleasant road between Sunny Brook and Genine. [\[27:18-27:20\]](#)

The plaintiff was traveling towards Genine at 15-20 mph, under the 25 mph speed limit, [\[27:21-28:3\]](#) [\[28:13-29:1\]](#)

for safety due to the wet conditions. [\[28:21-29:1\]](#)

He was coming down a sloped curve when he suddenly saw the defendant's truck lights coming towards him in his lane. [\[27:12-27:17\]](#) [\[28:9-28:9\]](#)

The vehicles collided head-on, with the impact occurring at the front driver's side of both vehicles. [\[28:10-28:11\]](#) [\[31:11-31:14\]](#)

The plaintiff's vehicle sustained major damage to the front end and most of the windows were blown out from the force of the collision. [\[32:5-32:15\]](#)

Plaintiff's Actions and Injuries

The plaintiff was unable to avoid the collision as swerving right would have sent him into trees and swerving left risked hitting another oncoming vehicle. [\[29:19-30:3\]](#) [\[30:7-30:8\]](#)

He braced himself by tightly gripping the steering wheel just before impact. [\[29:19-30:3\]](#)

The plaintiff hit his head, causing a bruise on the left side. [\[39:2-39:8\]](#)

He also sustained a right knee injury with cuts, chest bruising from the seat belt, scratches on his left knee, bruising on his left arm and inside of his elbow, and some lower back pain. [\[32:16-33:4\]](#)

The plaintiff was unsure if he lost consciousness from hitting his head. [\[39:12-39:14\]](#)

Defendant's Actions

The plaintiff first noticed the defendant's vehicle when it was crossing the center line into his lane about 10-15 feet ahead of [\[31:6-31:9\]](#)

him. He did not see the defendant's vehicle approaching beforehand and could not estimate her speed. [\[29:15-29:16\]](#)

After the collision, the defendant exited her vehicle and appeared uninjured but scared and apologetic, repeatedly asking if the plaintiff was okay. [\[39:19-40:2\]](#)

Immediate Aftermath

The vehicles remained together after impact. [\[42:7-42:7\]](#)

A passing driver stopped and offered the plaintiff use of a phone. The plaintiff called his girlfriend who came to the scene. Residents from a nearby house also came down to the accident site. [\[41:6-41:12\]](#)

Police and an ambulance arrived, and the plaintiff was transported by ambulance to the shock trauma center at the University of Maryland hospital. [\[42:2-42:2\]](#) [\[42:13-42:16\]](#)

His vehicle was towed to his house at his request. [\[38:7-38:13\]](#)

At the hospital, the plaintiff was given X-rays, possibly a CAT scan, morphine through an IV for leg pain, and stitches for his knee laceration before being discharged home around 2:00-3:00 am. [\[42:17-43:4\]](#)