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■ \$101,000 SETTLEMENT

Motorcyclist settles after hit-and-run

MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION

■ Breakdown of value and distribution:

\$100,000 in underinsured motorists' coverage,
\$1,000 for medical payment benefits

■ Venue: St. Louis Circuit Court (not filed)

■ Date: Aug. 30, 2016

■ Caption: Wayne Shatley v. State Farm Insurance

■ Plaintiff's Attorney: Mark Cantor, Cantor Injury Law, St. Louis

■ Injuries alleged: leg, knee, ankle, foot

■ Injury details: right anterior cruciate ligament tear

■ First Pretrial Offer: \$25,000

■ First Pretrial Demand: \$100,000

■ First Demand Detail: four stacked policies of \$25,000 each

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A St. Louis motorcyclist who was struck from behind in a 2016 downtown hit-and-run has settled an uninsured motorist claim with State Farm for \$100,000.



Mark Cantor

The settlement includes an additional \$1,000 in medical payment benefits.

Wayne Shatley was struck from behind in February while attempting to exit Interstate 55/70 at 7th Street, said St. Louis plaintiff's attorney Mark Cantor. Shatley suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee after the impact propelled him

into a concrete median, Cantor said.

There were no witnesses to the incident, and the responsible driver fled the scene, according to Cantor.

The late August settlement consists of four payments of \$25,000 for four State Farm Insurance policies held by Shatley, records provided by Cantor show. The insurer initially opposed stacking the policies, he said.

Shatley didn't undergo surgery for his torn ACL, though his physician did link the injury to the collision, Cantor said. **MO**