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■ \$182,000 SETTLEMENT

Settlement reached in parking lot accident

MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION

■ **Venue:** St. Charles County Circuit Court (not filed)

■ **Date:** Jan. 6, 2016

■ **Caption:** Jill Andrew v. Tracy Black

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

■ **Defendant's Attorney:** Thomas Pettit; McAnany, Van Cleave & Phillips, St. Louis (for employer)

■ **Insurance:** American Family Insurance (for Black)



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BY ALAN SCHER ZAGIER
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A 49-year-old Chesterfield woman injured while working in her parked car outside a

St. Charles County Schnucks' grocery store has settled a claim with the other driver's insurer for \$100,000 on top of another \$82,000 in workers' compensation, lost wages and medical costs paid by her employer.

According to an O'Fallon police report, Jill Andrew was at the wheel of her 2010 Nissan Rogue at a Schnucks on Veterans Memorial Parkway when she was hit by a 2004 Saturn Vue driven by Tracy Elizabeth Black, 57, of O'Fallon shortly before 9 a.m. on April 7, 2015.

Black first hit another car in the lot after reversing her vehicle while attempting to park. She then drove forward and struck

the base of a light post before hitting Andrew's car. The responding police officer wrote that Black "appeared confused and stated she was taking pain medication."

St. Louis plaintiff's attorney Mark Cantor said his client was diagnosed with a mild concussion and a cervical strain later determined to be a herniated disc.

Andrew received approximately \$64,000 from her employer to cover permanent partial disability, which the company initially disputed before settling with a waiver of subrogation, he said. She was also paid another \$11,318.13 for lost wages, an amount that represents two-thirds of her average weekly wage over a period slightly more than six months, and \$6,302.14 for medical bills.

The employer requested to not be identified as part of the private settlement. Defense attorney Thomas Pettit of McAnany, Van Cleave & Phillips in St. Louis declined comment, citing the confidentiality agreement.