

## Man seeks damages after rear-end collision

**Defense says not enough damage was sustained to auto to cause the injuries**

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Plaintiff Vikin Hannosh sought compensatory damages from defendants Colomon and Elena Varadi on claims of third-party auto negligence.

On July 23, 2008, Hannosh was rear-ended by Colomon Varadi at a red light. The lower back injury that Hannosh sustained was a disc herniation that required surgery. Liability was admitted.

Defendant had a \$100,000 liability policy limit with State Farm Insurance Co., yet at the time of trial, no money was offered. Before the accident, Hannosh had worked as a restaurant manager in Hazel Park, and has been unable to work since.

The defense argued that Hannosh's vehicle did not sustain enough damage to cause injury. They further argued that whatever damage did exist could not have been caused by this accident.

The jury found for the plaintiff and awarded \$875,000 in economic damages and \$610,000 in non-economic damages.

**Type of action:** Third-party auto negligence

**Type of injuries:** Lower back injury

**Name of case:** *Hannosh v. Varadi, et al.*

**Court/Case no./Date:** Macomb County Circuit Court; 10-2736-NI; Nov. 20, 2012

**Tried before:** Jury

**Name of judge:** Matthew Switalski

**Demand:** \$100,000

**Verdict amount:** \$1.485 million

**Insurance carrier:** State Farm

**Attorney for plaintiff:** Kevin Seiferheld, Joshua Terebelo

**Attorney for defendant:** Mark Harder