

# Food-drive volunteer pinned to wall by lurching vehicle

## \$375,000 settlement

A 24-year-old woman was volunteering at a food drive when she was struck by the defendant's rental car.

The defendant allegedly had intended to apply the brake and stop as directed by a volunteer. Instead, he accidentally pressed the accelerator, causing the vehicle to back into the plaintiff and pin her against a concrete wall.

The plaintiff suffered multiple fractures and tears of varying severity in her lower extremities. She required two surgeries and several courses of physical therapy.

Although her symptoms have improved dramatically, she maintains ongoing physical issues with certain activities, such as transi-

tioning from sitting to standing, running and wearing certain shoes. Her medical charges totaled approximately \$60,000.

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**Action:** Motor vehicle negligence

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**Injuries alleged:** Leg, knee, ankle and foot injuries

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**Case name:** Withheld

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**Court/case no.:** Withheld

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**Jury and/or judge:** N/A (settled)

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**Amount:** \$375,000

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