

DOCKET NO. CV-00-0599336-S : SUPERIOR COURT
GLORIA STEPHENS AND : JD OF HARTFORD
JAISHEMA YOUNG
VS. : AT HARTFORD
SNAPPY FUNDING, LP AND : OCTOBER 16, 2005
ELAINE F. HAYES

ARBITRAL AWARD

After hearing the parties on Friday, October 14, 2005,
I find the following facts:

1. On June 2, 1998 at approximately 7:35 pm,
Plaintiff Gloria A. Stephens was driving north on Granby
Street in Bloomfield on her way to the Copaco Shopping
Center in her 1993 Acura.
2. Plaintiff Gloria A. Stephens' minor child,
Plaintiff Jaishema Young was in the car. She was ten years
old at the time.
3. At the time of trial, Plaintiff Jaishema Young was
still a minor. She was 17 years old.

4. Plaintiff Gloria A. Stephens stopped prior to a red stoplight so she would not block the entrance to a Wendy's Restaurant located on Granby Street.

5. Defendant Elaine F. Hayes (driving a 1996 Chevrolet owned by Defendant Snappy Funding LP) struck the rear of Plaintiff Gloria A. Stephens' Acura.

6. The 1996 Chevrolet was rented for Defendant Elaine F. Hayes.

7. The property damage on the Acura amounted to \$748.26. It was a fairly low impact collision. Most of the damages was not fully visible from photographs of the car and represented damage to the car's bumper.

8. Defendant Elaine F. Hayes was the primary cause of this accident.

9. Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §14-154a, Defendant Snappy Funding LP is secondarily liable for Defendant Elaine F. Hayes' negligence.

10. Shortly after leaving the accident, Plaintiff Gloria A. Stephens began complaining of low back pain and pain to both knees.

11. According to the police report, there were no injuries reported at the scene.

12. Plaintiff Gloria A. Stephens has a history of low back pain.

13. Plaintiff Gloria A. Stephens was wearing her seatbelt at the time of the crash.

14. Plaintiff Gloria A. Stephens recovered completely from this accident, although her testimony was rather confused about this point.

15. Plaintiff Gloria A. Stephens suffered lost wages amounting to \$796.80.

16. Plaintiff Gloria A. Stephens incurred medical expenses of \$3,859.14.

17. Plaintiff Gloria A. Stephens suffered total damages of \$5,000 due to the accident.

18. Plaintiff Jaishema Young's description of the impact is much clearer.

19. Her testimony must be measured by the fact she was ten years old at the time of impact.

20. Plaintiff Jaishema Young was also wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident.

21. Plaintiff Jaishema Young also complained of low back pain.

22. Plaintiff Jaishema Young incurred medical expenses amount to \$1,105.83.

23. Plaintiff Jaishema Young suffered damages of \$3,000.

24. By agreement of the parties, the issue of collateral sources was left open.

Judgment shall enter in favor of Plaintiff Gloria A. Stephens and against Defendants for \$5,000.00 plus costs to be taxed.

Judgment shall enter in favor of Plaintiff Jaishema Young and against Defendants for \$3,000.00 plus costs to be taxed.

Defendant Elaine F. Hayes shall indemnify Defendant Snappy Funding LP to the extent Defendant Snappy Funding LP pays Plaintiffs on their judgment.

Dated at Meriden, Connecticut on this 16th day of October, 2005.

Houston Putnam Lowry
Arbitrator

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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