9/8/11 - Judge THEODORE B. BOREK - CV 2010-2916 - FRY (Bradley E. Thrush of the Thrush Law Group) v OWENS (Douglas W. Glasson of Curl & Abraham, P.L.C.) - PERSONAL INJURY - INTERSECTION - CONTROLLED - STOP SIGN - T-BONE MISHAP. Case being tried on Dfnt's appeal of Plntf's \$19,400.88 arbitration award, plus \$632.20 in costs. Plntf, male, age 42, an

airline cargo agent, alleged Dfnt failed to yield the right-of-way, negligently pulled from a stop sign on Avra Valley Road, and caused collision. Plntf also alleged he was travelling fifty-five miles-per-hour, and was unable to stop before he T-boned Dfnt's vehicle. Both vehicles were totalled in the collision. Dfnt, female, age 18, a line cook, admitted negligence, but argued causation. Dfnt argued that, although it was a serious accident, Plntf was protected by the safety devices provided on his vehicle. alleged he sustained a permanent aggravation of his preexistent cervical fusion at C-6, C-7; plus a herniated disk at C-5, C-6. Plntf called his primary care physician, Gurinder P. Singh, M.D., an internist, who testified regarding Plntf's preexistent cervical fusion and that Plntf was taking Tramadol prior to the accident. Plntf also called Jerry J. McCollow, P.T., who treated Plntf following the instant accident. Mr. McCollow testified that, when he released Plntf after sixteen treatments, two months postaccident, Plntf still had cervical and thoracic soreness. Dfnt argued Plntf made complaints of chronic and intermittent cervical pain three weeks prior to the instant accident, and Plntf's MRIs and CAT scans documented Plntf's preexistent degenerative cervical disease. Prayer: Just and reasonable compensatory damages; \$8,271.05 medical expenses; plus \$822.72 lost wages. Plntf made a \$19,400.88 pretrial offer of judgment - Dfnt made a \$15,500 offer of judgment (D). (Carrier: GEICO.) During closing arguments, Plntf's counsel asked jury to award Plntf \$27,290.91. Defense counsel argued Plntf's ongoing complaints were unrelated, and suggested \$2,000 to \$2,500 was adequate compensation. By stipulation, nine jurors Two day trial. deliberated. Jury out two-plus hours. AWARDED PLNTF \$12,500 COMPENSATORY DAMAGES. 8 - 1.

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