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Reynolds v. Cribbin: A woman who alleged she suffered permanent injuries when struck by a vehicle at a shopping center was paid \$565,000 in her Ocean County suit on May 15.

On Jan. 12, 2008, Deborah Reynolds, an employee of Marshall's, then 45, was crossing a two-lane road surrounding the Shrewsbury Shopping Center to get to her car in the adjacent parking area. As she crossed, Sandra Cribbin, then 70, turned onto the road from the parking area and struck Reynolds.

Reynolds' cervical and lumbar disc herniations required epidural injections, a decompression procedure and a fusion procedure, says her lawyer, James Curry Jr. of Toms River. She also has posttraumatic stress, a nerve disorder and some cognitive and linguistic defects, Curry says, adding that she is unable to work and is on Social Security disability.

Reynolds claimed that Cribbin was negligent and that the shopping center's management company, National Realty & Development Corp. of Purchase, N.Y., negligently failed to implement pedestrian safety measures such as signs, crosswalks and rumble strips in that area of the complex.

The parties settled on March 27, after discovery. Cribbin agreed to pay \$290,000, National Realty, \$275,000.

National Realty's attorney, William Paulus of Charles Peter Hopkins II's office in Red Bank, confirms the settlement.

Cribbin's lawyer, Paul Capotorto of Leyden Capotorto Ritacco & Corrigan in Toms River, did not return a call.

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