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Georgia State Court

RACHEL DANGELBEN v. KUKU BENJAMIN

02A92086

DATE OF VERDICT/SETTLEMENT: February 12, 2004

TOPIC: MOTOR VEHICLE AUTO ACCIDENT - REAR-END - **LIABILITY ADMITTED** - LIABILITY ADMITTED

SUMMARY:

**Result: Verdict: \$750**

ATTORNEY:

Plaintiff's: [Jesse Lee Young](#), Stone Mountain

Defendant's: [Pamela S. Webb](#), Atlanta

JUDGE: Ralph E. Merck

STATE: Georgia

COUNTY: DeKalb

ALLEGED INJURY: Soft tissue injuries to the neck and back. Plaintiff submitted damages of **approximately \$1,400 in chiropractic expenses.**

SUMMARY:

Plaintiff Information:

Age: 20

Sex: F

Occupation: Student

Marital Status: Single

Insurance Carrier: State Farm

Jury Deliberations: 1.5 hours

FACTS:

A college student was awarded \$750 for soft tissue injuries sustained in a low speed rear-end collision. A DeKalb County jury deliberated for 1.5 hours before returning the verdict.

Plaintiff Rachel Dangelben was a passenger in a vehicle which stopped at a red light. Defendant Kuku Benjamin, who was operating his own vehicle, came to a successful stop behind plaintiff's car. When the light turned green, plaintiff's driver began to move forward and then stopped again. Defendant, who had also begun to move forward, struck the rear of plaintiff's vehicle. Defendant admitted liability for the accident.

Plaintiff alleged that she sustained soft tissue injuries to her neck and back as a direct result of this collision.

Defendant disputed the damages claimed by plaintiff.