# [***David Shade and Theresa Shade v. Melinda Lafferty and Krista M. North; 2006 Mealey's Jury Verdicts & Settlements 647***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=jury-verdicts-settlements&id=urn:contentItem:4KY2-6P50-0223-Y127-00000-00&context=)

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**Headline:** $97,500 Settlement Reached In New Jersey 3-***Car*** ***Accident***

**Result:** $97,500 settlement ($47,500 from Lafferty, $50,000 from North)

**Court:** D. N.J.

**Judge:** Stanley R. Chesler

**Plaintiff Profile**

David Shade and Theresa Shade

**Defendant Profile**

Melinda Lafferty and Krista M. North

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**Case Summary**

**Claim:** Auto negligence

**Background:** David Shade said that on May 17, 2002, he was stopped in his ***car*** at an intersection in Readington Township, N.J., when a vehicle driven by Melinda Lafferty reared-ended the ***car*** behind him, which then struck his ***car***. Shade said he suffered a bulging disc, injury to his right third finger, exacerbation of prior physical conditions and pain and suffering. In a separate incident, in August 2002, Shade said he was rear-ended by a ***car*** driven by Krista M. North and suffered a shoulder injury. Theresa Shade is David Shade's wife. The Shades sued Lafferty and North on May 7, 2004, in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey.

**Other:** Settlement terms were not announced, and the case was dismissed without prejudice. Lafferty was cited at the scene for careless driving. North filed for summary judgment against Lafferty on May 23, 2005, and the motion was granted June 27, 2005.

**Defense:** Allegations denied; injuries were degenerative and age-related.

**Key Related Documents**

Order dismissing case as settled available.Document #99-060828-237R.

Pretrial order available.Document #99-060828-238R.

Request for trial de novo available.Document #99-060828-239M.

Order and opinion granting North's motion for summary judgment against Lafferty available.Document #99-060828-240R.

North's motion for summary judgment available.Document #99-060828-241M.

Defendant Lafferty's answer to complaint part 1 available.Document #99-060828-242M.

Defendant North's answer to complaint part 2 available.Document #99-060828-243M.

Complaint available.Document #99-060828-244C.

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