# [***Dennis Gillespie v. Robert E. Brownlee and Colleen A. Parsons; 2006 Mealey's Jury Verdicts & Settlements 440***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=jury-verdicts-settlements&id=urn:contentItem:4KSK-HJX0-0223-Y0S5-00000-00&context=)

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May 10, 2006

**Headline:** $105,000 Settlement Reached In New Jersey Auto ***Accident***

**Result:** $105,000 settlement

**Court:** D. N.J.

**Judge:** Harold A. Ackerman

**Plaintiff Profile**

Dennis Gillespie

**Defendant Profile**

Robert E. Brownlee and Colleen A. Parsons

**Plaintiff Counsel**

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**Case Summary**

**Claim:** Auto negligence. Both Brownlee and Parsons failed to maintain a safe distance behind his vehicle, thus causing the ***accident*** and injuries to Gillespie.

**Background:** Dennis Gillespie says that on Aug. 5, 2000, he was in his ***car*** and stopped with his left turn signal on at an intersection in West Milford Township, N.J., when he was struck from behind by a ***car*** driven by Robert E. Brownlee, who was then struck from behind by a ***car*** driven by Colleen A. Parsons. Gillespie says he suffered an aggravation, exacerbation and activation of a pre-existing lower back herniated disc syndrome, back pain, as well as a pre-existing cervical herniated disc syndrome, cervical pain and injury. Gillespie sued Brownlee and Parsons on July 25, 2002, in U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey.

**Other:** The case was settled with prejudice. The case was originally terminated by administrative order on Oct. 9, 2003, without prejudice. The case was reopened on June 22, 2004. Gillespie says he had back surgery twice in 2003 as a result of this ***accident***.

**Defense:** Allegations denied

**Plaintiff Expert(s)**

David H. Segal, M.D., neurosurgeon, Suffern, N.Y

**Defendant Expert(s)**

Douglas Chalmers, M.D., orthopedic surgeon, Florham Park, N.J. Melvin Vigman, M.D., neurologist, University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey, Hacksensack, N.J. Irwin J. Cohen M.D., orthopedic surgeon, Wayne, N.J. Robert F. Traflet, radiologist, Nutley, N.J

**Key Related Documents**

Order dismissing case as settled available.Document #99-060821-205R.

Pretrial order available.Document #99-060821-206R.

Proposed jury instructions part 1 available.Document #99-060821-207J.

Proposed jury instructions part 2 available.Document #99-060821-208J.

Proposed jury instructions part 3 available.Document #99-060821-209J.

Request for trial de novo by defendant available.Document #99-060821-210M.

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