# [***JoAnn Lilli, Vincent Lilli v. United States of America; 2007 Mealey's Jury Verdicts & Settlements 48***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=jury-verdicts-settlements&id=urn:contentItem:4N0R-4PS0-0223-Y2WV-00000-00&context=)

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**Headline:** New Jersey Couple Awarded $25,000 In Auto ***Accident*** Claim Against U.S. Government

**Result:** $25,000 bench verdict

**Injury:** Shoulder injury, lacerated forehead, psychological problems

**Court:** D. N.J.

**Judge:** Stanley R. Chesler

**Plaintiff Profile**

JoAnn Lilli and Vincent Lilli

**Defendant Profile**

United States of America

**Plaintiff Counsel**

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**Defendant Counsel**

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**Case Summary**

**Claim:** Auto negligence

**Background:** On Feb. 20, 2003, Joanne Lilli of Fairview, N.J., was a passenger in a ***car*** driven by her husband, Vincent Lilli, as it headed north on South River Road in Hackensack, N.J. At the same time, James L. Stump, in his capacity as a member of the FBI, was making a left turn out of a driveway when he struck the Lillis' ***car***, injuring Joanne Lilli.JoAnn Lilli suffered injuries to her left shoulder, a lacerated forehead and psychological problems.The Lillis sued the United States of America on Jan. 22, 2004, in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey.

**Other:** Sources told Mealey Publications that the government conceded liability and that the case was just for verbal threshold.

**Defense:** Allegations denied.

**Plaintiff Expert(s)**

Michael Fiorillo, M.D., plastic surgeon, expected to be called if case went to trial Val Karan, Ph.D., psychologist, expected to be called if case went to trial

**Defendant Expert(s)**

Howard L. Blank, M.D., orthopedic surgeon, expected to be called if case went to trial Steven S. Simring, M.D., forensic psychologist, expected to be called if case went to trial

**Key Related Documents**

Order and judge's opinion available.Document #99-070129-263R.

Pretrial order available.Document #99-070129-264R.

Defendant's request for trial de novo available.Document #99-070129-265X.

Answer to complaint available.Document #99-070129-266M.

Complaint available.Document #99-070129-267C.

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