# [***John Kozarski v. Susan C. Gravenstine, Oksana Shapowlenko, Winisius Silva and Carlius Alves; 2006 Mealey's Jury Verdicts & Settlements 599***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=jury-verdicts-settlements&id=urn:contentItem:4KXM-6360-0223-Y10F-00000-00&context=)

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**Headline:** $665,000 Settlement Reached In Chain-Reaction New Jersey Auto ***Accident***

**Result:** $665,000 settlement ($600,000 from Susan Gravenstine's insurance, $50,000 from Oksana Shapowlenko's insurance and $15,000 from Winisius Silva and Carlius Alves' insurance company)

**Court:** N.J. Super., Burlington Co.

**Judge:** Marie White Ball

**Plaintiff Profile**

John Kozarski

**Defendant Profile**

Susan C. Gravenstine, Oksana Shapowlenko, Winisius Silva and Carlius Alves

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**Case Summary**

**Claim:** Auto negligence

**Background:** Sources told Mealey Publications that on June 1, 2002, John Kozarski was rear-ended in his vehicle along Route 130 in Cinnaminson, N.J., by a ***car*** driven by Susan C. Gravenstine. Gravenstine was sent into Kozarski's vehicle after being rear-ended by a ***car*** driven by Winisius Silva and owned by Carlius Alves. The impact of the crash forced Kozarski's ***car*** into a vehicle driven by Diane Pestridge and caused Kozarski's face to strike the steering wheel and knock loose the permanent bridge in his mouth, sources said. Sources said Kozarski also suffered a spine injury requiring surgery, a left shoulder injury, herniated discs, bulging discs, erectile dysfunction, rotator cuff injury, post concussion syndrome and spine and lumbar sprains. As a result of the crash, Kozarski sued Gravenstine, Oksana Shapowlenko, Silva and Alves in 2003 in the Burlington County, N.J., Superior Court.

**Other:** Sources said Gravenstine said she was going 50 mph when she struck the rear of Kozarski's ***car***. Shapowlenko was operating a disabled vehicle in the front of traffic, which helped cause the chain-reaction ***accident***, sources said.

**Defense:** Allegations denied; contributory negligence

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