# [***Jose Victor v. Matthew Dembinski; 2007 Mealey's Jury Verdicts & Settlements 1232***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=jury-verdicts-settlements&id=urn:contentItem:4NK4-8YF0-0223-Y4DX-00000-00&context=)

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**Headline:** New Jersey State Jury Awards Auto ***Accident*** Victim $24,800 For Injuries Suffered In Crash On Turnpike

**Result:** $24,800 plaintiff verdict

**Injury:** Disc bulges in the cervical spine, disc bulges in the lumbar spine

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

**Judge:** Craig L. Wellerson

**Plaintiff Profile**

Jose Victor

**Defendant Profile**

Matthew Dembinski

**Plaintiff Counsel**

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**Defendant Counsel**

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**Case Summary**

**Claim:** Auto negligence

**Background:** Sources told Mealey Publications that on Nov. 21, 2002, Jose Victor, 50, was traveling south on the New Jersey Turnpike near Exit 13 near Elizabeth, N.J., and driving through a construction zone. Victor was stopped behind a disabled ***car*** in the left lane, sources said, when he was struck by a ***car*** driven by Matthew Dembinski, who had swerved from the center lane to the left lane to avoid another ***car***.Sources said Victor suffered disc bulges in the cervical spine and in the lumbar spine, which required about six months of treatment.Victor sued Dembinski on Oct. 1, 2004, in the Burlington County, N.J., Superior Court.

**Other:** Sources said this case was stipulated for outstanding medical bills and the plaintiff was awarded a summary judgment on liability in February 2007.During the trial, sources said, an interpreter was needed for Victor, who is Portuguese.

**Defense:** Allegations denied.

**Plaintiff Expert(s)**

None called

**Defendant Expert(s)**

Irving Ratner, M.D., orthopedist, Burlington County, N.J., testified on Victor's injuries after the ***accident***

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