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**Headline:** New Jersey State Jury Finds In Favor Of Defendant In Turnpike ***Accident*** Case

**Result:** Defense verdict

**Injury:** Herniated disc at L5-S1 and lumbar disc bulge

**Court:** N.J. Super., Bergen Co.

**Judge:** Elijah Miller

**Plaintiff Profile**

Marcus Jordan, Sharissa Craig Jordan

**Defendant Profile**

Brian Vladimir Rosas

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**Case Summary**

**Claim:** Auto negligence

**Background:** Sources told Mealey Publications that on May 29, 2003, Marcus Jordan was driving his ***car*** on the New Jersey Turnpike near exit 15 in Newark, N.J., when he slowed his vehicle to a stop because of traffic and was rear-ended by Brian Vladimir Rosas.Jordan claimed that Rosas failed to keep a proper distance between the two ***cars***, sources said. Sources said Rosas claimed that Jordan came to a sudden stop in the traffic and that caused Rosas to hit Jordan's ***car***.Sources said Jordan suffered a herniated disc at L5-S1 and lumbar disc bulge.Jordan and his wife, Sharissa Craig Jordan, sued Rosas on May 4, 2005, in the Bergen County, N.J. Superior Court.

**Other:** Sources said Rosas contended that the alleged injuries did not meet the requirements for New Jersey's verbal threshold statute and that the injuries were from a pre-existing condition.The trial lasted four days, and the jury deliberated one hour, sources said.Sources said the jury found Rosas negligent but that Jordan did not sustain permanent injury.

**Defense:** Allegations denied; ***accident*** unavoidable.

**Plaintiff Expert(s)**

Felix E. Roque, M.D., pain management, West New York, N.Y., testified on extent of Marcus Jordan's injuries

**Defendant Expert(s)**

Mervyn Lloyd M.D., orthopedist, Westwood, N.J., testified on the nature of Jordan's injuries Joseph Wilner M.D., orthopedist, Hackensack, N.J., testified on the extent of Jordan's injuries

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