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**Headline:** Jury Delivers Defense Verdict In New Jersey Auto ***Accident*** Case

**Result:** Defense verdict

**Injury:** Herniated discs at C4-5 and C5-6, soft tissue injuries

**Court:** N.J. Super., Bergen Co.

**Judge:** Joseph Conte

**Plaintiff Profile**

Mark Schmid

**Defendant Profile**

Leelamma Thomas

**Plaintiff Counsel**

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**Defendant Counsel**

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**Case Summary**

**Claim:** Auto negligence

**Background:** Sources told Mealey Publications that on Jan. 27, 2003, Mark Schmid was stopped in traffic on Route 4 in Hackensack, N.J., when he was rear-ended by a ***car*** driven by Leelamma Thomas.Schmid claimed to have suffered herniation of the C4-5 and C5-6 discs in his back and other soft tissue injuries, which required epidural steroid injections, sources said. Schmid contended that his injuries impeded the quality of his lifestyle, but the defense said Schmid's injuries were the result of typical degeneration problems for someone in their 40s, sources said.Schmid sued Thomas on Dec. 22, 2004, in Bergen County, N.J., Superior Court.

**Other:** Sources said the jury deliberated for one hour and the trial was based on damages only after the defendant admitted liability.Schmid demanded a $50,000 arbitration award, sources said.

**Defense:** Liability admitted

**Plaintiff Expert(s)**

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**Defendant Expert(s)**

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