# [***Phyllis K. Moore and Thomas M. Moore v. Scott R. Opdyke, Inter-County Paving Association; 2006 Mealey's Jury Verdicts & Settlements 1504***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=jury-verdicts-settlements&id=urn:contentItem:4MJR-SB40-0223-Y257-00000-00&context=)

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**Headline:** New Jersey Auto ***Accident*** Case Settles For $1.475 Million Just Before Trial Begins

**Result:** $1.475 million settlement

**Injury:** Fractured pelvis, broken wrist, broken leg bones, collapsed lung and nerve damage, which caused Moore's right foot to droop

**Court:** N.J. Super., Hunterdon Co.

**Judge:** Stephen B. Rubin

**Plaintiff Profile**

Phyllis K. Moore and Thomas M. Moore

**Defendant Profile**

Scott R. Opdyke, Inter-County Paving

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**Case Summary**

**Claim:** Auto negligence

**Background:** Sources told Mealey Publications that on July 21, 2003, Phyllis Moore was driving her ***car*** on Route 46 in Independence Township, N.J., when it collided head-on with a dump truck driven by Scott R. Opdyke and owned by Inter-County Paving.Moore, sources said, was removed from her ***car*** by the Jaws of Life and spent 101 days in the hospital and a rehabilitation hospital with a fractured pelvis, broken wrist, broken leg bones, collapsed lung and nerve damage, which caused Moore's right foot to droop and require her to use a cane. Sources said Moore underwent multiple surgeries to repair her injuries.Moore and her husband, Thomas M. Moore, sued Opdyke and Inter-County on Nov. 4, 2004, in Hunterdon County, N.J., Superior Court.

**Other:** Sources said a jury had been empaneled by Judge Stephen B. Rubin when the dump trucker's insurer, Zurich Insurance Co., agreed to settle the claims.Moore, sources said, suffered $61,316.25 in lost wages as a paralegal/executive assistant and $320,505.31 in medical expenses beyond the $250,000 paid by her auto insurance company.Sources said both drivers received tickets for failure to keep right.

**Defense:** Allegations denied

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