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**Headline:** Auto ***Accident*** At New Jersey Mall Settles In State Court For $650,000

**Result:** $650,000 settlement ($400,000 from Carmela Tripodi, $250,000 from Robin Tracey)

**Injury:** Loss of consciousness, permanent cognitive injuries

**Court:** N.J. Super., Bergen Co.

**Judge:** Menelaos Toskos

**Plaintiff Profile**

Vanessa Arius

**Defendant Profile**

Carmela Tripodi and Robin Tracey

**Plaintiff Counsel**

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**Case Summary**

**Claim:** Auto negligence

**Background:** Sources told Mealey Publications that Vanessa Arius was a passenger in a ***car*** driven by Robin Tracey when it was struck by a ***car*** driven by Carmela Tripodi at the Paramus Park Mall in Paramus, N.J., in October 2003. Tracey was making a left-hand turn when her ***car*** was hit by Tripodi, who was going at least 45 mph in the shopping center parking lot, sources said.Arius, who lost consciousness in the ***accident***, suffered permanent cognitive injuries, including some memory loss.Arius sued Tripodi and Tracey on Dec. 17, 2004, in the Bergen County, N.J., Superior Court.

**Other:** Sources said both drivers admitted that they were each at fault for causing the ***accident***.

**Defense:** Allegations denied; cognitive injuries not permanent.

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