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Trial Reports

## **Negligence**

### **Auto/Trailer - Brain Damage - ATV Detached from Trailer - Settlement**

**Type of claim:** An all-terrain vehicle became detached from a trailer and struck the plaintiff's car.

**Principal injuries (in order of severity):** Severe head injuries

**Special damages:** Medical expenses exceeding \$100,000, plus projected lost wages exceeding \$500,000

**Tried or settled:** Settled before suit filed

**County where tried or settled:** Wake County

**Case name and number:** Saunders v. White and Town of Ahoskie

**Date concluded:** February 18, 1993

**Name of judge:** n/a

**Amount:** \$1,600,000

**Insurance carrier:** Interlocal Risk Financing Fund of North Carolina, and North Carolina Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company

**Expert witnesses and areas of expertise:** Steve Chewning, Virginia, accident reconstruction

**Attorney(s) for plaintiff:** Alan Riggins, Virginia Beach; Douglas B. Abrams of Blanchard, Twiggs, Abrams and Strickland, Raleigh

**Other useful information:** n/a

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