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Woman settles for injury in collision outside mall

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A 48-year-old St. Charles woman injured in a pre-Christmas collision outside the Mid Rivers Mall settled an insurance claim with the other driver for \$35,000.

Plaintiff's lawyer Donald L. Schlappizzi said his client Colette Edwards suffered a herniated disc for which surgery was recommended but never performed after the Dec. 20, 2013, incident involving 80-year-old Eleanor Ann Sprague of Lake St. Louis.

According to a St. Peters Police Department report, Edwards was driving a 2004 Nissan Maxima on westbound Executive Center Parkway at the mall's entrance when she was struck by Sprague, who was driving a 2003 Hyundai Elantra and attempting to leave the mall on an early Friday afternoon.

Sprague told police she was waiting at a stoplight and tried to turn left on Suemandy Drive after the light turned green. But the police report also indicated that she then told officers that "she didn't remember what color the light was but if it wasn't green she wouldn't have made the turn."

Edwards settled a claim with Sprague's insurer, American Mutual Family Insurance, in early March. Schlappizzi said the settlement includes \$7,800 for past medical bills. **MO**



Donald L. Schlappizzi

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MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION

■ **Venue:** St. Charles County

■ **Case Number/Date:** Not filed/March 4, 2015

■ **Insurance:** American Family Mutual Insurance

■ **First Pretrial Offer:** \$19,000

■ **Caption:** Colette Edwards v. Eleanor Sprague

■ **Plaintiff's Attorney:** Donald L. Schlappizzi, Schlappizzi Attorneys at Law, St. Louis