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■ \$1 MILLION SETTLEMENT

Back pain from minor crash leads to large settlement

MOTOR-VEHICLE COLLISION

■ **Venue:** St. Louis County

■ **Case Number/Date:** Not filed/Aug. 3, 2021

■ **Caption:** Confidential

■ **Plaintiff's Attorney:** Kevin J. Roach, Law

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Kevin Roach

and back pain.

The plaintiff began doing physical therapy two weeks after the accident and eventually had disc replacement surgery.

Roach said the at-fault driver's in-

A woman with lingering back and neck injuries following a seemingly minor crash at a St. Louis County intersection reached a \$1 million settlement with the defendant's insurer, according to her attorney.

Kevin Roach of the Law Offices of Kevin J. Roach said his client was a passenger in a vehicle struck by another driver who had run a red light. She refused treatment at the scene but went to the ER a few hours after the crash complaining of head, neck

insurance carrier, which had settled with the driver of her vehicle for a minimal amount, argued that her spinal injuries were not caused by the crash and were all pre-existing.

Roach said he was able to provide medical records with the settlement demand that showed no history of neck or back issues. There was a reference to her seeing a chiropractor, but those records couldn't be located.