

VERDICTS & SETTLEMENTS

Man injured in crash settles with teen driver's nursery employer

\$1.25 MILLION SETTLEMENT

■ **Scott Lauck**

MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION

VENUE: St. Charles County

CASE NUMBER/DATE: Not filed/
March 3, 2022

INSURER: Nationwide

CAPTION: Daniel Flavin v. Hoette
Farms Nursery

PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY: Kevin J.
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A man injured in a crash with teen driver received a \$1.25 million settlement shortly after having surgery, according to his lawyer.

Attorney Kevin J. Roach said his client, Daniel Flavin, was hit by a 17-year-old employee of Hoette Farms Nursery who

failed to yield. According to an O'Fallon Police Department report, the Nov. 9, 2019 accident occurred when the teen turned left onto a highway ramp and collided with Flavin's vehicle.

Flavin declined treatment at the scene, but later in the day he visited the ER complaining of head and neck pain. Several months of physical therapy failed to relieve his pain, and an MRI later showed cervical disc herniations.

Roach said the insurer offered \$200,000 after they were advised that Flavin was scheduled for surgery and prior to receiving a settlement demand from his office.



Kevin J. Roach

Roach said his client had a very good outcome from his surgery and was able to return to work, but he had to take a less physically demanding job that significantly affected his quality of life.