

\$23.8 Million Verdict Returned in Broward County for Construction Laborer

Individuals Legs were Trapped and Crushed by Front Loader in 2016



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-- The case of Mr. Verduzco, a 22 year old construction laborer, whose legs were violently pinned between a front loader machine and bucket on a Davie construction site back in April 2016, was horrifying to all who witnessed the hour-plus rescue broadcast on live television.



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Michael Pike, Managing Partner, Pike & Lustig

On February 9, in a Broward County courtroom, Mr. Verduzco got justice. His attorneys, Michael Pike and Robert "Burr" Johnson of Pike & Lustig, a personal injury and business litigation firm with offices in West Palm Beach, Miami, Palm Beach Gardens and Wellington, filed a lawsuit against eight separate individuals and entities on behalf of Mr. Verduzco.

Of those eight lawsuits, settlements in excess of \$1 million were entered into with six of the defendants.

Michael Pike and Robert Johnson proceeded to trial with the remaining two defendants: Quad-M Construction & Development, LLC, and David Tapia.

A Broward County jury returned a \$23.8 million verdict against those two defendants yesterday, with liability divided 70% to Quad-M and 30% to Mr. Tapia.

Here are the details of the case: CASE NO: CACE-20-002983

Mr. Verduzco was working a construction job where he was put on a front loading heavy piece of machinery (aka a Bobcat). Mr. Verduzco was never asked if he had any experience using the machine and was not provided any training. While operating the machine, Mr. Verduzco was ejected and trapped between the machine and the attached bucket. He was trapped for 1.5 hours.

Mr. Verduzco went in and out of consciousness as both of his legs snapped and his bones protruded through his skin. There was severe blood loss and the responding EMTs planned to amputate both of Mr. Verduzco's legs onsite.

Mr. Verduzco was finally freed and airlifted to a hospital where he underwent an 8-hour emergency surgery followed by several more surgeries over next several months. Skin grafts were also performed numerous times.

Following Mr. Verduzco's surgeries, he was not able to walk without assistance for a full year. He later underwent knee surgeries and spinal surgeries as a result of the incident. He remains in extreme pain to this day.

Quote from Michael Pike, Managing Partner, Pike & Lustig: "We are pleased with the jury's findings and their ability to fully appraise what was taken from Mr. Verduzco."

Quote from Robert "Burr" Johnson, Attorney, Pike & Lustig: "I am thrilled that this six year process has now resulted in the eight figure result we wanted for our client from day one."

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