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CASE NO.: 50-2021CA008831-MB

A Palm Beach County jury has awarded \$4,879,457.07 to Luis Diaz, a longtime school crossing guard, and his wife, Angela Diaz, after Mr. Diaz was struck by a commercial van while working in a marked crosswalk on May 27, 2021.

According to trial testimony, the collision occurred when a van owned by Generation Electrical Services Corp.

and driven by Mark Anthony Vazquez made a turn and struck Mr. Diaz as he assisted students crossing the roadway. At the time, Mr. Diaz had served seven years as a crossing guard for local schools.

Severe Injuries and Long-Term Consequences

Evidence presented at trial showed that Mr. Diaz sustained multiple fractures and a traumatic brain injury, resulting in hearing loss, anxiety, memory impairment, and ongoing pain. His treatment and recovery involved:

A prolonged hospitalization
Weeks of intensive rehabilitation



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Months in a wheelchair

Continuing medical care for chronic symptoms

Angela Diaz testified regarding the impact on their family and her role in providing support for her husband.

The Jury's Findings

After a full trial before Judge John J. Parnofiello of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, the jury found both defendants jointly and severally liable.

The total \$4,879,457.07 verdict includes:

For Luis Diaz — \$4,214,457.07

Past and future medical expenses

Pain and suffering

Permanent impairment

For Angela Diaz — \$665,000.00

Loss of consortium

Statements From the Trial Team

Joseph A. Mendelsohn, Trial Counsel, Shiner Law Group

"This verdict reflects the jury's evaluation of the evidence presented. Mr. Diaz spent years serving the community in a crosswalk, and the jury's decision provides necessary support as he continues his recovery."

James G. Graver, Trial Counsel, Graver Law

"We appreciate the jury's careful consideration of the facts. Mr. Diaz dedicated seven years to ensuring students crossed safely, and we are grateful that the jury recognized the impact this incident has had on him and his family."

David I. Shiner, Founder & Managing Attorney, Shiner Law Group

"We respect the jury's decision and their thoughtful review of the evidence. We are grateful for the opportunity to represent Mr. and Mrs. Diaz and assist them in obtaining the resources needed for future care."

Crosswalk Safety Considerations Presented During the Case

The Diaz family's case illustrates the importance of crosswalk procedures and adherence to traffic-safety requirements by commercial drivers. Shiner Law Group and Graver Law are committed to representing injured individuals and presenting the facts necessary for juries to assess responsibility under Florida law.

About Shiner Law Group

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