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## Kiefer man awarded \$700,000 in civil case

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A Kiefer man has won a \$700,000 court verdict after being injured in a traffic accident two years ago.

Cecil R. Cummings Jr. was awarded the money by a jury that heard testimony for nearly a week in U.S. District Judge Terence Kern's Tulsa courtroom.

Cummings had claimed that ConGlobal Industries Inc. was negligent in causing the wreck.

According to a court document, Cummings was driving north on U.S. 75 near 141st Street on Oct. 23, 2006, when his vehicle was hit from behind by a ConGlobal Industries tractor-trailer rig.

Plaintiff's attorney Daniel E. Smolen said Cummings was knocked unconscious by the crash and more than two years later still has pain and lower-body numbness.


Smolen said his client has undergone surgery on each shoulder and two back surgeries.

He said Cummings, who is in his mid-50s, has incurred \$130,000 in medical bills and has suffered about \$140,000 in lost wages.

ConGlobal Industries maintained that Cummings drove negligently and changed lanes abruptly, which the company claimed led to the crash.

Cummings' counsel claimed that the truck driver was speeding and sleep-deprived when he collided with Cummings' vehicle.

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