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Kern County Board of Supervisors - County of Kern
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RE: Our Clients : Darren D. Parks and Crystal L. Davis Parks
Your Client : Kern County Board of Supervisors - County of Kern
Date of Loss : 06/20/2025

Dear Ms. Walsh:

This letter is written for the purpose of proposing settlement of the above-referenced claim for damages. As you are aware, this is a clear liability motor vehicle incident, which occurred due to the negligent and careless operation of a motor vehicle by your employee, Michael Brandon Brummett, who failed to yield at a stop light, causing his vehicle to strike the vehicle being driven by my client, Darren D. Parks and in which my client, Crystal L. Davis Parks who was a passenger.

Darren D. Parks:

Immediately following the collision, Mr. Parks experienced pain in his neck, back, and shoulders, with radiating symptoms down his arms and hands, along with headaches. For the rest of the day, Mr. Parks took over the counter pain medication and rested, as he assumed the pain would go away on its own. Unfortunately, due to increased pain, Mr. Parks sought treatment the following day, June 21, 2025, at Kaiser Permanente Urgent Care. At that time, Mr. Parks complained of pain to his neck, back, shoulder and left arm. The doctor at Kaiser Permanente diagnosed Mr. Parks as suffering from acute musculoskeletal pain to his neck, back, shoulders and arms, prescribed acetaminophen 650 mg, and advised to follow-up with his primary care physician.

On June 24, 2025, due to continuing and increased pain, Mr. Parks sought treatment at Kaiser Permanente with his primary care physician. At that time, Mr. Parks complained of persistent pain to his neck, back, shoulder, and left arm, along with muscle spasms, musculoskeletal symptoms and sleep disturbance. The doctor at Kaiser Permanente diagnosed Mr. Parks as suffering from muscle spasms and soft-tissue strain, prescribed him Cyclobenzaprine 5mg, Salonpas patches, and topical analgesics, and referred him to commence physical therapy treatment.

On July 28, 2025, Mr. Parks commenced physical therapy treatments at Terrio Physical Therapy. At that time, Mr. Parks complained of severe pain to his neck, which radiated down his shoulders and back, he also complained of bilateral hand numbness and headaches, along with difficulty driving, sleeping, turning head and looking up and down. The physical therapist noted Mr. Parks had severely restricted range of motion, severe levator scapulae restriction, moderate paraspinal and trapezius tenderness and forward head posture and diagnosed as suffering a cervical ligament sprain. The physical therapist commenced Mr. Parks on therapeutic exercises, neuromuscular re-education, manual therapy, traction, modalities and a home exercise program, 2 times a week for 6 weeks.

Due to continuing and increased pain, on July 28, 2025, Mr. Parks sought treatment at Kern Acupuncture. At that time, Mr. Parks complained of pain to his neck, radiating down to his shoulders and back, along with numbness in hands and headaches. The doctor diagnosed him as suffering from cervicgia and provided Mr. Parks with treatment, consisting of acupuncture: GB20-21, UUB13-17, infrared lamp and recommended acupuncture treatment 2-3 times a week for 4-6 weeks.

On July 30, 2025, Mr. Parks returned to Terrio Physical Therapy. At that time, Mr. Parks complained of pain and stiffness to his neck, radiating down his shoulders and back. The physical therapist had Mr. Parks perform 55 minutes of therapeutic exercises and scheduled to return in two weeks.

On August 4, 2025, Mr. Parks returned to Kern Acupuncture. At that time, Mr. Parks complained of pain to his neck, radiating down into his left forearm and back. The doctor diagnosed Mr. Parks as suffering cervicgia and performed acupuncture and infrared lamp treatment on Mr. Parks.

On August 15, 2025, Mr. Parks returned to Kaiser Permanente. At that time, Mr. Parks complained of pain to his neck, radiating down his shoulders into his left forearm and back. The doctor had Mr. Parks undergo a cervical spine x-ray, which evidenced moderate degenerative disease from C5 through C7 with osteophytic spurring and disc space narrowing and multilevel DJD changes from C4 through C7. The doctor advised Mr. Parks to continue with physical therapy and acupuncture treatments and to return if the pain worsened.

Mr. Parks received comprehensive courses of medical evaluations and rehabilitative care across multiple providers. He received physical therapy treatment at