
UPS Truck vs. Auto: Ran Red Light**Settlement: \$1,300,000**

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Court:	Norwalk	Judge: Daniel S. Pratt
Insurance Co.:	Liberty Mutual	Date: 11/94
Case:	Wendy Lee Yan Ling Liang vs. United Parcel Service	VC 014 499

Facts: 7/9/93: Decedent, a truck driver in his mid-40's, was broadsided by a UPS truck. The driver of the UPS truck was speeding and ran a red light. The decedent had been married a short time and had an infant child. Although the decedent had a college degree in journalism from the Orient, he had worked at various low paying jobs. At the time of the accident, he was earning less than \$12,000 per year.

Injuries: Death, mid-40's; survived by much younger wife and infant son.

Damages: Loss of support at approximately \$12,000 per year.

Contentions: Plaintiff claimed the nature of the accident was such that the seat belt was irrelevant.

Defendant argued the decedent was not wearing a seat belt. The decedent's earnings were so low that the jury verdict value was \$500,000 or less. Liability was not seriously contested.

Settlement: 1st Offer: \$1,000,000 1st Demand: \$2,000,000
Settled for \$1,300,000

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