

On October 11, 2017, a Metropolitan Nashville Police Department officer completed a traffic stop on the right shoulder of Nolensville Pike. Yessica Garcia-Pavon was driving along the left lane of Nolensville Pike. The officer pulled into the right lane from the shoulder with his emergency lights on and attempted to complete a u-turn from the right lane. The officer did not see Ms. Garcia-Pavon and struck the passenger side of her vehicle. During the claims process, the Metropolitan Government paid \$3,378 for the damage to Ms. Garcia-Pavon's vehicle.

Ms. Garcia-Pavon was transported to the emergency room after the accident. She was diagnosed with a closed, non-displaced fracture of the second cervical vertebra, and was placed in a cervical collar. Ms. Garcia-Pavon had additional appointments and x-rays at the hospital. She experienced shoulder pain and numbness down her right arm and remained in her cervical collar for six weeks. Her medical bills totaled \$31,334.51.

The Department of Law recommends settling Ms. Garcia-Pavon's personal injury claim for \$62,669.02.

Disciplinary action taken against the MNPD officer involved consisted of a suspension for one day of vacation.

Fiscal note: This \$62,669.02 settlement would be the 16th payment from the Self-Insured Liability Fund in FY24 for a cumulative total of \$787,469. The fund balance would be \$15,836,631 after this payment.