

On November 14, 2017, Stephen Pimentel was eastbound driving on Highland View Drive. A Nashville Fire Department (“NFD”) ambulance was also driving eastbound on Highland View Drive ahead of Mr. Pimentel’s vehicle. The ambulance driver missed his intended turn onto Asbury Lane and stopped the ambulance in the lane of traffic. The ambulance driver then shifted into reverse and proceeded back to the intersection. While reversing, the ambulance collided with Mr. Pimentel’s vehicle.

Mr. Pimentel was taken to the emergency room following the accident. He complained of an abrasion to his head after striking it in the accident. Three days later, he returned for follow-up treatment with complaints of neck and back pain radiating into this left leg. After imagining, he was found to have a lumbar disc bulge with nerve root involvement. Mr. Pimentel underwent extensive physical therapy and orthopedic care. He continues to experience some pain in his lower back. Mr. Pimentel has incurred \$30,573.35 in medical expenses to date.

The Department of Law recommends settlement of Mr. Pimentel’s negligence claim for \$38,000.

Disciplinary action taken against the ambulance driver consisted of a one day suspension.

Fiscal Note: The total settlement amount is \$38,000. This settlement along with Resolution Nos. RS2024-514 and RS2024-518 would be the 27th, 28th and 29th payments from the Self-Insured Liability Fund in FY24 for a cumulative total of \$1,592,317. The fund balance would be \$13,763,978 after these payments.