

Analysis

On August 31, 2023, a Metropolitan Nashville Police Department (“MNPDP”) officer driving an MNPDP vehicle struck the pick-up truck driven by Victor Shute at the intersection of Clarksville Highway and Rosa L. Parks Boulevard. The MNPDP officer’s dash cam footage showed the officer’s speed was 53 mile per hour and the officer had a red light. Mr. Shute did not see the police vehicle approaching due to a box truck making a right turn. Mr. Shute’s truck was towed from the scene of the accident with damage to the front and left sides with air bags deployed. No property damage claim was submitted on behalf of Mr. Shute.

Mr. Shute was treated at the hospital for upper back, neck, and chest pain. He was diagnosed with whiplash, muscle strain, neck sprain, and low back pain. Mr. Shute started chiropractic care on October 20, 2023, and concluded treatment on December 29, 2023. His medical bills totaled \$16,313.81.

The Department of Law recommends that the Metropolitan Government settle Mr. Shute’s personal injury claim for \$25,000, which includes \$16,313.81 in medical costs at \$8,686.19 in pain and suffering.

Disciplinary action against the MNPDP officer consisted of a suspension.

Fiscal Note: The total settlement amount is \$25,000.00, This settlement along with Resolution Nos. RS2024-757, RS2024-761, and RS2024-763 would be the 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th payments from the Self-Insured Liability Fund in FY25 for a cumulative total of \$400,980. The fund balance would be \$13,719,357 after this payment.