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Jury gives \$350,000 to woman in crash

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BRIDGEPORT — A Superior Court jury Monday awarded a city woman more than \$350,000 for injuries she suffered in a car crash at a downtown intersection three years ago.

The six-person jury deliberated about three hours before issuing the award to Nancy Hernandez, of Broad Street, about \$373,000, including interest, against Carlos Marquez, of Herral Avenue.

Hernandez's lawyer, Harold Rosnick, who tried the case with Nicole Levine, said he was pleased by the verdict and that the money will help pay his client's medical bills.

Neither Marquez nor his lawyer could be reached for comment.

According to Rosnick, at about 8 p.m., Hernandez, 46, was driving north on Broad Street in a 1994 Nissan sedan, when Marquez, traveling south in a 1988 Pontiac sedan, made a left turn in front of her.

Hernandez crashed into the passenger side of Marquez's car. He drove off following the accident, but Rosnick said a witness managed to get Marquez's license plate number.

In the meantime, Hernandez, who remained at the scene, was cited for drunken driving. She later pleaded guilty to that charge.

Rosnick said his client suffered neck and back injuries that required surgery. He said she continues to suffer pain and is unable to do any heavy lifting.

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