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## SAN DIEGO COUNTY

### MOTOR VEHICLE

#### Rear-ender — Motorcycle

## Motorcyclist alleged driver cut him off, causing rear-ender

**SETTLEMENT**     **\$100,000**

**CASE**             Nelson Zepeda v. Grady Stewart,  
No. GIC825986

**COURT**           Superior Court of San Diego County,  
San Diego, CA

**JUDGE**           William C. Pate

**DATE**              7/19/2004

**PLAINTIFF**

**ATTORNEY(S)**    Otto L. Haselhoff, Law Offices of  
Otto L. Haselhoff, Santa Monica, CA  
Guy Levy, Bates & Levy,  
San Diego, CA

**DEFENSE**

**ATTORNEY(S)**    None

**FACTS & ALLEGATIONS** On Feb. 28, 2003, plaintiff Nelson Zepeda, 20s, was riding his motorcycle on an I-805 freeway on-ramp in San Diego when he struck the back of a sedan being driven by Grady Stewart.

Zepeda sued Stewart, alleging vehicular negligence. He contended that Stewart cut him off and failed to yield to him.

Stewart contended that Zepeda was speeding and came out of nowhere.

**INJURIES/DAMAGES** *back; concussion; soft-tissue injuries; wrist*

Zepeda claimed that he suffered a concussion, soft-tissue injuries, an injury to his wrist and a strained back. He claimed \$6,000 in medical expenses.

**RESULT** The case was settled for \$100,000 at the claims stage.

**INSURER(S)**        USAA

**PLAINTIFF**

**EXPERT(S)**        Thomas A. Schweller, M.D., neurology,  
San Diego, CA

**DEFENSE**

**EXPERT(S)**        None reported

—Janelle Foskett