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\$340,850.00 Jury Verdict for Injured Palm Beach Deputy Sherriff

Attorneys Russell A. Dohan and J.P. Gonzalez-Sirgo obtained a jury verdict of \$340,850.00 on behalf of a 52 year old female Palm Beach Deputy Sherriff. The Deputy was involved in an auto accident wherein she suffered injuries to her neck and back. She treated for these injuries conservatively with physical therapy and pain management. When her symptoms persisted she underwent a course of three epidural injections. The pain did not resolve. Her treating doctors recommended surgery but the Sherriff had not yet undergone the surgery at the time of trial. The defendant was insured by State Farm Insurance Company. State Farm offered to settle the case for \$50,000.00 prior to trial. The defendant stipulated to liability at the time of trial but defended the case based on State Farm's expert's opinion that the injuries pre-existed the accident and that the Sherriff's complaints were psychologically based. At trial, these defenses were proven to be without merit. A Palm Beach jury returned a verdict of \$340,850.00 in favor of the Sherriff after a three day trial. Since the defendant's policy of insurance with State Farm has a limit of \$100,000.00, issues related to State Farm's bad faith handling of the claim remain pending. The Sherriff had offered to settle the claim for the policy limits prior to trial by way of a Proposal for Settlement; therefore, the Sherriff will also be entitled to recover her attorney's fees. The Sherriff was very happy with the result and can now get the medical care that she needs.

Attorney J.P. Gonzalez-Sirgo has built his entire career on protecting the rights of insurance policyholders, personal injury and wrongful death victims and fighting for the rights of Florida consumers and small businesses. The firm has recovered millions of dollars for victims of denied or underpaid insurance claims, victims of catastrophic personal injuries and wrongful death and on behalf of those that have been taken advantage of by Big Business and Big Insurance. J.P. has been certified as a life member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum and the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum. The Million Dollar Advocates Forum is recognized as one of the most prestigious groups of trial lawyers in the United States. Membership is limited to attorneys who have won million and multi-million dollar verdicts, awards, and settlements. Fewer than 1% of U.S. lawyers are members. In Miami-Dade County call us at 305-461-1095 or call us toll free at 1-866-71-CLAIM or fill out the short online contact form at www.YourAttorneys.com.