



\$1M for Struck Bicyclist's Estate

Allen v. Go Pro Waste Services Inc.: Two defendants reached a \$1.025 million settlement on Oct. 12 in a case involving the estate of a 26-year-old New Jersey man who died after he was struck on his bicycle.

The estate recovered \$1.025 million after 26-year-old cyclist Steven Allen Jr. was struck and killed while crossing the street in East Orange in July 2020, according to its attorney, **Barry Eichen** of **Eichen Crutchlow Zaslow** in Edison.

Christian Torres was driving a Mack truck hauling a dumpster owned by Go Pro Waste Services Inc., when he struck and knocked over Allen and his bike as he

crossed at Evergreen Place and Freeway Drive. A second separate vehicle, a Ford Econoline van owned and operated by Terry Christie, then also ran over Allen. Allen was pronounced dead at the scene.

The defendants each settled for their respective policy limits. Go Pro Waste Services settled for \$1 million, and Terry settled for \$25,000.

The plaintiffs in the case retained a mechanical engineer, an accident reconstructionist, an economist and a pain and suffering expert to review the facts and offer opinion on the case, Eichen said.

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Pennsylvania, represented Go Pro Waste Services and Christian Torres. Thomas W. Matthews of Soriano, Henkel, Biehl & Matthews in Roseland represented Terry Christie. Neither responded to requests for comment on the case.

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