

CASE INFORMATION SHEET
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COUNTY AND COURT:

In the Circuit Court of the 18th Judicial Circuit in and for Seminole County, Florida

NAME OF CASE:

DODIE BEACH,

Plaintiff,

v.

SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA,

Defendants

CASE DOCKET NO.: 2014-CA-001669-11J-L **JUDGE:** John D. Galluzzo

PLAINTIFF(S) ATTORNEY(S)/TRIAL COUNSEL: David R. Heil, Esquire

DEFENDANT(S) ATTORNEY(S)/TRIAL COUNSEL: David R. Kuhn, Esquire

AGE/SEX/OCCUPATION OF PLAINTIFF OR DECEDENT: Ms. Beach is a 63-year old female retired employee of the Finance Department of the City of Maitland

FOR WRONGFUL DEATH CASES, PLEASE GIVE AGE AND RELATIONSHIP OF SURVIVORS:
N/A

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF ACCIDENT OR OCCURRENCE:

August 31, 2013 (Saturday) at approximately 3 pm on a sidewalk adjacent to Premier Drive in Casselberry, Florida.

CAUSE OF INJURY: Trip/fall

NATURE OF INJURY: Fractured left femur

PLAINTIFF'S EXPERT WITNESSES:

Robert J. Meuret, M.D.
Orthopedic Surgeon
Orlando, Florida

Dr. Meuret explained that Ms. Beach's fracture necessitated the placement of a rod for stability. However, he also testified that Ms. Beach has made a very good recovery. He did not believe Ms. Beach should need any future surgeries nor did he place her on any physical limitations.

DEFENDANT'S EXPERT WITNESSES: None

CHECK APPROPRIATE SPACE: √ Verdict

DATE OF VERDICT/SETTLEMENT: April 21, 2015

VERDICT/SETTLEMENT AMOUNT: Defense Verdict

COMPARATIVE NEGLIGENCE: N/A

JUDGMENT:

DATE OF JUDGMENT: April 24, 2015

DEFENDANT'S OFFER: \$2,500

PLAINTIFF'S DEMAND: \$159,000

ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:

For 9 years before the fall, Ms. Beach lived 5 houses away from the sidewalk in question. The sidewalk panel had raised approximately 2". No evidence was presented as to how long the sidewalk had been in that condition. At the time of her fall, Ms. Beach was walking a neighbor's dog. She admitted nothing was obstructing her view of the sidewalk and offered no explanation for her fall other than her own inattentiveness. Her medical expenses were nearly \$75,000. Seminole County had served a PFS for \$500 and intends to pursue its costs and attorney's fees.

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