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April 18, 2019

The Honorable Jeanette W. McBride  
Clerk of Court for Richland County  
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SC Court of Appeals

Re: Leslie Rainey Gilmore vs. Sergio and Sabrina Cruz  
C.A. No.: 2017-CP-40-00159

Dear Ms. McBride:

Enclosed for filing is a notice of appeal in the above case.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

CLARKSON, WALSH & COULTER, P.A.

  
Michael T. Coulter

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Enclosure

cc: Tony Dessausure, Esquire

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Court of Appeals

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APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY  
Court of Common Pleas

L. Casey Manning, Circuit Court Judge

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Case No. 2017-CP-40-00159

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Leslie Rainey-Gilmore,

Respondent,

v.

Sergio Cruz and Sabrina Cruz,

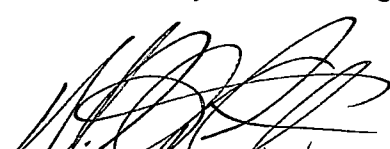
Appellants.

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

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Sergio Cruz and Sabrina Cruz appeals the Damages Order of the Honorable Robert E. Hood dated April 18, 2019. Appellant received written notice of entry of this Damages Order on April 18, 2019.



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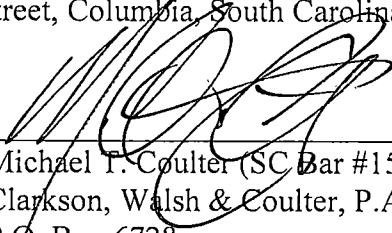
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**PROOF OF SERVICE**

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I certify that I have served the Notice of Appeal on Leslie Rainey-Gilmore by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on April 18, 2019, addressed to her attorney of record, Tony Dessausure, 1928 Barnwell Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201.



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COUNTY OF RICHLAND	)	CIVIL ACTION NO: 2017-CP-40-00159
	)	
Leslie Rainey-Gilmore,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	<b>DAMAGES ORDER</b>
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
Sergio Cruz & Sabrina Cruz,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	
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A Damages Hearing was held before me at the Richland County Judicial Center, 1701 Main Street, Columbia, SC, on March 11, 2019 at 2:00 PM in Courtroom 2-E against the Defendants Sergio Cruz and Sabrina Cruz. Present at this hearing was the Plaintiff, Leslie Rainey-Gilmore and her attorney Tony Dessausure. The Defendants were represented at the hearing by the law firm of Clarkson, Walsh and Coulter.

Evidence was presented at the hearing on behalf of the Plaintiff. The Plaintiff testified that she was injured in an automobile accident on March 15, 2015 when a motor vehicle that was owned by Defendant Sabrina Cruz and operated by Defendant Sergio Cruz crashed into a vehicle in which the Plaintiff was a restrained driver.

The Plaintiff testified that she was injured in the collision. The plaintiff testified that she sustained injuries to her neck, back and wrist. The plaintiff further testified that she was taken by ambulance to Providence Hospital for treatment immediately following the collision where she was evaluated and treated for her injuries, and sought follow-up treatment with Dr. Gary Bell.

The Plaintiff presented to the Court the following medical information: EMS in the amount of \$554.91, Providence Hospital in the amount of \$1,654.76, emergency room physicians

in the amount of \$643.00, Pitts Radiology in the amount of \$132.00 and Dr. Gary Bell in the amount of \$2,012.00. The Plaintiff also sustained lost wages in the amount of \$465.87.

Tony Dessausure, Attorney for the Plaintiff, presented to the Court a letter dated February 11, 2019 wherein counsel for Defendants Sergio and Sabrina Cruz were notified of the Damages Hearing on March 11, 2019 at 2:00 PM in Courtroom 2-E.

After considering the evidence presented, I FIND:

- A) That an Order of Default against the Defendants was signed by the Honorable Robert Hood on July 26, 2018.
- B) That the Plaintiff, Leslie Rainey-Gilmore, was injured on March 15, 2015 when a vehicle owned by Defendant Sebrina Cruz and operated by Defendant Serio Cruz crashed into a vehicle in which the Plaintiff was a restrained driver.
- C) That the Plaintiff was injured in the accident on March 15, 2015 and had medical expenses as follows: EMS in the amount of \$554.91, Providence Hospital in the amount of \$1,654.76, emergency room physicians in the amount of \$643.00, Pitts Radiology in the amount of \$132.00 and Dr. Gary Bell in the amount of \$2,012.00.
- D) That the Plaintiff also sustained lost wages in the amount of \$465.87.
- E) That the Plaintiff, Leslie Rainey-Gilmore testified that she injured her neck, back and wrist in the accident on March 5, 2015.
- F) That Tony Dessausure, Attorney for the Plaintiff, presented to the Court a letter dated February 11, 2019 wherein the Defendants counsel was notified of the Damages Hearing scheduled for March 11, 2019 at 2:00 PM in Courtroom 2-E.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Plaintiff, Leslie Rainey-Gilmore have judgement against the Defendants, Sergio Cruz and Sebrina Cruz, for actual damages for personal injury in the amount of \$25,000 Dollars.

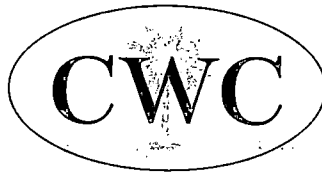
AND IT IS SO ORDERED.



HONORABLE ROBERT HOOD, JUDGE  
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Columbia, South Carolina

Dated: 4/8/19



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Re: Leslie Rainey Gilmore vs. Sergio and Sabrina Cruz  
C.A. No. : 2017-CP-40-00159  
Claim No.: 15-5212208  
Date of Loss: 3-15-15

Dear Mr. Dessausure:

Please find enclosed herewith and served upon you, the defendants' Notice of Appeal, along with a Proof of Service, a copy of the letter to Karen Ambroziak, Court Reporter, ordering the transcript from the damages hearing, and a copy of the letter to Richland County notifying the lower court of the Notice of Appeal in the above-referenced case. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either Mike Coulter or myself.

With kind regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

Clarkson, Walsh, & Coulter, P.A.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tracy D. Brown".

Tracy D. Brown  
Paralegal to Michael T. Coulter

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