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\$4.9 Million Settlement Reached for Injuries Sustained After Transmission Broke Loose From Commercial Vehicle

"The defendant company failed to properly maintain their truck, which literally led to their truck falling apart on a dark highway and causing the crash Mr. Matias was involved in," counsel for the plaintiffs said.

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A \$4.9 million settlement has been reached for a man seriously injured in a 2019 accident on the New Jersey Turnpike when his vehicle struck metal debris in the roadway which had broken loose

from a National Water Main Cleaning truck.

Carlos Matias, a 52-year-old Dover resident, was traveling southbound on the New Jersey Turnpike in Carteret when his vehicle struck a drivetrain, also known as a transmission system, that was dislodged from the commercial vehicle. Alex Paulino was operating the commercial vehicle for National Water Main Cleaning, court papers said. Matias collided with the debris, causing serious injuries, [according to the complaint](#).

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