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CHERYL RHINES and CHERYL RHINES, Individually,

MARY LOU RHINES as Guardian ad Litem for : SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY :LAW DIVISION: ESSEX COUNTY : DOCKET NO.: ESX-L-580-19

Plaintiffs,

Civil Action

VS.

ORDER

STATE OF NEW JERSEY, NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE, TPR J M ALBUJA, JOHN DOES 1-20 and ABC ENTITIES 1-10.

Defendants.

This matter having come before the Court for a Trial starting on January 6, 2025 and ending in a verdict on January 29, 2025, with counsel for the plaintiffs being The Donnelly Law Firm (Dennis M. Donnelly, Esq. appearing) and counsel for defendants, State of New Jersey, New Jersey State Police and Tpr. J.M. Albuja, being DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin (Adrien Moncur, Esq. appearing) and the Jury having returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff,

IT IS on this ______ day of _________, 2025,

ORDERED that:

1. The total monetary damages awarded by the jury of \$19,100,00.00 was reduced by forty (40) percent due to pre-existing condition of plaintiff Cheryl Rhines.

2. The total jury award was made up of the following:

	TOTAL VERDICT	NET VERDICT AFTER 40%
		REDUCTION
Pain, suffering, disability, impairment and loss of enjoyment of life	\$5,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00
Loss of income	\$1,600,000.00	\$960, 000.00
Future medical or related care (including the value of family care)	\$6,500,000.00	\$3,900,000.00
Emotional distress	\$6,000,000.00	\$3,600,000.00
TOTAL	\$19,100,000.00	\$11,460,000.00

3. No evidence or testimony as to plaintiff's medical expenses was submitted to the jury at the time of the trial by agreement. It was agreed instead that in exchange, the total amounts of the medical bills hereby are ordered to be added to this judgment. Those amounts are:

	TOTAL	\$349,807.96
c.	Out of pocket medical expenses paid by Cheryl Rhines	193,323.54
b.	Rawlings (CIGNA Medicare)	547.00
a.	Conduent (CIGNA)	\$155,937.42

- 4. In addition, the related family care from the date of the incident of October 17, 2017 through the verdict (87 months) calculated at the same rate of future care (\$20,595.70/per month) is \$1,791,825.10. Reduced by forty (40) percent the total amount of related family care is \$1,075,095.06.
- 5. Therefore, judgment be and is hereby entered in favor of the plaintiffs, Mary Lou Rhines ad Guardian ad Litem for Cheryl Rhines and Cheryl Rhines, Individually, in against the defendants State of New Jersey, New Jersey State Police and Tpr. J.M. Albuja for \$12,884,903.02:

\$ 11,460,000.00 (jury award)
349,807.96 (prior medical bills)
1,075,095.06 (prior family care)
\$ 12,884,903.02 (Total)

- 6. Post judgment interest will accrue on the total judgment due to Cheryl Rhines pursuant to Court rules.
- 7. This order for judgment will be amended to reflect a collateral source credit for Social Security Disability and long term disability, which will be reduced by the value of plaintiff's contributions to those funds as well as sixty (60) percent reduction based on the jury's percentage allocation.
- 8. This order is deemed to be served upon all counsel of record by operation of the eCourts system.

J.S.C.