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INJURED COP WINS \$1.8 MILLION SETTLEMENT

BRIDGEPORT, April 12, 2012 – A police officer severely injured while on duty at a construction site has won a \$1.8 million settlement, the officer's attorney announced today.

Atty. J. Craig Smith of Koskoff, Koskoff & Bieder said the officer, who cannot be identified per terms of the out-of-court settlement, was struck in the head by a 10,000 pound steel box and sustained permanent brain damage along with numerous other injuries.

The incident occurred in 2007 while the officer was working overtime at a construction site in Fairfield County.

The officer was knocked unconscious after being struck as he was directing traffic. A worker on the job site had attempted to move the large steel box using an excavator without proper lift equipment or following proper safety procedures and it swung uncontrolled outside the work zone as it was being moved, crashing against the officer's head and upper body.

The officer sustained a wide range of injuries including serious lacerations, a skull fracture, internal hemorrhaging, a concussion and orthopedic injuries to an arm. He still suffers from hearing loss, dizziness and vision damage.

A jury trial in the case had been scheduled to begin this Spring had the parties not reached a settlement.

For 75 years, Koskoff, Koskoff & Bieder has been nationally known for personal injury, medical malpractice, product liability, and class actions, concentrating its practice in handling cases for people who suffer serious personal injury or economic harm. Koskoff attorneys have been responsible for important changes in the conduct of corporate and government defendants. The firm has offices in Bridgeport, Danbury, New Haven, and Stamford.

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