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Verdicts & Settlements

Man disabled after procedures not performed

Patient's lower back and leg pain had worsened as a result

\$2.25 million

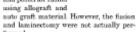
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Plaintiff began experiencing lower for decoupression back pain with associated pain radiating down his legs. He underweat an MRI

L4 and L5, instruction L4-L5, and varieties L4-L5, and varieties ratios. that demonstrated small left paracentral broad-based disc protrucion at Ld-L5 impressing on the theral sac, displacing the intraspinal component of the left L5 nerve root, and approximating the intra-spinal component of the right L5 nerve root. Plaintiff was then referred to defendant Dr. Aria Sabit for evaluation.

Sabit, a neurosurgeon who was not board certified, recommended a fusion

and laminectomy. On June 1, 2012, defendant performed surgery on plaintiff that was identified as a fusion of L4 to L5, laminertomy



Post-operatively, plaintiff's pain was worse than it was pre-operatively. He continued to have pain in his lower back and down his legs and began experienc-



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Type of action: Medical malpractice Type of injuries: Disability after fusion and larninectomy not performed

Name of case: Sotty Sold

Court/Case no./Date: Wayne County Circuit Court; 14-015228-NH; July 20, 2015

ing right leg numbness as well. Another MRI was performed that did not demonstrate any evidence that a fusion and laminectomy were ever performed.

Plaintiff obtained a second opinion who informed him that the fusion and laminectomy were not performed. Plaintiff's pain continued to worsen. Physical therapy, pain medications and potential surgery were recommended. Plaintiff re-

Name of judge: Hor. John Marphy

Judgment amount: \$2.25 million

Attorney for plaintiff: Srian J. McSeen

Attorney(s) for defendant: N/A

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At the time of entry of the \$2.25 million default judgment, defendant was in federal prison, having relinquished his license in California for fraud. The defendant then came to Michigan and billed millions of dollars to various health care

providers.

Brian J. McKeen, counsel for plaintiff, provided case information.