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\$80K damages awarded

Lawyer satisfied with results of case

A White Rock man has been awarded \$80,000 in damages for injuries suffered in a collision three years ago.

Travis Lowen was a passenger in a 1989 Honda that was rear-ended by a four-door Chevrolet Feb. 17, 2003, on 176 Street, just south of the Highway 10 overpass.

Honda driver Riley Bourassa had slowed to turn left off 176 Street when the south-bound car was hit from behind.

The impact propelled the Honda 80 feet, and destroyed the Chevrolet.

Nov. 1, following a two-day hearing in New

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Westminster Supreme Court, Justice J. Truscott agreed the collision left Lowen - 19 at the time of the accident - with "lower back pain that may not resolve and at risk for degenerative changes and other problems as his spine ages."

He awarded Lowen \$40,000 in non-pecuniary damages, \$2,332.40 for loss of income, \$40,000 for loss of earning capacity, plus costs.

Craig Moulton, Lowen's lawyer, said Friday he's "very satisfied" with the outcome.

"It was worthwhile letting the judge decide," he said.