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IN THE NEWS

IN CIRCUIT COURT

A man who was permanently disabled when his car was struck by a taxicab in Rosemont last year has reached a \$3 million settlement with the cab company.

James DiTella, 41, was traveling southbound on Mannheim Road when the driver-side door was struck by a taxicab, driven by Luka Cuturilo of the CRA Cab Co., traveling westbound on Higgins Road. The collision resulted in a laceration of an artery in DiTella's chest and permanent weakness in both legs. At the time of the accident, DiTella's blood alcohol level allegedly exceeded the legal limit.

The settlement was approved Wednesday by Cook County Circuit Judge **William D. Maddux**. Lawyers in the case were **Mark E. McNabola** and **John M. Power** of Cogan & McNabola P.C. for DiTella and **Michael Mordini** of Jesmer & Harris for CRA and Cuturilo.

James DiTella v. CRA Cab Co. and Luka Cuturilo, No. 02 L 5866.