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Roofer Accepts Settlement

Michael L. Colley, Jr., who suffered wrist and leg injuries while working on the construction of a Home Depot store in Cheektowaga on November 2, 2000, has agreed to a \$1.75 million dollar settlement.

Colley, a 25 year old from Middleport, fell about 25 feet while laying sheet metal roofing for Stockwell Construction. He broke both wrists and his right femur. After multiple surgeries, Colley was able to return to work in a year but could no longer do roofing.

Colley sued Home Depot as the store owner, Benderson Development Company as the property owner and R. L Spencer, Inc. as the general contractor. Following court proceedings before State Supreme Court Justice Donna M. Siwek, insurance carriers for the defendants agreed to provide payments totaling \$1.75 million dollars in order to settle before trial.

Colley was represented by Attorney Christopher C. Kerr, a partner at Jeffrey Freedman Attorneys at Law, which has 15 offices throughout Western New York.