

Men to Get \$20 Million Payment over Lifetime

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Cambridge--Two Metro West men who were seriously injured in a 1983 car accident in Stow will receive a settlement paying them \$20 million over their lifetime.

Steven T. Nichok, 32, of Sudbury and Robert Wuorio, 32, of Stow, will share in the structured settlement, which has a present value of \$5 million and is to be placed in a trust, according to Attorney Frederic N. Halstrom of Sudbury, who represented Nichols.

Wuorio was represented by Peter Kilmartin of Bedford.

Killed in the Dec. 20, 1983 accident was William Renfrew, 39, of Maynard, who was driving the car in which Nichols and Wuorio were driving.

According to police, Renfrew was driving a small subcompact car, which collided with a flatbed truck, driven by Tyler DeVoe, 19, of Maine and owned by Interstate Equipment Corp. of Portsmouth, N. H.

Nichols was permanently blinded and Wuorio suffered major brain damage, according to Halstrom.

The settlement will be paid by Interstate's insurance Company, the attorney said.

Both victims are permanently disabled and guardians have been appointed by the court, Halstrom said.

The men incurred - \$450,000 in medical bills, he said.

Part of the Nichol's settlement will be used for rehabilitation at the Carroll and Perkins schools for the blind.

Nichols' children, Candy, 12, and Kim, 15, who live with their mother in Milford, will also share in the settlement, he said.

Attorney Kilmartin said that Wuorio's settlement will be used for rehabilitation at New Mexico Community Re-entry Services in Lynn.