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McHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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Plaintiff,

vs.

No. 12 LA 178

DAVID GAGNON, Individually, and as
Agent of CAROLINE McGUIRE and BILL
McGUIRE and CAROLINE McGUIRE
and BILL McGUIRE, Individually,

Defendants.

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DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION: **PLAINTIFF'S ANSWERS TO DEFENDANTS' INTERROGATORIES AND PRODUCTION REQUESTS**

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PLAINTIFF'S ANSWERS TO INTERROGATORIES

1. State the full name, present residence address, birthdate, birthplace and Social Security number of the person answering these Interrogatories; and state PAUL DULBERG's full name, present residence address, birthdate, birthplace and Social Security number.

ANSWER: Paul Dulberg
4606 Hayden Ct.
McHenry
DOB: 3-19-70
SS: 323-76-4001
Born: Elk Grove Village

2. State your marital status on the date of the occurrence in question and, if married, your spouse's name and age on said date.

ANSWER: Single

3. State the full name and present or last known address (indicating which) of each person who:
- (a) Witnessed or claims to have witnessed the occurrence in question.
 - (b) Was present or claims to have been present at the scene immediately before said occurrence.
 - (c) Was present or claims to have been present immediately after said occurrence.
 - (d) Otherwise has or claims to have any knowledge of the facts or possible causes of the occurrence to include any damages or injuries alleged to have resulted from said occurrence.

ANSWER: Plaintiff and Defendant Gagnon. McGuire's were on the premises.

4. State specifically and with certainty the personal injuries and property damage, if any, sustained to PAUL DULBERG as a result of said occurrence.

ANSWER: Objection, requires medical narrative. Without waiving, Plaintiff suffered deep laceration of right arm with nerve involvement. Investigation continues.

5. With regard to said injuries, state:

- (a) The name and address of each treating and/or consulting practitioner.
- (b) The name and address of each hospital or clinic where PAUL DULBERG was treated and the date or inclusive dates on which each hospital or clinic rendered PAUL DULBERG service.
- (c) The amount to date of their respective bills for services.
- (d) Those from whom you have written reports. (Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 214, please attach a legible copy of said report to the answers hereto.)

ANSWER: See attached Medical Expense Report. Additional bills and records to be obtained from Drs. Marcus Talerico (Mid America Hand to Shoulder) and Karen Levin/Mitchell Grobman (Associated Neurology), Biofora/Sagerman (Hand Surgery Associates) and Fox Lake Dynamic Hand Therapy.

6. As a result of said personal injuries to PAUL DULBERG, are you claiming any loss of income including, but not limited to, wages or salaries? If so, state:

- (a) The name and address of your employer at the time of the occurrence.
- (b) The dates or inclusive dates on which you were unable to work and the amount of income loss claimed.

ANSWER: AMS Screw Products, High View, Spring Grove, Illinois.
Supervisor: Joe Groves
Approx. \$10 per hours. 40 hours a week.
Was hired but could not pursue employment due to accident.
Investigation continues.

7. State the name and address of each witness or defendant from whom you have obtained statements, indicating whether such statements are written or oral, who has possession of such statements, and pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 214, attach legible copies of any written statements hereto.

ANSWER: Gagnon gave a statement to Plaintiff's counsel and it will be transcribed and produced.

8. State the name and address of PAUL DULBERG's family practice physician.

ANSWER: Dr. Sek, 4601 W. Rt. 120, McHenry

9. State whether PAUL DULBERG was hospitalized or had suffered any illness or personal injury prior to or subsequent to the date of said occurrence, and if so, state the nature and date of each such hospitalization, illness or personal injury.

ANSWER: Prior: Last 20 years. Involved in auto accident in 2002, I suffered neck injury and left arm. Treated with Northern Illinois Medical Center and left arm surgery with Dr. Sagerman and Grobman (Libertyville).
Since: no

10. State whether PAUL DULBERG suffered any permanent scarring as a result of the accident alleged in the complaint. If so, state the location of such scar, the width and length of such scar or scars. (Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 214, please attach any photos of any such scar to your answers hereto.)

ANSWER: Yes. On right arm. Investigation continues.

11. State whether prior to the accident alleged in the complaint PAUL DULBERG suffered any physical disability or impairment of any kind whatsoever. If so, state the nature of such physical disability or impairment and how PAUL DULBERG came to have such physical disability or impairment.

ANSWER: Yes, as it concerns my above auto accident. The degree of any disability is to be determined by my physician.

12. State the location of the alleged occurrence, pinpointing such location in feet, inches and direction from fixed objects or boundaries at the scene of the occurrence.

ANSWER: Behind the garage of the Defendant's home - as alleged.

13. State with particularity the nature of the alleged defect, object substance or condition which caused the alleged occurrence giving the exact dimensions and physical description of such including the size, shape, color, height, length and depth of such defect or object.

ANSWER: Objection, irrelevant - improperly worded. Defect is Gagnon's conduct. See Complaint.

14. State with particularity what PAUL DULBERG was doing at the time of the accident alleged in the complaint.

ANSWER: Holding a branch at the request of Mr. Gagnon.

15. State with particularity your basis for alleging that on or about June 28, 2011, David Gagnon living and/or staying at the premises known commonly as 1016 W. Elder Avenue, City of McHenry, County of McHenry, Illinois.

ANSWER: He was at his mother's residence.

16. State with particularity all the reasons why PAUL DULBERG was present on the premises known commonly as 1016 W. Elder Avenue, City of McHenry, County of McHenry, Illinois on the date of the alleged occurrence.

ANSWER: Dave invited me.

17. State with particularity your basis for alleging that David Gagnon was contracted and/or hired by Defendants Bill McGuire and Carolyn McGuire to cut down, trim and/or maintain the trees and brush at their premises. as further alleged in Plaintiffs Complaint.

ANSWER: Dave told me.

18. State with particularity your basis for alleging that David Gagnon was working under the supervision and control of Defendants Bill McGuire and Carolyn McGuire at the time of the occurrence alleged in Plaintiffs Complaint.

ANSWER: He was working at their property under their control.

19. State with particularity your basis for alleging that Defendants Bill McGuire and Carolyn McGuire instructed and/or advised David Gagnon in the use of a chain saw on or before the date of the occurrence alleged in Plaintiffs Complaint.

ANSWER: It was the McGuires chain saw.

20. State with particularity any and all defects associated with the chain saw you believe or claim was involved in the occurrence alleged in Plaintiffs Complaint.

ANSWER: Unknown

21. State whether you have any information indicating or otherwise suggesting that Defendants Bill McGuire and/or Carolyn McGuire knew or should have known that PAUL DULBERG was about to assist or was assisting David Gagnon with tree cutting and/or trimming on the date and in the location of the occurrence alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint. If your answer is in the affirmative, further state with particularity the bases for your contention that Defendants Bill McGuire and/or Carolyn McGuire knew or should have known that PAUL DULBERG was about to assist and/or was assisting David Gagnon with tree cutting and/or trimming on the date and in the location of the occurrence alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint.

ANSWER: The McGuires saw me with Mr. Gagnon.

22. State whether any photographs or videos were taken of the scene of the occurrence or of the persons, objects or premises involved, and if so, state the number of photographs or videos taken, their subject matter and who now has custody of them.

ANSWER: Not on the date in question, but I will be produced photos of my injury.

23. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 213(f), furnish the identity and addresses of witnesses who will testify at trial and the following information:

- (a) For each lay witness, identify the subjects on which the witness will testify.
- (b) For each independent expert witness, identify the subjects on which the witness will testify and the opinions the party expects to elicit.
- (c) For each controlled expert witness, identify:
 - (i) the subject matter on which the witness will testify;
 - (ii) the conclusions and opinions of the witness and the bases therefor;
 - (iii) the qualifications of the witness; and
 - (iv) any reports prepared by the witness about the case.

ANSWER: PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSE TO 213 INTERROGATORIES

Plaintiff will testify to all matters concerning the circumstances of the accident and injury including, but not limited to, all matters set forth in any discovery responses, affidavit, statements and/or deposition testimony, and to those matters and opinions naturally flowing from their personal knowledge and involvement in this matter, and will testify to matters including, but not limited to the following: date, time and location of accident, observations at the accident scene, *weather*, defendant's negligence in X; *continuing medical care to date; medical expense as set forth in updated Medical Expense Reports*; payment of bills; lack of prior related symptoms, treatment; need for past and future treatment including, if applicable; pain and suffering and disability; lost time at work, including rate of pay, time lost, income and benefits lost; ongoing treatment during pending case including **recent exam** by treating physician(s); all other foundational requirements for admitting photos and medical bills into evidence.

Barabara Dulhberg, s/a/a to testify to the pain and disability experienced by the Plaintiff due to injuries suffered in the accident and the lack of prior symptoms or disability, inability to work, hours and wage history and loss of income from work as a result.

Defendants, each of them, will be called as an adverse witness pursuant to Section 2-1102 of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, to testify to matters involving the accident.

All witnesses identified by Defendant and/or deposed, on matters so identified or testified to.

Court Reporters present during evidence and/or discovery depositions of those parties and witnesses now or in the future deposed in this or any similar cause to testify to the accuracy of the transcripts and testimony stated therein by each witness including exhibits marked and testified to during the deposition.

All other independent witnesses disclosed by answer to previous interrogatory will testify to those matters and opinions naturally flowing from their personal knowledge and involvement in this matter and those matters specifically disclosed and or to be disclosed in the future.

Drs. Marcus Talerico (Mid America Hand to Shoulder) and Karen Levin/Mitchell Grobman (Associated Neurology), Biofora/Sagerman (Hand Surgery Associates), are intended to be called as opinion witness(es) to testify to the care and treatment of the Plaintiff to the extent allowed under Rule 213 and to all matters expressly and/or impliedly set forth in the patient's chart including matters flowing therefrom, including, but not limited to, history, exam, diagnostics/findings, exam/findings, diagnosis, treatment, physical therapy, medication, follow-up and continuing treatment through to trial; the nature and extent of injuries sustained by Plaintiff as set forth above and in deposition including injuries, and that such injuries were caused/aggravated by the underlying trauma; that the treatment for such injuries was/is reasonable and medically necessary and causally related to underlying accident, and any other opinions or matters set forth or described in the patients medical file or hospital chart, in addition to any matters and/or opinions naturally flowing from the witnesses work or personal knowledge and involvement in this matter, in addition to testimony and opinions on the following issues:

- Plaintiff suffered and is diagnosed as having the above injuries, not limited to: traumatic injury to right arm including numbness, neuropathy, scarring, and branch nerve involvement;
- Plaintiff's injury is consistent with mechanism of injury/history;
- Plaintiff's injury was caused/aggravated by the underlying accident based upon history and findings and experience;
- Plaintiff's injury is confirmed through exam and diagnostics;
- Plaintiff will require ongoing and continual treatment for the injury(s);
- Plaintiff's conservative treatment did not resolve symptoms, requiring surgery and chronic pain;
- Plaintiff's symptoms and disability are permanent;
- Review and interpretation of all diagnostics;
- Plaintiff may require surgery to correct the condition(s);
- Plaintiff's surgery and costs is medically necessitated and causally related to the accident;
- Plaintiff's symptoms are disabling from activities;
- Plaintiff's injury is pain producing;
- Plaintiff's injury limits and will limit in the future Plaintiff's activity at home and at work;
- Plaintiff's injury disabled him/her from work for a period of time causing a loss in income;
- The charges or expense for the medical treatment received from each and every treater or facility referenced by Plaintiff in deposition or by Medical Expense Report was/is customary, reasonable, and medically necessary and due to the auto

accident based upon his/her expertise and experience and knowledge of the billing/charges for the same or similar treatment;

- Plaintiff is susceptible to re-injury in the future due to injury sustained in case, requiring future care and treatment, surgery and expense;
- Plaintiff will require future medical treatment and care and expense due to injury, estimate of \$10,000 annually;
- That Doctors' practice involves treating patients with similar injuries under similar settings and causes;
- The witnesses report(s) are contained in medical records produced in discovery;
- This witnesses opinions are based upon the witnesses expertise, experience, education, treatment of same and similar injuries, review of history, records of all treating physicians and care providers, films/reports, and exam - all which is customary for the witness to rely upon in his/her practice.
- Foundational matters for purposes of admission of medical records into evidence;
- The testimony is also based upon a **recent exam** conducted before arbitration and/or trial.


Plaintiff expressly reserves the right to withdraw and/or not to call any 213 witnesses heretofore disclosed (or fewer than those disclosed) depending on counsel's legal determination at the time of trial and his judgment on the necessity of such testimony given the issues and evidence to be presented at the time of trial.

The accounts/financial services/billing representatives (any or each of them) from each of the facilities whereat the Plaintiff treated, as set forth in his discovery and deposition and Medical Expense Report(s) produced in discovery, including { } will each and themselves testify that based upon their experience and customs and practices and the practices of their internal office and those on their behalf, in their opinion the charges pertaining to Plaintiff's medical treatment in this case, as outlined in the Medical Expense Report, are reasonable and customary in the industry within the area. No one individual has been identified by the facility to testify, but if the defense wants to depose a specific individual before the evidence deposition of the representative is taken, Plaintiff will then designate a person for this purpose, otherwise the evidence deposition notice may simply designate the "representative with knowledge of the customary charges for such treatment" at each facility.

The records keepers from each of the facilities whereat the Plaintiff treated, as set forth in his/her discovery responses and deposition and Medical Expense Report provided throughout the course of this case, will each themselves testify to all foundational matters and requirements for admission of such records into evidence, including testimony as to the custody of the records kept in the ordinary course of business, and history provided by the patient and reliance upon such in the treatment or care of the plaintiff.

Plaintiff reserves the right to update these disclosures in the future in accordance with the order of the court, to add or delete witnesses as may be appropriate and in accordance with the court's order and reserves the right not to call a witness above as may be

appropriate at trial.



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Verification by Certification

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and as to such matters the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that he verily believes the same to be true.



PAUL DULBERG

DATE: 7-20-12