

based on his earning record would have continued to have earned income in the future.

Mr. Sukhchan Singh, the employer, is liable on the basis of respondeat superior, but was also grossly negligent in failing to maintain his vehicle in compliance with state and federal law, particularly with regard to having required safety inspections and correcting defects in its braking equipment. He was also grossly negligent in entrusting his vehicle to Sukhwinder Singh, an inexperienced truck driver who had failed written tests three times and driving tests two times. Singh was not made familiar with communication equipment in the truck, which might have helped in avoiding the accident, and in summoning help following the collision.

Considering the exhibits introduced at trial, and the presentation of Plaintiff's counsel, we conclude that compensatory damages are payable by both defendants, and that Sukhchan Singh is liable for punitive damages.

We will issue an appropriate verdict.

/s/ William W. Caldwell
William W. Caldwell
United States District Judge

Date: January 3, 2013

