RAMSEY, ADMR., APPELLANT, V. AUTO-OWNERS INSURANCE COMPANY,

APPELLEE.

[Cite as Ramsey v. Auto-Owners Ins. Co. (1996), ____ Ohio St.3d ____]

Insurance -- Uninsured motorist provision -- R.C. 3937.18 and public policy

preclude contract provision requiring physical contact for recovery.

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APPEAL from the Court of Appeals for Lucas County, No. L-94-156.

Schlageter, Breier & Bryce Co., L.P.A., Robert W. Bryce and Teresa

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Stephen A. Schaefer, for appellee.

MOYER, C.J., DOUGLAS, RESNICK and PFEIFER, JJ., concur.

F.E. SWEENEY, J., dissents for the reasons stated in his opinion

concurring in part and dissenting in part in Girgis v. State Farm Mut. auto.

<u>Ins. Co</u>. (1996), 75 Ohio St.3d 302, 309-312, ____ N.E.2d ____, ____.

COOK, J., dissents.

STRATTON, J., not participating.