

# Woman Killed by SUV Backing Up into a Parking Space, New York Auto Accident Lawyer Comments

**An elderly woman died from massive head trauma and the driver was arrested.**

NEW YORK, NEW YORK – An elderly woman was killed Thursday night after she and her daughter were hit by an SUV whose driver was backing up into a parking space. According to the *New York Daily News*, a man yelled a warning as the maroon Ford Explorer reversed suddenly on the upper West Side street and headed straight for the two women.

[New York auto accident lawyer](#) David Perecman understands neither the driver nor the pedestrians responded to the warning.

“Drivers need to be aware of the potential for backing accidents. Many accidents occur when vehicles are moving in reverse, especially in a city as crowded as New York,” said auto accident lawyer Perecman, founder of The Perecman Firm, one of [New York’s auto accident law firms](#).

According to witnesses, Yolanda Casal, 78, was thrown through the air and suffered massive head trauma in the impact. The auto accident left her 41-year-old daughter Anais Emmanuel with many broken ribs.

Both Casal and Emmanuel were taken by ambulance to St. Luke's Hospital, but the older woman died a short time after arriving.

The 38-year-old man who was driving the SUV was arrested. He was charged with driving with a suspended license, unsafe backing and failure to exercise due care. “Unfortunately, accidents involving a vehicle backing up become more common as the weather gets nicer and more people bicycle or take walks around New York,” [auto accident lawyer](#) Perecman said.

Pedestrians, cyclists and small children are especially vulnerable to personal injury when vehicles are backing up. This type of auto accident often results in serious injury or death to pedestrians, cyclists and others not protected by a vehicle.

[New York auto accident lawyers](#) understand that these [auto accidents](#) typically occur when the driver puts a vehicle into reverse without checking whether or not it is safe to back up.

All vehicles have blind spots, however, this does not excuse an auto accident or an [injury to a pedestrian caused by a driver](#) backing up. The driver of the car backing up is almost always the at-fault party.

If the negligence of a driver causes a [pedestrian injury or death](#), he or she may be able to recover [compensation for the injuries](#) and damages sustained in the auto accident. A settlement may include financial compensation for lost wages and medical bills and also pain and suffering. When an experienced [New York auto accident lawyer](#) from The Perceman Firm is selected to represent a case, victims can expect nothing less than expert handling from beginning to end. [New York auto accident lawyers](#) at [The Perceman Firm](#) have experience handling claims involving all types of auto accidents and injuries to pedestrians and cyclists. In New York, an auto accident lawyer helps families with [wrongful death New York law](#) and helps them [recover full compensation](#) from the person who caused the personal injury or death.

About David Perceman and The Perceman Firm, PLLC:

For the past 30 years, the personal injury accident, auto accident, construction accident, and medical malpractice lawyers at The Perceman Firm, PLLC have championed all types of cases concerning personal injury. David Perceman, founder of the Firm, is a Board Director and the past Secretary and Treasurer of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association (NYSTLA) and a chair of its Labor Law Committee. Mr. Perceman's achievements have brought him recognition as an Honoree in the National Law Journal's Hall of Fame, in New York Magazine's "The Best Lawyers in America" and The New York Times Magazine "New York Super Lawyers, Metro Edition" for the years 2007 2010.

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