Man Trapped Between Subway Train and Moving Platform Seeks Compensation for his Injuries, Says New York Personal Injury Lawyer

The $15 million lawsuit alleges the MTA and NYC Transit were negligent and responsible for Michael Dion's severe subway accident injuries.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK -- New York personal injury lawyer David Perecman is following the story of a subway accident involving Michael Dion. In December, Dion was crushed between a 4 train and a moving station platform for a half-hour. He is suing the agencies that operate the subway for $15 million in damages.

The first step in the planned lawsuit was filing the notice of claim against NYC Transit and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA). The New York agencies are being accused of negligence for failing to install specialized safety barriers that could have prevented Dion's fall and for a lack of trained workers at the station who could have quickly rescued him. MTA workers on-site had to call in a contractor who knew how to work the extender's hydraulics. It took 20 minutes for a contractor to arrive, and another 10 minutes for the contractor to release the platform.

Dion was badly injured in the MTA subway accident. This accident in the subway station put him in the hospital for close to a month with fractures to both sides of his pelvis and internal damage to nearly all of his abdominal organs.

An investigation into this subway station accident is still being conducted by the MTA.

In 2010, *CBS Local News* reported that Union Square subway station had the highest number of falls onto the tracks. A total of 14 riders fell between 2008 and 2009. The station is notorious for a hydraulic extender platform that helps riders board trains because of a track curve that creates an unusually large gap between the train and the platform.

"The MTA needs to be proactive in adding safety measures to protect customers from serious injuries and fatalities. Given how busy this station is, especially during rush hour, it is surprising subway accidents like this don't happen more often," said David Perecman, a New York personal injury lawyer.

Announcements and signs at the station warn riders to keep off the moving platforms. The South Ferry subway station has a similar curve on its tracks, but has barriers to prevent subway riders from falling into the gap.

"If the MTA could improve safety in the New York subways, they would be saving a lot of money a year. By improving safety, they could reduce the need for New York personal

injury lawsuits and costs," said Perecman, a New York personal injury accident lawyer with over thirty years experience in subway injury cases.

About David Perecman and The Perecman Firm, PLLC:
For the past 30 years, the personal injury accident, auto accident, construction accident, and medical malpractice lawyers at The Perecman Firm, PLLC have championed all types of cases concerning personal injury. David Perecman, 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. Perecman'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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The Firm has recovered millions of dollars for its clients. Among the more recent victories, Mr. Perecman won a $15 million verdict* for a construction accident, a $5.35 million dollar verdict** for an automobile accident, $680,000 for a woman injured by a bus***, and a $40 million dollar structured settlement for medical malpractice****.

*later settled while on appeal for $7.940 million

** later settled for $3.5 million

*** later settled for $500,000

****total potential payout

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