



First Call on Monday – It's Going To Be A Great Week

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Caller: Hello, I'd like to set up an appointment to speak to you about a car accident I was in.

Me: Why don't you tell me a little about the accident before you come in to see me.

Caller: Sure, it was a terrible accident, this guy ran a red light and t-boned me in the intersection going about 55 mph. I was really hurt and had to go to the hospital. The police came to the scene and said he was responsible.

Me: I see. It sounds like you are lucky to be alive; that's a hard hit. How are you doing now?

Caller: The doctor says I have to have a spinal fusion.

Me: [thinking this is likely a big case] I see. What hospital where you seen at and did you go to the hospital by ambulance?

Caller: No, I went with the police officer.

Me: Why did the police officer take you to hospital?

Caller: No, he didn't take me to the hospital.

Me: [now a little confused] Oh, where did he take you?

Caller: To the police station.

Me: [more confused] Why did you go with the officer to the police station after the accident???

Caller: Because I was arrested for a DUI, driving on a suspended license and not having any auto insurance.

Me: So let me get this straight – you were driving while intoxicated at the time of the collision, didn't have a license and don't have any car insurance?

Caller: Yeah. So, do I have a case against this guy who hit me? Can you guys defend me for the criminal part too, because I have a court hearing for the DUI on Wednesday.