

## **Damages caps could mean bad news for Alabama brain injury victim**

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Our communities are supposed to be protected by law enforcement, right? Police officers are here to serve and protect our safety. Therefore, the last person most of us would expect to put us in the hospital with a [brain injury](#) is a police officer.

One Mobile, Alabama man is currently trying to recover from a severe car accident he was involved in last month. On May 25, sources report that the 46-year-old crash victim was driving in his truck when it was hit by a local officer's patrol car.

According to Alabama reports of the accident, the officer allegedly sped through a red light, en route to an emergency. Tragically, his pursuit wound up creating another emergency that could mean significant changes for the man in the truck.

The victim was being treated in the I.C.U. until recently. He broke dozens of bones and suffered a head injury in the car accident. His brother tells reporters that you can tell the victim is suffering from brain damage just by talking to him. Also, he might not ever be able to walk again as a result of the crash.

An investigation into the crash is ongoing. Depending on its findings, the victim could have cause to sue the city if the officer was negligent. Even if that pursuit of justice were to succeed, however, the justice has its strict limits, due to state law regarding caps on damages. The most a city can be held financially liable for in a personal injury case is \$100,000, which would not even cover the victim's medical bills.

When there are developments in this Alabama case, we will post an update.

### **Source**

Fox10tv.com: "[Police-involved accident still under investigation](#)," Libby Amos, 14 Jun. 2011