

RESOLUTION NO. RS2018-1269 (VERCHER) – This resolution would authorize the Department of Law to settle the personal injury claim of Christina Flowers against the Metropolitan Government in the amount of \$25,000.

On October 8, 2015, at approximately 5:18 pm, a Metro police officer was driving a marked police vehicle on I-40 eastbound in the downtown loop with his emergency equipment activated. The officer was traveling on the right shoulder of the interstate due to stopped traffic. As his vehicle neared the Second and Fourth Avenue entrance on-ramp, another vehicle came up the entrance ramp and stopped in his path. The officer swerved to the left and struck the rear of Ms. Flowers' vehicle, which was stopped in the outer lane of travel on the interstate.

Ms. Flowers sought treatment for sprained ligaments in her cervical spine and a minor contusion to her scalp. Ms. Flowers has agreed to accept a total of \$25,000 in full settlement of this case, based upon \$17,019.30 for reimbursement of her medical expenses, \$500 for lost wages, and \$7,480.70 for pain and suffering.

The Department of Law recommends settlement of this claim for \$25,000.

Disciplinary action against the employee consisted of a six-day suspension.

Fiscal Note: This settlement would reduce the balance of the Self-Insured Liability Fund by \$25,000.