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## KNOCK ON HEAD OPENS DOOR TO GOOD FORTUNE

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Because Harry Goodfriend was 6 feet tall and the door of the Ocean City home he was walking through was 6 inches shorter, he was knocked senseless one summer day in 1992.

Goodfriend, 54, of Southboro, Mass., injured his neck and suffered a concussion.

On Thursday, a Cape May County civil jury awarded Goodfriend \$150,000 for his injuries, according to attorneys involved in the case.

Actually, the jury had awarded \$200,000, but then reduced it by \$50,000 because Goodfriend was partly responsible for the injuries.

Ocean City attorney Hal Kokes, who represented Goodfriend, said his client was visiting his sister and brother-in-law at their beachfront rental home on June 20, 1992, when he was injured.

"While packing the car, he was carrying his daughters' luggage and following them through a corridor behind an attached garage, when he struck his head on the door frame," Kokes said.

He said the force of the blow knocked Goodfriend to the ground. He later drove home and sought medical attention two days later.

Attorneys for Sharad Gandhi, the owner of the home, said they plan to ask for a new trial and will appeal the verdict if their motion is not granted.

"We view the jury's verdict as an aberration," said Atlantic City attorney Howard Drucks, who represented Gandhi. "We believe they were misled by comments made by plaintiff's counsel."

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