

## **South Florida Law Firm Retained in the Wake of Violent Crash** *Ellis, Ged & Bodden, P.A. to represent critically-injured victim*

Margaret Kostyukova was in the wrong place at the wrong time. One minute, the 79-year old was walking along the sidewalk, possibly with thoughts of an upcoming visit from her daughters running through her mind; the next minute, she was fighting for her life. Ms. Kostyukova was simply walking by the Dollar General Store on Hallandale Beach Boulevard on a Friday afternoon when the unthinkable happened; an elderly driver raced over the sidewalk, hitting Ms. Kostyukova before slamming her car through the store's front doors. The terrifying impact sent Ms. Kostyukova and three other victims to Memorial Hospital in Hollywood.

"There was such a crash," Janice Foland, who had been in the store with her daughter at the time of the incident, reported. "It sounded like a bomb, glass and everything; we were horrified."

Ms. Kostyukova remains in critical condition. As the doctors treating her fight to save her life, the legal team at Ellis, Ged & Bodden, P.A., is preparing to fight for her rights. "The accident remains under investigation," C. Glen Ged, a founding partner in the Boca-Raton based firm and lead attorney on the case, says, "We are following that investigation closely and we will pursue justice on behalf of Ms. Kostyukova and her family."

According to witnesses at the scene, Rhoda Kanh, the driver of the silver Hyundai that plowed through the store, walked away from the crash disoriented but seemingly unscathed.

Andrew Casper of the Hallandale Beach police department told reporters that, "We have had situations where we had vehicle versus building incidents with seniors, and situations in which the elderly person put their foot on the gas as opposed to the brake, but we don't know the circumstances involved in this particular case."

Mr. Ged, who specializes in severe personal injury and wrongful death cases, has seen his share of tragic accidents over the years; he began earning a reputation as one of the region's most compassionate and dedicated lawyers more than a decade ago. "We are determined to see that Ms. Kostyukova receives the care and the answers she needs," he says of the current case.

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