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EX-GOLDEN KNIGHT WINS SUIT

A former Army Golden Knight has won a \$2.8 million verdict against a Phoenix physician who treated him after a 1996 parachuting accident.

The jury rendered a verdict in favor of Jeff Dennis and his wife, Tori, against Dr. Barton Butterbaugh of Phoenix and his employer,

Spectrum Emergency Care Inc., said Mike Rollins, a Tucson, Ariz., attorney.

Dennis, 36, developed muscle and nerve problems from the injury that led to the eventual amputation of his right leg below the knee, according to the lawsuit. A 17-year veteran of the armed services, he was medically discharged from the Army in November.

In his lawsuit, Dennis claimed that Butterbaugh failed to perform a critical test for pressure in his leg as a result of the injury and failed to call in an orthopedic surgeon to examine him.

The accident occurred March 5, 1996. Dennis was at Yuma Proving Ground training with the Golden Knights. After the team exited the aircraft, winds picked up and blew them off course. Wind currents caused Dennis' parachute to collapse, and he fell the last 30 feet to the ground.