



# TREMONT SHELDON P.C.

## Civil Case Deposition Leads to Arrest and Conviction of Theater Director

In January of 2020, Tremont Sheldon P.C. filed lawsuits on behalf of three women who were sexually abused by their theater director, Daniel Checovetes, while they were minors. The lawsuits were filed in Waterbury Superior Court against Naugatuck Teen Theater, Landmark Community Theatre, Warner Theatre, and the Thomaston Opera House (through the Commission and Town). During questioning at his sworn deposition in these cases, Checovetes admitted that he had sexual relations with two of the plaintiffs when they were minors.

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Thereafter, in 2023, the Thomaston and Southington Police Departments conducted a criminal examination and charged Checovetes with counts of sexual assault in the first and second degree.

On March 11, 2025, after pleading guilty to sexual assault in the second degree, Checovetes was sentenced in Litchfield to prison for 8½ years for the Thomaston charges. Checovetes is also scheduled to be sentenced in New Britain for the Southington charges later this week.



TORRINGTON, March 11, 2025 – Daniel Checovetes has been sentenced to prison for sexually abusing two underage theatrical participants, bringing long-overdue justice to the victims and ensuring that he is held accountable for his crimes.

“Our clients have waited many years for Checovetes to be held accountable for the harm that he inflicted. Today, justice is served for these brave women who tenaciously fought for justice and refused to be silenced,” said Jason Tremont, an attorney representing the plaintiffs.

“While the unspeakable harm that our clients have suffered will never go away, Checovetes’ sentencing allows them to begin the process of healing knowing that their voices were heard and that they were believed,” said Tim Ramsey, an attorney who also represents the plaintiffs.

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“We are extremely proud of our clients’ courage throughout this process. Significantly, we, along with our clients, are pleased that sex offender conditions are in place to ensure that Checovetes never abuses another child again,” said Jason Tremont.

“We would also like to commend the dedication and professionalism of the state’s attorneys and the Southington and Thomaston Police Departments for their tireless efforts to secure justice in these cases on behalf of our clients,” said Tim Ramsey.



## Multiple-Accident Victim Resolves Both Cases

Fred had a rear-end collision as he was stopped at a red light on Route 25 in Monroe. Although his car wasn't damaged, he suffered neck pain, dizziness, and vertigo as a result of this collision. Just as he had completed his medical treatment, he was in a heavy rear-end collision, which aggravated all of his injuries from the first collision. Attorney Frank Bailey resolved the first case by arbitration for \$83,446. The second case settled for a total of \$102,500.

## Entire Insurance Policy Recovered After Insurance Company Initially Denied Liability and Refused Claim



Tremont Sheldon P.C. successfully recovered the entire insurance coverage available in a motor vehicle collision case in which the insurance company initially denied liability and refused to consider the claim. The plaintiff, a young man, was struck by a motorist while in his vehicle on the shoulder of a highway and suffered injuries to his neck and back. The insurance company claimed that the plaintiff was reversing his vehicle at the time and was responsible for the collision.

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At a deposition, Attorney Tim Ramsey established that the defendant was primarily responsible for causing the collision, including evidence that the defendant was lying about how the collision occurred. Immediately following the deposition, the insurance company tendered the entire insurance policy available to the plaintiff.

## Mediation Helps Resolve Case for Twice the Amount of Insurance Company's Offer

Our client, a service mechanic for a local gas company, was injured in a work-related two-vehicle collision that was caused by the other driver. Following the collision, our client began to have substantial pain in his right hip, which he had never previously experienced. Several doctors, including one hired by the workers' compensation carrier, concluded that this collision caused our client's injuries and that he needed surgery to repair the damage to his hip. Because of his injuries, he was unable to work for approximately one year. No evidence was offered to contradict these medical opinions. The responsible driver's insurance carrier did, however, hire an engineering expert who concluded that our client's injuries could not have been caused by the collision, because of the minor damage to the vehicles. Attorney Bob Sheldon elected to mediate this case rather than try the case before a jury. The mediator successfully resolved the case for \$400,000, which was more than twice the amount that the insurance carrier had offered.



## Using Offer of Compromise Pushes Insurance Carrier to Settle

An Offer of Compromise can be a very effective way to motivate a difficult insurance carrier to settle an accident case. One recent case highlights the benefits of utilizing this tool. Our client was seriously injured in a work-related motor vehicle collision that was caused by an uninsured driver. Several doctors concluded that this collision caused our client's injuries and that he needed surgery to repair the damage to his shoulder. Despite the clear evidence of how this accident happened, our client's uninsured motorist insurance denied responsibility for the collision and contested the uninsured status of the responsible driver. As a result, Attorney Bob Sheldon decided to file an Offer of Compromise, agreeing to settle the case for \$250,000, which was the per-person limit of our client's insurance. The insurance carrier was persuaded by this procedural tool and accepted the Offer of Compromise, thereby saving our client from the time, expense, and uncertainty of a jury trial.





## Dashcam Forces Insurance Company to Settle



More and more, our office is seeing dashcam and other cameras on vehicles that not only can help prove the injured person's case but also show the impact on the injured person. On one case handled by Jason Tremont, the three plaintiffs were in a vehicle

and fortunately, they had a dashcam facing both outside and inside the vehicle. The dashcam footage caught the cause of the accident: two other vehicles crashing into them while they were stopped at a stop sign. Even more important, the camera facing inside of the vehicle caught the devastating impact on the three individuals, including a front seat passenger who was pregnant and thrown around, smashing her head on the window glass. This footage forced the insurance company to come to the table and settle for its full policy limits. It is a true saying: a picture is worth a thousand words.

## Grocery Store Negligence: \$75,000 for Injury



Our client, Anna, was in the produce section of a local supermarket. She had a prior neck injury and was more susceptible to being reinjured. As she was looking at cilantro, an employee wheeled out a cart loaded with

boxes to stock the shelves. A box containing 6 bags of lettuce, weighing a total of 36 ounces, fell from the cart and struck Anna's head. Anna felt immediate pain in her neck and left arm and required treatment by her chiropractor and pain management specialist. Attorney Frank Bailey was able to settle this matter for \$75,000.

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**Personalized Attention:** We treat every client like family, taking the time to understand their unique situation and needs. You're never just a case number here.

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*"...He went above and beyond, ensuring that I felt supported and informed at every stage. His kindness, patience, and understanding made a challenging situation much more manageable. ...Their expertise and compassion truly make them a standout choice! They also have great chocolate and coffee."*

*"...He kept me in the loop every step of the way and I clearly am satisfied I hired him for these matters. The staff is top notch as well....if you're involved in an injury incident in the greater Bridgeport region, I would contact this firm."*

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