

Former Manasquan High School student suing Uber in LA

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After a car accident resulted in the amputation of both of his legs, Brendan Brock, former Manasquan High School student, is suing Uber Technologies and is hoping to receive \$25 to \$50 million.

The lawsuit was filed in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. The complaint lists Mr. Brock as the plaintiff and names Uber Technologies, Inc., Rasier LLC, Hertz Vehicles, Gregory Raymond Lopez and Jonathan Aukusotino Tavita as defendants.

The 25-year-old called for an Uber at about 1 a.m. on Wednesday, March 7 and Mr. Lopez was the Uber driver who responded to the request in his 2016 Jeep Compass, rented from Hertz, a car rental service which Mr. Lopez rented solely to drive for Uber services.

The complaint states that Mr. Brock was picked up by Mr. Lopez and the driver then picked up a female passenger. The car was driving northbound on the I-5 Freeway in Orange County, California, when the car ran out of gas in the slow lane.

It also reads that Mr. Lopez “coasted the Jeep vehicle toward the right shoulder but the vehicle

stopped short of being entirely off of the driving lanes.”

This is when Mr. Brock and Mr. Lopez exited the vehicle to push it off the driving lane and onto the right shoulder; they were behind the Jeep when Mr. Tavita lost control of his vehicle and crashed into Mr. Brock, crushing both of his legs.

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