

CHESTERTON MAN AWARDED \$15 MILLION

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Company agrees to pay former employee who lost leg at industrial plant.

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VALPARAISO - Jet Corr agreed this week to pay \$15 million to a former employee who lost his leg in an industrial accident at the company four years ago.

him from the machine. He was taken to Porter hospital in Valparaiso and then air-lifted to another hospital. Doctors had to amputate part of his right leg, because it was so severely damaged.

Jordan Moore, 26, of Chesterton filed a civil suit against the company where his leg was caught in a corrugating machine at the plant on Indiana 49, south of U.S. 30, in Valparaiso, while working the midnight shift March 9, 2001.

The settlement was arranged by Pratt Industries, the parent company of Jet Corr, which produces cardboard boxes, and Moore's attorney, Kenneth J. Allen of Valparaiso.

Under the terms of the settlement, Allen said Thursday he could not discuss the suit.

According to the suit, Moore was directed by another employee to climb onto a conveyor belt to clean paper jammed between the belt and two large, steel rollers. Once he cleared the paper, the conveyor belt was restarted before he got off the machine.

His right leg was pulled into the steel rollers, severely mangleing his foot and leg. The suit stated Moore remained conscious and suffered extreme pain. Rescuers took nearly an hour to free