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y, some emails threatening creepy clown visits to
y schools led officials to keep children inside for recess
month. And this week, a 25-year-old Providence woman
that she answered her door and encountered three men
own masks. The men, one carrying a gun, forced their way
rault Street apartment building, knocked her down and
beat her before she fought back.

COURTS

Paralyzed woman wins \$23M verdict

Twin River Casino served drinks to an
underage man who later crashed his car

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PROVIDENCE — A
young Cranston woman,
left paralyzed by a teen-
age drunken driver who
had been served liquor
at Twin River Casino, on
Friday won a \$23-million
verdict, with interest.

A Superior Court jury

deliberated about two days
before finding Twin River
negligent in serving alco-
hol to the driver, Alexander
Arango. It also found that the
casino violated the Rhode
Island Liquor Liability Law
by negligently serving
Arango, who was 18 years old
at the time of the 2010 crash.

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VERDICT

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The jury assigned 70
percent responsibility to
Arango, 20 percent to Twin
River and 10 percent to Royal
Liquors, a store on Pontiac
Avenue in Providence that
also sold liquor to Arango.

Under Rhode Island law,
each defendant is respon-
sible for the entire amount
of damages regardless of the
percentage of responsibility.

Patti Doyle, spokeswoman
for Twin River, said they
were disappointed by the
verdict.

"The decision is com-
pletely inconsistent with
the evidence and the sworn
testimony. We continue to
vigorously deny that drinks
were served to the plain-
tiff's boyfriend and for that
reason, we are shocked and
extremely disappointed
by this decision," Doyle
said. "At this time, we are
exploring our options,
including a possible appeal."

Moulton and Cris-
tina Sinapi, both 18, were
ejected from the rear seats
of the vehicle after Arango,
Moulton's boyfriend and
the father of her child, lost
control of his mother's 1997
Toyota Camry.

According to reports, the
car struck the median barrier
before crossing the two right
lanes of the highway onto
the grass shoulder, where it
rolled onto its roof and hit a
tree, rear end first.

Neither of the teens in
the back seat was wearing a
seat belt. Moulton suffered
serious spinal injuries that
left her paralyzed from the
chest down. Sinapi suffered
serious internal and back
injuries, according to the
state police.

Arango and the front-seat
passenger, 20-year-old Jose
Diaz, were treated for minor
injuries and released from
the hospital. Diaz was the
only person wearing a seat
belt. Arango pleaded guilty
to two counts of driving to
endanger resulting in serious

bodily injury and one count
of driving under the influ-
ence. He was sentenced to
serve two years in prison.

In the aftermath, Moulton
sued Twin River; UTGR,
the holding company that
owns Twin River; Arango;
and more than a half-dozen
entities, including insur-
ers. Moulton accuses the
casino of negligently serv-
ing Arango alcohol while he
was under age 21 and visibly
intoxicated.

Now in a wheelchair and
a mother of two young chil-
dren, Moulton observed
much of the five-week trial
before Judge William E.
Carnes Jr.

"This will remarkably,
positively change her life,
partly because she got jus-
tice," said Mark S. Mandell,
who represented Moulton
with his son Zachary and
wife Yvette Boisclair.

Asked about Arango's role
in the crash, Mandell said,
"He should not have been
served. He was an 18-year-
old man."

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