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JOSEPH KENNEDY III



He was driving vehicle

PAMELA KELLEY Partially paralyzed

## **Kennedy Accident** -- Huge Settlement

Boston

Pamela Kelley, who has been paralyzed from the chest down since her injury two years ago when an open vehicle driven by a son of the late Robert F. Kennedy overturned, has received a \$1 million insurance settlement.

The bulk of the settlement and a new home in Barnstable near the Kennedy compound are in a trust fund managed by her father, Francis H. Kelley. She is the sole beneficiary.

Miss Kelley, now 20, was injured in August, 1973, when the vehicle, driven by Joseph P. Kennedy III, overturned on a back road on Nantucket.

Kennedy was convicted of negligent driving and fined \$100. The settlement by insurance companies for the Kennedy family was reached about a year ago but its de-tails had not been known until yesterday.

Miss Kelley said all her hospital bills were paid by the insurance companies

and she received a lump sum.

Charles J. Kickham Jr. of Brookline, an attorney for the Kelley family, said yesterday. "It was a pretty rapid settlement. There was intelligent negotiation on both sides. Except for the Kennedy name, it was not handled in an unusual way."

Miss Kelley said she will enter Boston University this fall. She said she has to bitterness against the Kennedy family.

"They're my friends. love them. I love them all," she said. She said she has become closer friends with Joseph since the accident and looks forward to seeing him this summer.

She said she has a boyfriend and has been assured she will be able to bear children.

She said she never will be able to accept her confinement to a wheel chair but "You can have a good time. You can have a happy life.'

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