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[1] Q Was it just Honda vehicles or was it a  
[2] certain type of seat belt that you read about?  
[3] **A I don't recall. I don't remember much**  
[4] **about it.**  
[5] Q Do you know whether the seat belt in  
[6] Mary's vehicle fell within the scope of what you'd  
[7] read about in the paper?  
[8] **A No. I think it was real close but I don't**  
[9] **know for sure.**  
[10] Q Well, Mary's filed a lawsuit against my  
[11] client alleging that the driver's seat belt in her  
[12] vehicle was defective and failed to work properly in  
[13] this accident.  
[14] Do you, Mr. Johnston, have any testimony  
[15] that would support the allegation Mary Jones has  
[16] made against Honda in connection with her seat belt?  
[17] **A I don't think I do, no.**  
[18] Q Have you spoke to anyone who told you they  
[19] thought the seat belt failed to work properly?  
[20] **A Not that I can think of.**  
[21] Q Did you hear anyone at the hospital say  
[22] that they believed the seat belt failed to work  
[23] properly?  
[24] **A No.**  
[25] Q Have you ever heard anyone tell you that

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[1] **saying about it.**  
[2] Q Just that she had been wearing her seat  
[3] belt when the accident happened and after the  
[4] accident she wound up up in the dash board area?  
[5] **A Yes.**  
[6] Q And based on that she told you that she  
[7] believed her seat belt didn't function properly?  
[8] **A I would have to assume that's what she was**  
[9] **thinking. I don't know for sure. Supposed to keep you**  
[10] **in the seat.**  
[11] Q I understand from your wife's testimony  
[12] that after Mary got out of the hospital she came to  
[13] live with you temporarily?  
[14] **A Yes.**  
[15] Q How long did she stay with you?  
[16] **A About three months, I think.**  
[17] Q During that three months who was primarily  
[18] taking care of Mary?  
[19] **A My wife Denise.**  
[20] Q Did you have to hire any nurses or help to  
[21] assist you in taking care of Mary during that three  
[22] months?  
[23] **A No. Denise did everything.**  
[24] Q Did you charge Mary for that care during  
[25] the three months?

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[1] the seat belt failed to work properly?  
[2] **A Mary.**  
[3] Q Other than what Mary has told you, have  
[4] you heard any information regarding the seat belt?  
[5] **A No, not that I can recall anybody has said**  
[6] **anything to me about it.**  
[7] Q That's my fault. You and I can't talk at  
[8] the same time. Because we'll drive the court reporter  
[9] crazy. That's a fact.  
[10] When you looked at Mary's Honda in the  
[11] days after the accident, did you look at the driver's  
[12] seat belt?  
[13] **A I can't specifically remember looking at**  
[14] **it.**  
[15] Q Do you recall whether the driver's seat  
[16] belt had been cut when you looked at the vehicle?  
[17] **A No. I don't remember looking at it**  
[18] **specifically.**  
[19] Q You mentioned a few moments ago that Mary  
[20] has spoken to you about her seat belt, what has Mary  
[21] told you regarding the driver's seat belt in her  
[22] Honda?  
[23] **A I believe she mentioned to me that she**  
[24] **wound up up on the dash. But she knows she was**  
[25] **wearing a seat belt. That's about all I recall her**

[1] **A No.**  
[2] Q Just a friendly gesture that you and Denise  
[3] did for Mary?  
[4] **A Yes.**  
[5] Q When was the last time you saw Mary?  
[6] **A I think it was June of last year at my**  
[7] **grandson's birthday or I seen her in June -- May or**  
[8] **June at my son's girlfriend's graduation.**  
[9] Q Describe for the jury how Mary was getting  
[10] along in her recuperation when you saw her in June of  
[11] '99?  
[12] **A She seemed -- she seemed okay. She seemed**  
[13] **pretty much -- she was definitely a lot better than**  
[14] **when the accident happened.**  
[15] Q But that was approximately five years after  
[16] the accident had happened?  
[17] **A Yeah.**  
[18] Q Did Mary still have any injuries or  
[19] conditions that were related to the accident when you  
[20] saw her in June of '99?  
[21] **A Not that I know of or not that she**  
[22] **complained about.**  
[23] Q As far as you could see she appeared to be  
[24] fully recuperated?  
[25] **A She seemed to be in good health. But,**