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## ***Telecom tower climber gets \$30M settlement in fall suit***

A telecommunications tower climber who suffered severe injuries when a ladder rung dislodged and sent him hurtling 50 feet to the ground has reached a settlement with AT&T and others for \$30 million.

The June 2013 fall in Allentown, Pennsylvania, left then-23-year-old Thomas Jeglum in a coma for months with multiple fractures to his pelvis, spine, arm and legs. His lawyer says Jeglum has a permanent, traumatic brain injury and remains in a full-time rehabilitation facility in California.

**Shanin Specter**, of Philadelphia-based firm Kline & Specter, says Jeglum's family is "gratified" they can now "provide for first-class care for the rest of his life."

He has a wife and two children.

AT&T says it's focused on worker safety and is glad the case against one of its vendors has been resolved.