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Wuthrich v. King County

Supreme Court of Washington, En Banc - January 28, 2016 - P.3d - 2016 WL 348070

Motorcyclist who was injured by motorist who pulled out in front of him at an intersection brought action against County, alleging that County was liable for his injuries because overgrown blackberry bushes obstructed motorist's view of traffic at the intersection. The Superior Court entered summary judgment in County's favor. The Court of Appeals affirmed. Motorcyclist's petition for review was granted.

The Supreme Court of Washington held that:

- Factual dispute as to whether County breached its duty to provide reasonably safe roads precluded summary judgment, abrogating *Rathbun v. Stevens County*, 46 Wash.2d 352, 281 P.2d 853, *Bradshaw v. City of Seattle*, 43 Wash.2d 766, 264 P.2d 265, and *Barton v. King County*, 18 Wash.2d 573, 139 P.2d 1019, and
- Factual dispute as to whether County's alleged breach proximately caused motorcyclist's injuries precluded summary judgment.