

KWORCC Select Claims Report

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Claim Summary – Reserve Advisory

Employer:	Bourbon County	Date of Injury:	09/21/2022
Claim No.:	22894822	Job Description:	Deputy Sheriff
Employee Age:	48	Updated:	1/21/2023
AWW:	815.93	TTD Rate:	543.98
Attorneys:	N/A	Employer:	N/A

Adjuster: Amanda Chamberland

	Medical	Indemnity	Rehabilitation	Legal	Expense	Total
Reserves:	\$ 29,500.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 43,800.00
Amount Paid:	\$ 727.72	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 273.15	\$ 1,000.87
Outstanding:	\$ 28,772.28	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 5,426.85	\$ 42,799.13

Accident Description / Nature of Injury:

- The employee conducted a search warrant in multiple hotel rooms looking under several beds in a crawling position. As he stood up he felt a pull in his right knee.

Investigation / Compensability:

- The employee was in the course and scope of his employment and the mechanism is accepted as compensable.

Medical Management:

- The employee was referred to Dr. Grantham at Mercy Ortho Four States. The employee's MRI was read to show an intact right knee meniscus and ligaments. The orthopedic provider feels there is in fact a horizontal cleavage tear of the meniscus not showing on the MRI or a plica injury. The provider recommended a right knee arthroscopic plica resection versus a partial medial meniscectomy. The provider indicated that if the arthroscopy locates a tear, it would be consistent with the mechanism and acute, but if the arthroscopy locates only a plica injury it appears to be pre-existing. The meniscus repair surgery was authorized with notice to the provider that any pre-existing or aggravation of the same would be separated as deniable.

Periods of Disability:

- The employee is not expected to lose any work after the surgery as the employer is able to accommodate him.

Permanent Partial Impairment / Permanent Disability:

- An impairment of 7% is expected for the knee injury and the file is reserved for the same.

Subrogation / Other Issues:

- N/A

Plan of Action:

- I will review the operative report to ensure only the covered procedure is billed under worker's compensation
- Once the surgery is done, I will help the employee to participate in a post-operative therapy program
- Once the claimant is at MMI I will request a rating and attempt to settle the claim, full and final



Claim Summary – Reserve Advisory

Employer:	Mitchell County	Date of Injury:	10/27/2022
Claim No.:	22896704	Job Description:	Public Works Foreman
Employee Age:	59	Updated:	1/12/2023
AWW:	1,123.82	TTD Rate:	749.25
Attorneys:	N/A	Employer:	N/A

Adjuster: Amanda Chamberland

	Medical	Indemnity	Rehabilitation	Legal	Expense	Total
Reserves:	\$ 31,750.00	\$ 14,797.68	\$ 0.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 52,347.68
Amount Paid:	\$ 2,513.68	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 180.72	\$ 2,694.40
Outstanding:	\$ 29,236.32	\$ 14,797.68	\$ 0.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 5,019.28	\$ 49,653.28

Accident Description / Nature of Injury:

- While trying to spin a loaded pallet on a flatbed truck, the employee stood on a 2 x 12. The 2 x 12 kicked out from underneath him and he fell backwards to the ground injuring his right shoulder.

Investigation / Compensability:

- There is no indication of pre-existing complaints or injuries to the same shoulder before this event, the claim is accepted as compensable.

Medical Management:

- An MRI was taken showing a probable tear of the glenoid labrum. A referral was made to Dr. McAtee with Orthopedic and Sports Medicine. The employee limited his activities and completed physical therapy yet continued to experience intermittent sharp pain in the shoulder and popping with activity. Dr. McAtee requested a right shoulder arthroscopy with labral debridement and possible biceps tenodesis. This is scheduled for Mid-January.

Periods of Disability:

- The employee is expected to miss less than two weeks of work as he will be able to modify his work duties in a supervisory role.

Permanent Partial Impairment / Permanent Disability:

- The claimant is expected to receive a PPI rating of 7% and the file is reserved for the same.

Subrogation / Other Issues:

- N/A

Plan of Action:

- I will work with the employee and employer to return claimant to a light duty position post-surgery
- I will assist in setting up a physical therapy program for post-operative rehab
- Once the claimant is at MMI I will request a rating report and attempt to settle his claim, full and final



Claim Summary – Reserve Advisory

Employer:	Reno County	Date of Injury:	12/14/2022
Claim No.:	22899147	Job Description:	Former Public Works Foreman
Employee Age:	38	Updated:	1/12/223
AWW:	814.36	TTD Rate:	542.93
Attorneys:	N/A	Employer:	N/A
Adjuster:	Amanda Chamberland		

	Medical	Indemnity	Rehabilitation	Legal	Expense	Total
Reserves:	\$ 26,200.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 50,300.00
Amount Paid:	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 29.95	\$ 29.95
Outstanding:	\$ 26,200.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 3,470.05	\$ 50,270.05

Accident Description / Nature of Injury:

- While inspecting the underside of a road widener the employee placed his hand in between the truck and the widening chute. The equipment shifted due to the steep ditch it was parked on causing his left hand to be caught in between the two. His left-hand fingers were smashed and two partially amputated.

Investigation / Compensability:

- This was an acute witnessed event and is accepted as compensable at this time.

Medical Management:

- Emergency care was sought at Hutchinson Hospital. I directed the staff to utilize Advanced Orthopedics for a hand surgeon. The Hospital referred the employee to travel to a local clinic instead. The orthopedic provider, Dr. Goin recommended a left index and middle finger revision amputation and debridement. Due to the pain the employee was in and the exposed bones the default surgeon was allowed to proceed. The procedure has since been performed. He is following up on an outpatient basis to ensure healing as expected. He also suffered injury to the long finger which is treated non-surgically.

Periods of Disability:

- The employee was scheduled to begin a new job prior to the event. He was able to start the new job with no TTD owed immediately following the surgery.

Permanent Partial Impairment / Permanent Disability:

- A general settlement is anticipated for factors to include partial amputations to multiple fingers on the dominant hand of approximately \$20,000, the file is reserved for the same.

Subrogation / Other Issues:

- Equipment malfunction and/or defect was investigated. The employee, also the supervisor, maintains the machine worked as intended and that there were no missing hand guards, etc. It is believed the machine shifted due to the ditch it was parked on and therefore there is no subrogation at this time.

Plan of Action:

- I will closely monitor the employee's healing
- If there is delay in healing a second opinion with the original intended provider's office will be scheduled
- I will work with the employee to ensure he is able to use the hand functionally
- Once the claimant is at MMI we will discuss possible settlement options to resolve his file.