

APPEAL NO. 030398
FILED MARCH 13, 2003

This appeal arises pursuant to the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, TEX. LAB. CODE ANN. § 401.001 *et seq.* (1989 Act). A contested case hearing was held on January 21, 2003. The hearing officer determined that the compensable injury sustained by the respondent (claimant) on _____, extends to and includes injuries to the cervical and lumbar portions of the spine in the form of sprains/strains. The appellant (carrier) appeals this decision. The claimant urges affirmance.

DECISION

Affirmed.

Whether the _____, compensable injury includes cervical and lumbar sprains/strains was a factual question for the hearing officer to resolve. Conflicting evidence was presented at the hearing on the disputed issue in this case. The hearing officer is the sole judge of the weight and credibility of the evidence. Section 410.165(a). As the finder of fact, the hearing officer resolves the conflicts in the evidence and determines what facts have been established from the evidence presented. Nothing in our review of the record indicates that the hearing officer's extent-of-injury determination is so against the great weight and preponderance of the evidence as to be clearly wrong or manifestly unjust. Cain v. Bain, 709 S.W.2d 175, 176 (Tex. 1986).

The hearing officer's decision and order is affirmed.

The true corporate name of insurance carrier is **SECURITY NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY** and the name and address of its registered agent for service of process is

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10000 NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY
DALLAS, TEXAS 75265.**

Chris Cowan
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

Thomas A. Knapp
Appeals Judge

Roy L. Warren
Appeals Judge