

## 5 From United Parcel Sue For Injuries

SEATTLE - Trial is under way in federal court here in a lawsuit filed by five United Parcel Service (UPS) workers who contend that they suffered repetitive-stress injuries from using a hand-held package-tracking device.

It is the first of four such lawsuits filed by UPS workers around the country, involving about 40 plaintiffs nationwide.

Corrie Yackulic, the lawyer representing the five workers here, said a victory in U.S. District Court in Seattle could result in a new wave of damage claims from UPS workers.

The five workers contend that they have been harmed by the use of a "driver information acquisition device" or DIAD, which drivers started using in 1990 to track packages.

UPS lawyer Scott Seablom counters that UPS has switched to a lighter model of the DIAD and that none of the Seattle-area drivers used the model in question.