

Jury gives painter, wife \$2.76M for injury in fall

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A Queens Supreme Court jury has awarded a Concord painter and his wife \$2,764,260 in damages for an injury he suffered in a fall at Shea Stadium four years ago.

The plaintiff, Ramon Agrello, was awarded \$2,464,260 for a crushed heel that has prevented him from working since the accident on Feb. 27, 1987. The heel had to be rehabilitated, said his lawyers, the firm of Chelli & Bush.

Agrello's wife, Maria, was awarded \$300,000 for loss of her husband's services.

The jury announced its verdict Thursday following a trial before Justice Leonard Price. The plain-

tiffs won a summary judgment as to liability in June 1990 in which two defendants, the city and DSI Renovations Inc. of Queens, were held equally to blame for the accident.

The defendants brought a third-party complaint against Agrello's employer, Belt Painting Corp., in an effort to have it held responsible for any damages that they might be assessed.

Agrello was injured when a scaffold on which he was painting a stadium wall collapsed. He contended the rope from which the scaffold was suspended had been improperly tied.