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23 yrs. later, 9 mil redress

A Bronx jury yesterday handed \$9.5 million to a man for the head injuries he got at birth 23 years ago.

John O'Donnell Jr. has permanent brain damage from a forceps procedure at Misericordia Hospital in 1970, said his attorney, Thomas Moore.

But the doctor, Peter Mancuso, and the hospital — now Our Lady of Mercy Medical Center — kept their mistakes a secret until the court case in 1986, Moore said.

O'Donnell was deprived of oxygen in the womb for hours before Mancuso realized something was wrong — and Mancuso used forceps to pull the baby out when he should have performed an emergency Caesarean section, Moore said.

—David L. Lewis