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Man awarded \$3 million

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A Supreme Court jury in New York has awarded a 40-year-old Rahway man more than \$3 million in damages for serious injuries suffered after he tripped over a loose tile at work.

Marvin Charney, a retired design technician for Con Edison in New York, asked for \$2.2 million from the utility after the accident resulted in a herniated disk that had to be removed. The accident also damaged a part of his brain that caused permanent visual impairment in both eyes.

The incident happened Jan. 22, 1982, when Charney was walking to answer a phone in one of the Con Ed offices.

Charney's wife, Marie, also asked for \$200,000 for the loss of her husband's services due to the mishap. And after the summation by Charney's attorneys added further losses to the \$2.2 million request, the jury decided the owner of the building, not Con Edison, was responsible for the accident and should pay \$3,088,500 to Charney and his wife.

The owner of the Staten Island building where Con Edison leased two floors is the Allied St. George Co. of Queens.

According to Charney's attorney, Thomas A. Moore of Manhattan, it was decided Allied as landlord of the building was responsible for the accident since it had failed to repair the tile.