

Trumbull doctor ordered to pay \$25 million for alleged malpractice

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BRIDGEPORT - A young Ansonia woman who lost her left leg as a result of alleged medical malpractice, was awarded nearly \$25 million Friday in a suit against a Trumbull doctor.

The six-member Superior Court jury deliberated for about four hours before finding that Dr. **Marsel Huribal and Southern Connecticut Vascular Center** were negligent in their treatment of 18-year-old **Virginia Schneider**.

Huribal could not be reached for comment.

Schneider, now 23, had previously settled a lawsuit against **Griffin Hospital** for an undisclosed amount.

Her lawyer, **Joshua Koskoff**, did not immediately comment on the lawsuit.

In November 2009, Schneider was examined by Dr. Huribal for pain in her left leg, according to the lawsuit. However, the suits states, the doctor did not properly diagnose that the woman was suffering from a blood clot.

As the pain became worse, the suit states, Schneider went to Griffin Hospital, where emergency physicians also did not properly diagnose her problem and sent her home. Schneider was not properly treated for the clot in a timely manner, resulting in the loss of circulation in the leg, requiring it to be amputated, the suit states.

During the month-long trial before Judge **Dale Radcliffe**, Huribal's lawyers had refused to settle the case for \$1 million.

