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ROZ ABRAMS, ANCHOR: An Iraqi man shot in the face for helping the US military in Baghdad is now in America. Doctors in our area are volunteering to reconstruct his face. CBS 2's Dr. David Marks has details.

DR. DAVID MARKS, REPORTER: For Iraqi-born Uday, the scars of war run deep. To protect his wife and kids back home, we can't tell you his last name, but we can share his story. Shortly, after the American invasion into Baghdad, Uday worked for the US military as a translator. That upset one Saddam loyalist enough to point a gun at his face.

UDAY: I put my arms like this, and he shoot me.

DR. MARKS: The bullet ripped through his arm and into his face. American soldiers took him to a hospital in Kuwait. That's where he met Elissa Montanti. She was there bringing injured Iraqi children back to the states.

ELISSA MONTANTI: He helped us. He helped America. So it was only right, only fair, it was the right thing to do was to try to seek help for this man.

DR. MARKS: Two years later she found it when a New York hospital agreed to perform reconstructive surgery on Uday for free. Elissa then spent her own money to bring him over. North Shore University Hospital's Dr. Thomas Davenport says Uday will undergo three separate procedures.

DR. THOMAS DAVENPORT, NORTH SHORE/LIJ HEALTH SYSTEM: We'll need to reconstruct his entire lower eyelid, his entire right cheek and

then also revise the skin over that area.