



## **Windsor Man Intends To Sue Enfield Over Police Brutality Claim**

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ENFIELD – A Windsor man who alleges he was the victim of excessive force during an April arrest intends to sue the town.

Mark Maher's attorney, A. Paul Spinella, filed notice of the intent to sue due to "personal injuries, including but not limited to, injury to left limb; eye damage; emotional distress and psychological pain and suffering."

Spinella also has filed a request with the police department to preserve evidence, including two video recordings from police cruisers that responded to reports of suspicious activity on April 1.

Maher has also filed a brutality complaint against K-9 officer Matthew Worden, claiming the officer struck him in the face. Worden has since been placed on paid administrative leave.

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Maher was charged with resisting arrest. His next court date is Aug. 18 when a judge is expected to address a motion to have the charges dismissed.

Enfield police requested a warrant for Worden's arrest after Lt. Lawrence Curtis concluded Worden's punching of Maher was "neither necessary nor needed."

Hartford State's Attorney Gail Hardy rejected the arrest warrant application late last week, concluding that although Worden's actions might violate police department rules they did not rise to the level of criminal prosecution.

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