

Chicago Police Hit With \$2M In Punitives For Excessive Force

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Kentin Waits was wrong to squirt water at a Chicago traffic officer, admits his lawyer, Jon C. Loevy.

But Loevy doesn't think that justified Waits' being arrested, handcuffed and slapped around by Chicago police the next day, and then left in a cell for nearly 22 hours without explanation.

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And, after three days of deliberation, on Nov. 1 a federal jury in Chicago agreed with Loevy, awarding his client \$15,000 in compensatory damages and \$2 million in punitives in his excessive force suit.

Waits, who is gay, alleged the police called him a "faggot" during the beat-

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Chicago police were hit with a \$2 million verdict for beating up a man who squirted water at a city traffic cop.