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Paralyzed Markham man sues Hammond and four officers

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HAMMOND | A Markham man who is paralyzed from the waist down is suing the city of Hammond

and four police officers after he was maced and shocked with a Taser while visiting a hospital patient, federal court records state.

Frederick Shields, 47, who uses a wheelchair, contends he was meeting with family and friends outside

the Hammond hospital last February when he was subdued by police and arrested on charges of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

During the arrest, Officer Adam Clark pressed the Taser gun to Shields' chest and shocked him,

and shortly afterward Officer Rachel Miller sprayed him with mace, in view of a half dozen people at the scene, court records allege.

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