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Lawsuit accuses

Customs of profiling

A Chicago woman filed suit Tuesday against the U.S. Customs Service, alleging that two agents detained her at O'Hare International Airport because she is black.

Ada Darlington, 42, a U.S. resident, said in the federal suit that she was held from 1:30 to 10 a.m. on April 13, 2004, after flying home from visiting her family in Jamaica, where she is a citizen.

During her detention, Darlington said, she was taken to Resurrection Medical Center, where she was handcuffed to a gurney and forced to submit to an X-ray.

"There's absolutely no explanation for this, other than that they were profiling her," said her attorney, Jon Loevy.

Darlington, who is a longtime employee of the Illinois Department of Mental Health, described herself as an African-American in the suit.

A spokeswoman for the Customs Service declined to comment, citing the agency's policy not to discuss pending litigation.