

City pays \$5 million in police shooting



Ware

Cops maintain that paraplegic had gun

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The family of a paraplegic man who allegedly he was wrongfully shot by Chicago police officers during a 2003 traffic stop have settled a lawsuit against the city for more than \$5 million after a federal jury found in their favor.

Cornelius Ware had been pulled over in front of his home in the 8400 block of South Loomis Boulevard by a group of plainclothes officers who ordered him out of his car. But Ware, 20, paralyzed from the waist down from another shooting, was unable to get out.

What happened next that August evening has been in dispute.



Tribune photo by Nancy Stone

Tammy Grant, mother of shooting victim Cornelius Ware, listens as attorney Jon Loevy talks about the settlement.

Police said they saw Ware with a gun, and an officer fired into his car, mortally wounding him. Lawyers for his family said an unarmed Ware was shot six times—in the back of both hands, in the back, in the

head, in the thigh and in the face—and that a gun was planted in the car to justify it.

Ware died less than three weeks later.

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