

RIVERSIDE: Wrongful-death claim filed in fatal shooting by officer

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The mother of a man who Riverside police shot to death in Arlington Park on Dec. 31, 2013, is seeking at least \$25,000 from the city.

Taffy Hayes, mother of Dontae Daveon Lewis Hayes, has filed a claim for damages with the city that alleges wrongful death and violation of civil rights.

Officer Nathan Asbury was trying to arrest Hayes on a felony warrant when the shooting happened, Riverside Assistant Police Chief Chris Vicino told the Community Police Review Commission in January. As Asbury began to handcuff Hayes, Hayes put his left hand behind his back, but then used his free right hand to pull a .45-caliber gun from his waistband.

Hayes fired, but Asbury ducked. Asbury then fired three times at Hayes, hitting him three times and killing him, Vicino said.

Taffy Hayes is represented by William Rehwald, of Woodland Hills-based Rehwald Glasner & Chaleff.

According to a friend of Hayes who witnessed the incident, Hayes never fired a gun, Rehwald said.