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EXCLUSIVE: Family of Bronx man who died after double Taserings by NYPD files \$10M lawsuit

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Ariel Galarza, 49, was zapped twice by NYPD Sgt. William Melrose on Nov. 2 at his Mayflower Ave. home, went into cardiac arrest and later died at the hospital.

(FACEBOOK)

“The notice of claim filed against the city and the NYPD is based on the negligence, carelessness and recklessness of the NYPD and Sgt. William Melrose and other members of the NYPD in causing his wrongful death, including his (being) Tasered twice in violation of the NYPD Patrol Guide,” said family attorney Sanford Rubenstein.

The autopsy remains under investigation, according to the city medical examiner’s office.

Mildred Galarza, who was named as administrator of her brother’s estate, blames the “negligence and carelessness of the City of New York in failing to implement an appropriate system for dispatching officers to handle situations involving emotionally disturbed persons,” according to the notice of claim. “I want justice for my brother,” she added.

Melrose is currently on active duty, a police spokesman said Monday. The NYPD declined to comment on the incident or the notice of claim.

Follow-Up Article:

Man who died after cops tased him was high on coke, bath salts

By [Tina Moore – NY POST](#)

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The death of a Bronx man [who was Tased by cops](#) in November was ruled a homicide — and he was high on cocaine and an ingredient found in bath salts, officials said Wednesday.

Ariel Galarza, 49, was shocked twice by Sgt. William Melrose on Nov. 2 after he and three other cops responded to a report of an emotionally disturbed person with a knife at a Pelham Bay apartment.

“The manner of death in this case means that death resulted in whole or in part from the actions of another person or persons and not primarily from natural causes such as disease,” Medical Examiner’s Office spokeswoman Julie Bolcer said.

The cause of Galarza’s death was “cardiac arrest following physical exertion, restraint and use of conducted electrical weapon in an individual with hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease, acute drug intoxication (cocaine and n-ethylpentylone) and obesity,” Bolcer said.

N-ethylpentylone is the most common ingredient in bath salts.

Police said Galarza had threatened the officers with a bottle, when the sergeant used his Taser. The sergeant shocked him a second time when he struggled while being cuffed, cops said. Galarza went into cardiac arrest and died later at a hospital.

Attorney General Eric Schneiderman’s office announced a few days later that [it was investigating the death](#) partly because Galarza was not armed with a deadly weapon. No knife was ever recovered.

Galarza’s family members, who have said he struggled with a learning disability, hired lawyer Sanford Rubenstein, who’s known for filing lawsuits against cops and the NYPD in high profile cases. He did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

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Man Tasered by police in East Perth has died

A man has died after he was allegedly Tasered by a police officer in East Perth on Friday. Police were responding to a robbery in Lord Street around 11.35am, when officers came across a man that needed medical attention.

The police officers who fatally Tasered a man were forced to give statements without a lawyer.

As officers helped the man he became aggressive and a police officer was injured. An officer then allegedly Tasered the man who became unresponsive.

Police examine the site outside Officeworks in East Perth, where the man was Tasered. The man was taken to Royal Perth Hospital and died a short time later.

Detectives from the Major Crime Squad and Internal Affairs Unit are investigating the the incident.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Originally published on [WA Today](#) as [Man Tasered by police in East Perth has died](#).

Follow-Up Article:

Police Taser death: video emerges of the frantic attempts to save a man in East Perth

Kate Campbell

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A 40-year-old man died after being Tasered by police in East Perth.

Confronting footage has emerged of police and paramedics trying to save a 40-year-old man, who despite their frantic attempts died after officers tasered him [during a struggle in East Perth](#) on Friday.

A witness filmed the immediate aftermath of the incident outside the Officeworks East Perth store on Friday morning on a mobile phone, with the footage showing a swarm of at least half-a-dozen police officers surrounding the man, who does not appear to be moving, and holding him down on the ground in the carpark.

Two tasers — one discharged and one unused — can be seen lying on the ground nearby. Tasers lie on the floor in the foreground as police struggle with a man who later died.

A police officer starts to pick them up before it appears another tells him not to.

In the footage, horrified bystanders watch as paramedics frantically perform CPR on the indigenous man before they rush him to Royal Perth Hospital across the road.

Police [have identified the dead man](#) but have not publicly released his name.

One witness has said that the man took a while to drop to the ground after being tasered. Customers in the carpark were sent back inside and the store was locked while the incident was occurring.

When customers were allowed to leave the shop, they walked out to shocking scenes of paramedics performing chest compressions, working to try to save the man's life.

The incident unfolded when police were called to the Lord Street store, responding to reports of a robbery.

A screen grab taken from vision showing police attending to a man on the ground outside of Officeworks in East Perth. The man allegedly tried to grab an officer's gun and repeatedly bit an officer on the arm while police were trying to subdue and restrain him.

Two policemen received treatment in hospital after being injured in the incident. Police say two officers were responding to a robbery at Officeworks on Lord Street in East Perth about 11.35am yesterday when they discovered a man who "required urgent medical assistance". The man later died in hospital.

Arriving about 11.35am, two officers discovered a man outside the store who was in need of "urgent medical assistance".

It is understood the man was experiencing some kind of psychosis and allegedly tried to grab an officer's gun and repeatedly bit an officer on the arm.

Another officer suffered cuts, scratches and bruises trying to restrain the man. Two officers required hospital treatment.

Police issued a plea yesterday for a man who visited the Perth Police Station about 1pm on Friday to come forward again.

It is understood he had information to assist in the investigation

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A 55-year-old man died Thursday morning after police fired a Taser at him during a confrontation in North Philadelphia.

Commissioner Richard Ross said an officer fired the Taser because the man had grabbed a female officer by her hair and neck while she was in her patrol car.

Ross said that hospital staff later reported the Taser prongs did not penetrate the man's skin, but that he still might have experienced a shock. A cause of death was still being determined. Police did not identify the man.

According to Ross, a witness told police that around 4:50 a.m. she saw the man jumping on a car stopped on 10th Street near Poplar Street and repeatedly screaming, "Help me, Jesus!" Police later determined the vehicle — a red Chevrolet pickup truck — was registered to the man, Ross said.

When police responded a few minutes later, Ross said, **the man approached the patrol car and grabbed a female officer by the hair and neck before she was able to get out.** Another officer fired a Taser at the man to stop the struggle, Ross said.

After the man collapsed, an officer — believing the man might have overdosed on drugs — administered naloxone, Ross said.

Ross was not certain whether the man had taken heroin, the drug for which naloxone is often used as an antidote. Serious side effects of naloxone are rare, even if mistakenly administered to someone who had not used an opioid.

Medics treated the man at the scene and took him to Hahnemann University Hospital, where he was declared dead at 5:46 a.m., police said.

Few residents near the scene were eager to talk Thursday morning, and many said they were asleep at the time of the incident. Around noon, the pickup truck was still in the middle of 10th Street, cordoned off by yellow police tape.

Under standard procedures, the Homicide Unit and Internal Affairs Unit will investigate the incident.

The Medical Examiner's Office is expected to conduct an autopsy.

The female officer suffered minor injuries, police said.

Follow-Up Article:

By Sarah Bloomquist

Thursday, January 19, 2017

NORTH PHILADELPHIA (WPVI) --

A 55-year-old man has died following a bizarre and seemingly chaotic incident involving police officers in North Philadelphia.

The incident happened around 5 a.m. Thursday on the 900 block of Poplar Street.

Police were responding to a 911 call for a person screaming.

Arriving officers found the man jumping up and down on his red pickup truck while screaming.

An officer approached him.

Police say that's when the man jumped off the truck and went to the driver's side of the patrol car, reached inside an open window, and grabbed a female officer by her neck and hair.

There was a struggle and an officer struck the man with a baton. Another officer tasered him. Finally, they got him to the ground and got him handcuffed - then noticed he was unresponsive.

Thinking he might be overdosing, the officers administered a dose of Narcan.

Medics rushed him to Hahnemann University Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

"Stuff happens in this neighborhood all the time but for that, something like that. It's just, it's unfortunate," said Summer Woods of North Philadelphia.

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Hospital staff determined the taser never penetrated the suspect's clothing or skin, so it's unlikely the cause of his death.

Internal affairs is investigating the incident.

Action News is told an autopsy is likely to be completed Friday to determine a cause of death.

One officer suffered minor injuries.

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