

Police board, SIU, chief sued by cop for \$30 million

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The SIU and its investigators knew there was no evidence to warrant a criminal charge, the suit alleges. As a result of the defendant's conduct, Wiche suffered mental pain, suffering, extreme anxiety, fear, depression and trauma, according to the claim.

The suit alleges Wiche was given up to face intense media scrutiny on his own; that he was subjected to unfair allegations and slurs by the family of the deceased and their supporters; and that the SIU deliberately delayed the investigation to pressure Wiche to present himself for inter-

rogation.

Faraz Suleman, 16, was shot dead by Wiche on Trafford Cr. on June 19, 1996. Suleman was driving a stolen Jeep Cherokee.

When he stopped Wiche got out of his cruiser and stationed himself in front of the Jeep. Suleman accelerated, hitting Wiche, who has maintained the gun discharged upon impact with the Jeep. Six months later the SIU charged Wiche with manslaughter.

In June 1997, the preliminary hearing began at Newmarket Courthouse.

During the morning break Wiche was attacked by a youth. He was stabbed four times in the neck and shoulder, one of the wounds nicking an artery. Two months later Wiche was cleared of the manslaughter charge.

Suleman's mother, Shaheen Kamadia, is suing Wiche for \$3 million claiming the wrongful death of her son.

Wiche is suing York Regional Police, the police services board, former Chief Bryan Cousineau, acting Chief Peter Scott, the youth and the youth's parents for \$6 million, claiming lax security at the courthouse was a contributing factor in the stabbing.

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