Suit filed against Army in drug death

NEW YORK (AP) — The daughter of former tennis pro Harold Blauer says she has filed a \$8.5-million claim against the Army for the "wrongful death" of her father in a hallucinogenic drug experiment.

Last month, the Army said Blauer died in January 1953 "in the course of a drug test administered under an Army contract by the New York State Psychiatric Institute where Blauer was a patient." The drug was a mescaline derivative, the Army said

Wednesday at a news conference, Elizabeth Barrett, Blauer's daughter, presented what she said was declassified information from the Army's file on her father indicating that he was injected with three different drugs and suffered slight to violent reactions each time.

She said that according to the file, her father, then 42 did not consent to the drug injections and was "not a willing participant" in the experiment.

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