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Rap Brown Files Damage Suit

NEW YORK (AP)—Black militant H. Rap Brown filed federal court suits seeking \$8 million in damages Wednesday, an outgrowth of his arrest on charges of attempting to murder a policeman.

Brown was scheduled to go to trial Thursday with three other defendants accused of taking part in a shootout with police following the Oct. 16, 1971, robbery of the Red Carpet Lounge, a West Side bar. Two policemen were wounded and Brown, 30, was shot and captured on a

rooftop after the holdup.

His lawyer, William Kunstler, filed a \$3 million damage suit against Police commissioner Patrick V. Murphy and the policeman who shot Brown, Ralph Manetta. The complaint accused the Police Department of failure to screen its officers for "attitudes dangerously hostile to minority group criminal suspects."

A second suit for \$5 million damages was filed against New York Magazine, for an Oct. 23, 1972, article on Manetta, en-

titled "The Man Who Shot Rap Brown." The author was a former deputy police commissioner, Robert Daley.

The complaint accused the magazine of ignoring requests from the district attorney's office to refrain from pre-trial publicity in the case, and called upon the magazine to admit that the article contained "significant falsehoods and-or total distortions of truth."

Daley was named a defendant in this suit, along with the magazine.