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Slaying Case Cop Sued in May Incident

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Patrolman Richard Lewis—whose actions are now under investigation in the shooting death of a Hunters Point man — was sued for \$250,000 here yesterday.

The Superior Court lawsuit was filed by John Gregory Miller, a 25-year-old Vietnam veteran.

Miller's attorney, Joe R. McCray of 228 McAllister street, said the leather craftsman was permanently injured by the policeman, who beat him repeatedly with a riot stick.

The incident occurred on May 5 at Sansome and California streets, McCray said.

San Francisco police quelled an anti-Vietnam disturbance that day in the Montgomery street area. McCray, however, insisted that, "if there was a riot, it wasn't at Sansome and California streets."

Miller, according to his lawyer, was handing out anti-Vietnam war leaflets when Lewis attacked him.

The craftsman was cleared by a jury in mid-August of assaulting a police officer and two other charges in the May 5 incident, the attorney added. Although he was convicted of resisting arrest, that conviction is currently being appealed.

The lawsuit also asks the court to order immediate dismissal of Lewis and his superior, Police Sergeant Edward Epting, for misconduct, and expungement of Miller's San Francisco arrest record.

Lewis' fatal shooting of Clarence Johnson Jr. on October 5 is now under investigation both by the San Francisco Police Department and the FBI.