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Rosenberg Police Department Sued for Excessive Force, Illegal Search and Seizure, and Disability-Based Discrimination

Rosenberg, TX - The National Police Accountability Project (NPAP) is filing a case against the City of Rosenberg, TX, the Rosenberg Police Department (RPD), and five officers responsible for the illegal and violent detention, search, and arrest of Michael Lewis, 67, and Regina Armstead, 57.

In November 2020, RPD officers incorrectly identified Mr. Lewis and Ms. Armstead as a group of Black teenagers suspected of fleeing an alleged assault, even though Plaintiffs are senior citizens and do not remotely match the description of the teen suspects.

RPD officers detained elderly Plaintiffs at gunpoint, handcuffed them, searched the entirety of their vehicle, confiscated their property, and destroyed their property, which included a life-saving medical device for Mr. Lewis. Upon arrest, Ms. Armstead informed officers that Mr. Lewis is a dialysis patient and cannot have tight items around his arm or wrist. The officers ignored Mr. Lewis's concerns and handcuffed him anyway.

RPD has an extensive history of using unnecessary force to affect detentions and arrests, prolonging detentions without reasonable suspicion, conducting unreasonable searches, unjustifiably seizing property, and failing to accommodate medically vulnerable people with disabilities. In fact, they have been sued multiple times in the past for very similar conduct and there are dozens of civilian complaints alleging similar behavior.

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