



Legislation Text

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JARED G. WOLFFIS V. THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AND OFFICER CHARLES OWENS, IN HIS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY; COURT CASE NO. 1:14-CV-130 (B)

The City Commission authorize the City Attorney and/or special counsel if insurance coverage is available to represent the City of Gainesville and the individual officer in the case styled Jared G. Wolffis v. The City of Gainesville, Florida, a municipal corporation, and Officer Charles Owens, in his individual capacity; Court Case No. 1:14-CV-130.

On July 17, 2014, the City was served with a Summons and Complaint filed by Jared G. Wolffis. In 2010, Mr. Wolffis was a passenger in a vehicle stopped by GPD. After the vehicle was stopped, Mr. Wolffis fled the scene. A canine officer and canine tracked Mr. Wolffis to where he was hiding. During the course of the arrest Mr. Wolffis was bit by the police canine. Mr. Wolffis alleges that he is a victim of false arrest, excessive force, and malicious conduct. He claims to have suffered bodily harm, including permanent injuries to his body as well as psychological damages, pain and suffering, and medical expenses. Mr. Wolffis is seeking compensatory damages, and attorney's fees and costs.