

NYPD Needs to Justify Use of Both Mace and Taser on Unarmed Man Sitting in Car, New York Police Brutality Lawyer Says

A 26-year old security guard sitting in his parked car is maced and tasered by a New York police officer for talking back.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK – New Yorker Jonathan Zimmerman is suing the New York Police Department (NYPD), after he was maced and tasered by an officer for double parking his car. [New York police brutality](#) and [civil rights violation lawyer](#) David Perecman is following this alleged incident of [police brutality in New York](#).

[Racial profiling by New York police](#) appears evident in this case, as well.

According to the *New York Daily News*, Zimmerman, a 26-year-old security guard, was sitting in his car with a friend outside her home in Bedford-Stuyvesant. A uniformed NYPD officer approached the car and wrote him a ticket for allegedly being double-parked.

Zimmerman argued with the NYPD officer over the ticket and the officer ordered him out of the car. After Zimmerman refused to comply, the police officer allegedly pulled the keys out of the ignition and maced Zimmerman in the face while he was still sitting in his car.

Next, Zimmerman says he was zapped by the taser, pulled out of his car and tasered two more times. This alleged incident of police brutality left him with a “dime shaped” scar after hospital surgeons removed an inch-long taser barb from his back.

According to a spokesperson for the New York police "cops ordered Zimmerman to move his car but he instead talked back and had to be restrained."

“It doesn’t appear that the punishment fits the ‘crime.’ Police can use force if the situation calls for it. But in this case, it looks like the officer should have attempted to control the situation with more conversation first. After hearing this story, [use of excessive force by police](#) appears to be a valid claim,” said New York police brutality lawyer Perecman.

People should not be shot with a taser for arguing or talking back. This is an excessive use of force unless there is a weapon or an immediate threat of death or injury to the officer, the individual himself, or another person that cannot be diffused through less extreme measures.

A Civilian Complaint Review Board investigation has yet to yield any results so now Zimmerman is suing the city and the [NYPD for police brutality](#).

Zimmerman’s charges for resisting arrest and disorderly conduct were all dropped.

“Being that Zimmerman is African-American, racial profiling by New York police appears likely. Most people would be ticketed if they were indeed violating parking rules, but they would not be forced out of their cars by mace and taser simultaneously,” said Perecman, founder of the [police brutality law firm](#), The Perecman Firm.

“Whether the NYPD acted correctly or not, even the appearance of excessive use of force by police in New York does irreparable damage to their reputation. In this alleged police brutality case, the fact that mace and a taser were used on a person sitting in his car is not going to look good no matter how the story is told,” said Perecman, a [New York police brutality lawyer](#) for over 30 years.

About David Perecman and The Perecman Firm, PLLC:

For the past 30 years, the New York false arrest, excessive force by police, police negligence, and civil rights violation lawyers at The Perecman Firm, PLLC have handled all types of cases including civil rights violations. David Perecman, founder of the Firm, is a Board Director and the past Secretary and Treasurer of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association (NYSTLA) and a chair of its Labor Law Committee. Mr. Perecman's achievements have brought him recognition as an Honoree in the National Law Journal's Hall of Fame, in New York Magazine's "The Best Lawyers in America" and The New York Times Magazine "New York Super Lawyers, Metro Edition" for the years 2007-2010.

The Firm has recovered millions of dollars for its clients. Among the more recent victories, Mr. Perecman won a \$15 million verdict* for a construction accident, a \$5.35 million dollar verdict** for an automobile accident, and a and a \$40 million dollar structured settlement for medical malpractice****.

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** later settled for \$3.5 million

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