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## Richmond to pay \$1.5M in suit over police killing

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The city of Richmond has agreed to pay \$1.5 million to the family of a mentally ill man killed in a struggle with police in 2008, officials said Wednesday.

Uriah Dach, 26, died after being subdued by four Richmond police officers April 22, 2008, at a mental health center on the 3200 block of Florida Avenue.

Police were called to the center just after 3 a.m. after Dach allegedly threatened a woman living there. The 6-foot-3, 350-pound Dach was "out of control" and "highly agitated," officers said at the time. He also had a history of run-ins with police.

Four officers used pepper spray, shock weapons and batons to subdue him. At one point they administered a Taser shock for 72 seconds straight, followed by several additional jolts, Dach's attorneys said.

Once Dach was handcuffed, officers left him face down on the ground. Eventually they realized he had stopped breathing and took him to Doctors Medical Center in San Pablo, where he was pronounced dead.

"This was one of the most brutal police beat-downs I've ever seen," said an attorney for Dach's family, Michael Haddad. "The officers' killing of this mentally ill man is indefensible."

Police spokeswoman Lt. Bisa French declined to comment on the settlement.

The federal civil rights lawsuit filed by Dach's parents was set to go to trial in May.

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