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Suit says Vallejo cops wrongly shot nude man

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(04-29) 13:44 PDT VALLEJO -- Vallejo police wrongfully shot and killed a naked autistic man in front of his house in 2012, according to a federal civil rights lawsuit filed Tuesday by his parents.

Jeremiah Moore, 29, was shot on Oct. 21, 2012, after a bizarre rampage during which neighbors said he and his partner, Jason Jessie, ran around naked, broke windows and tried to burn down their home on Alameda Street.

Police have said they arrived at 1:30 a.m. and saw a naked man, later identified as Jessie, running into the home. Moore, also naked, then emerged from inside the home, which was quickly filling with smoke.

Police said Moore placed the barrel of a rifle against an officer's stomach, and that another officer responded by shooting Moore.

But in a suit filed in U.S. District Court in Sacramento, Moore's parents, Eugene and Lisa Moore, said their son "had no weapon in his hands and posed no significant or immediate threat of death or seriously bodily harm."

The complaint said Jeremiah Moore suffered from an autism spectrum disorder "which caused him to move his hands and arms when he was nervous."

The family's attorney, Michael Haddad said, "The police knew he was disabled and/or emotionally disturbed, but chose to escalate the situation. When shot, Jeremiah was naked, standing outdoors - not inside his house as police claimed - with nothing in his hands."

Vallejo police have not responded to the suit in court.

Firefighters extinguished the flames that burned part of the home. During a search, police reported finding three pet birds that had been beheaded in the back yard. One or both men may have been under the influence of drugs, police have said.

Haddad said Jessie, who was then 28, had ordered Moore to behave the way he did that day. Because of his autism disorder, the attorney said, Moore was "extremely suggestible and easily commanded."

Haddad, though, said he could not fully explain the men's behavior, adding that the city has not released investigative reports, including the results of toxicology tests.

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