

The defendant offered \$1,000.

OTHER INFORMATION: The jury found that the plaintiff had not given consent for the defendant to enter the real property and engage in the activities.

(First Amendment). The plaintiffs also claimed that the defendants committed an unfair labor practice by allegedly cutting discretionary premium pay in retaliation for the plaintiffs' union activities.

DAMAGES: Restoration of benefits and back pay plus punitive damages.

SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS: The plaintiffs demanded \$600,000 cash with extensive non-monetary relief. The defendants offered \$175,000 cash only.

DEFENDANT CONTENTIONS: The defendants contended that they stopped the plaintiff to question him because they believed he was an active gang member, because he was jaywalking and because they knew the plaintiff had an outstanding arrest warrant.

INJURIES: The plaintiff suffered fracture to the frontal head sinus, fracture to the left orbital roof and a torn shoulder rotator cuff. The plaintiff also claimed residual symptoms from the injuries.

SPECIALS IN EVIDENCE: Future MEDS, \$45,000; LOE, \$175,000 - \$890,000.

JURY TRIAL: Length, eight days (liability), six days (damage); poll, 9.3 (liability), 9.3 (damages); deliberation, five days (liability), four days (damages).

SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS: The plaintiff demanded \$300,000 before trial.

The defendant offered \$75,000.

THE RESULT: The plaintiff's original complaint contained allegations that the defendants violated plaintiff's civil rights. The trial judge granted the defendant's motion for summary judgment on those issues, with the only issue to go to trial being the alleged negligence of the defendants.

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Assault and Battery

Negligence

BENCH DECISION: Summary judgment granted in favor of the defense.

CASE/NUMBER: Margaret Gardenhire v. Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles / BC208561.

COURT/DATE: Los Angeles Superior Central / Sept. 13, 2000.

JUDGE: Hon. James R. Dunn, Dept. 26.

ATTORNEYS: Plaintiff - Lenton Aikins (Law Offices of Lenton Aikins, Long Beach).

Defendant - Linda C. Miller Savitt, Wendy A. Moss (Ballard, Rosenberg, Golper & Savitt, Universal City); Steven M. Berliner (Liebert, Cassidy & Frierson, Los Angeles).

FACTS: Plaintiff Margaret Gardenhire alleged that in a one-on-one meeting, her supervisor slapped her. There were no witnesses to the alleged incident, which

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Civil Rights

Police Misconduct

VERDICT: \$1,528,847 (gross).

CASE/NUMBER: Raymond Watson v. City of Los Angeles / BC198992.

COURT/DATE: Los Angeles Superior Central / Aug. 23, 2000.

JUDGE: Hon. Malcolm H. Mackey.

DISBURSEMENT: \$488,180 (economic); \$1,040,667 (general damages).

ATTORNEYS: Plaintiff - Danilo J. Becerra, Gregory W. Moreno (Moreno, Becerra, Guerrero & Casillas, Montebello); Humberto Guizar (Law Offices of Humbert Guizar, Montebello).

David Midy... William J. Yelm... Plaintiff... 12,000

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