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And this guy is still a trooper.

He gets rewarded with an undercover assignment.

what a joke...

by Megan Baldino

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ANCHORAGE, Alaska -- For the third time the State of Alaska has settled a lawsuit concerning the use of excessive force by the same Alaska State Trooper.

The latest settlement cost the state more than half a million dollars.

Back in 2004, a jury awarded Kevin Patrick \$1 million after they found that Trooper Eric Spitzer used excessive force while arresting Patrick in Emmonak.

Patrick's attorney, David Henderson, told Channel 2 News his client was tortured and brutalized by a taser gun after he was handcuffed.

Henderson said he represented two other clients who said Spitzer used excessive force on them. Henderson said in both cases the state settled for a combined total of nearly \$100,000.

The State Attorney General's office declined comment on the settlement.

Henderson said he was surprised the state settled today after three years of appeals.

"We are happy Mr. Patrick is happy this has been along hard, bitter battle and we are pleased that it's finally over. The state has excepted some responsibility for what happened to Mr. Patrick, he was tortured brutalized and it's some recognition of what Trooper Spitzer did.

Late today the troopers released a statement writing:

"This settlement is not an admission of wrongdoing or liability on the part of the state or Trooper Spitzer".

In 2004 Channel 2 News interviewed at least five others who claimed Trooper Spitzer had used excessive

force on them.

The Department of Public Safety has continually supported Trooper Spitzer.

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