

Suit filed in fatal Chicago police shooting caught - Associated Press State Wire: Illinois (IL) - July 30, 2018

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CHICAGO (AP) — A lawsuit has been filed in a fatal Chicago police shooting days after the release of body-camera video showing an officer firing at a 24-year-old as he sought to hop a fence.

Lawyers filed the suit Monday in Cook County for **Maurice Granton Jr.**'s girlfriend and two baby daughters. It names the city and the officer as defendants in the June 6 shooting.

It says a bullet severed Granton's spine as he grabbed the fence with both hands. It alleges Granton wasn't a threat then and the officer could have used a stun gun.

Authorities say Granton fled as drug investigators tried to question him. A gun was found about 20 feet (6 meters) from the fence. Police say it had been fired.

City lawyers hadn't seen the lawsuit and declined comment.

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