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Man detained in traffic stop awarded \$25,000; He accused city police of battery
and false arrest

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A Baltimore Circuit Court jury has awarded \$25,000 to a man who accused city police of battery and false arrest during a traffic stop three years ago.

In a case before Circuit Judge Wanda K. Heard, jurors determined late Thursday that Stanley F. Shields of the 4600 block of Hawksbury Road in Pikesville was wrongfully arrested on charges of disorderly conduct Oct. 12, 1996.

Police officials declined to comment because the department does not discuss cases in litigation.

Shields had stopped his car in the 1700 block of N. Carey St. about 5 a.m. to ask two pedestrians for directions, according to court records and his **attorney, Matthew Bennett.**

Officer Charles Prehn ordered him out of the vehicle and began a body search, during which he "placed handcuffs on Shields, pulled down Shield's pants and reached his hand inside the front of Shields boxer shorts," according to court records.

Shields was arrested and taken to the Baltimore Central Booking and Intake Center, and officers did not inform him of the nature of the charges or read him his rights, court records indicate.

He was given charging documents, accusing him of disorderly conduct, but those charges were dismissed.

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