

Press Release

Strasser v. Corbin

Federal Jury Awards Fieger Law Client \$1,959,000.00 in Excessive Force Case

On May 25, 2023, Fieger Law attorney Milica Filipovic secured a unanimous Federal Jury in favor of Plaintiff, Jeffery Strasser, in the amount of \$1,959,000.00. The Jury found Defendant H.J. Corbin violated his Fourth Amendment right to be free from excessive/unreasonable use of force when a bullet he fired while trying to kill Mr. Strasser's dog became lodged in Mr. Strasser's neck. Fieger Law attorney Milica Filipovic tried the case before the Hon. Patti of the Eastern District of Michigan for 8 days. The jury deliberated over two days for a total of 13 hours.

On December 24, 2016, Defendant Corbin, a contractor for the Wayne County Friend of Court, arrived at Mr. Strasser's home to serve him papers. Mr. Strasser's chocolate lab was outside chasing after a squirrel and became curious as to who was walking towards Mr. Strasser's home. Mr. Strasser advised the Defendant his dog was off leash and that she was friendly. Defendant Corbin drew his firearm and shot at the chocolate lab, who was directly in front of Mr. Strasser. The bullet hit the dog and passed through the dog's paw and then hit Mr. Strasser. The bullet went into his neck, past his Carotid, and lodged into his vertebrae next to his spine. As a result of the bullet fragments being lodged in Mr. Strasser's neck, he was permanently disabled, and his life was forever changed. The jury decided that Defendant, in shooting at the dog in close proximity to the Plaintiff, violated Plaintiff's Fourth Amendment rights to be free from excessive and unreasonable use of force.

Ms. Filipovic of Fieger Law Stated:

“The true heroes in this were the Jurors who fought so hard to deliver justice to Mr. Strasser who has waited nearly 7 years to get justice he deserved. At every turn since the beginning of the case the defense tried to prevent and block justice for Mr. Strasser. Finally justice prevailed through the jury's unanimous verdict. Thanks to the Jurors and Hon. Magistrate Judge Patti for allowing a fair trial to Mr. Strasser.”

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