

# City lawsuits cost dearly

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The Stephen Willis case — in which the city is paying more than twice as much to the attorneys as it is to the victim — is only the latest in a string of recent lawsuits against the city costing taxpayers about \$5 million.

Enormous payouts to plaintiffs' attorneys like these contribute to the cynicism about our legal system. The simple fact is that our lawsuit system seems to mainly serve the interests of lawyers rather than ordinary people. This is just one more example of why our state needs to reform its legal system. We need to spend our precious tax dollars on the services we want here in Fresno and stop lining the pockets of Bay Area attorneys.

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