

## Commerce City

### Darsean Kelley

**Date:** February 19, 2016

**Location:** 1445 N. Dallas St. Aurora, CO

**Summary:** Darsean was stopped by an Aurora Police Department officer and subjected to detention solely because he was in the vicinity of a reported crime. During the encounter, he orally protested the stop and was ultimately tased in the back, even though officers had no reasonable basis to believe he was armed or dangerous.

**Result:** The City of Aurora paid Mr. Kelley \$110,000 to settle Mr. Kelley's claims against Aurora police.



### Omar Hassan

**Date:** March 16, 2016

**Location:** Caribou Coffee, 13700 E Colfax Ave. Aurora, CO

**Summary:** Mr. Hassan—who is a black man of Ethiopian descent—entered a coffee shop on Colfax, ordered and paid for a muffin and sat down at a table to eat the muffin. Almost immediately after he sat down at the table, two Aurora police officers approached him and, with their hands on their guns, ordered him to “leave now,” explaining: “You’re kind of business is not welcome here.” The officers then “escorted” Omar out of the restaurant.

**Result:** Mr. Hassan filed a lawsuit against the two APD officers for violations of his Fourth and Fourteenth Amendment rights and race discrimination.



### Naeschylus Carter-Vinzant

**Date:** March 2, 2015

**Location:** 16200 block of East 12th Ave. Aurora, CO

**Summary:** During an attempt to serve an arrest warrant, an Aurora police officer shot and killed Naeschylus Carter-Vinzant, an unarmed black man.

**Result:** Aurora paid a \$2.6 million settlement and the police department agreed to make several changes to improve oversight of officer conduct.

### Jeffrey Gale

**Date:** June 29, 2015

**Location:** Near the corner E. Colorado Ave. and S. Havana St. Aurora, CO

**Summary:** After Mr. Gale was accused of pickpocketing, seven Aurora police officers surrounded him, had him face down, handcuffed and hogtied when they inexplicably began jolting him repeatedly with a Taser.

**Result:** Mr. Gale has filed a lawsuit against Aurora Police officers and the City itself for violations of his Fourth Amendment rights and other civil rights violations.

## Aurora

### Dwight Crews

**Date:** November 14, 2015

**Location:** 713 N Fraser St. Aurora, CO

**Summary:** Two Aurora police officers banged on the front door to Mr. Crews' house, demanding loudly that he come outside. When Mr. Crews calmly complied and exited the home, the officers almost immediately restrained him and violently forced him to the ground where he was handcuffed and arrested.

**Result:** Mr. Crews filed a lawsuit against the two APD officers for violations of his Fourth Amendment rights.



### OyZhana Williams

**Date:** December 22, 2015

**Location:** UC Health emergency room, 15300 E. Mississippi Ave. Aurora, CO

**Summary:** After Ms. Williams transported her boyfriend, who had been shot, to the UC Health Emergency room, several Aurora Police officers assaulted Ms. Williams without any justification by grabbing her, throwing her, choking her and then tackling and slamming her head into the ground. Once Ms. Williams was on the ground, one of the officers stomped on Ms. Williams' head.

**Result:** Ms. Williams has filed a lawsuit against the three Aurora police officers for violations of her Fourth Amendment rights.

#### SOURCE:

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**OyZhana Williams:** <http://www.denverpost.com/2017/09/12/video-capturing-violent-arrest-in-aurora-a-blessing-of-sorts/>

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