

## Kin of man killed by cop get 2.25M

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After 13 days of deliberations, a federal jury awarded \$2.25 million in damages yesterday to the relatives of a man fatally shot by a Nassau County cop.

Earlier, the jury had found that Officer Anthony Raymond violated the civil rights of the victim, Christopher Wade, who was allegedly armed with a gun when he was shot by the cop in 1995.

A gun was recovered 50 feet away from Wade's body, said lawyer Frederick Brewington, who represented the mother of two of Wade's children in the lawsuit.

"I think the jury sent a clear and unequivocal message that [Raymond's] actions were inappropriate," Brewington said.

A grand jury cleared Raymond of wrongdoing, and the Nassau County Police Department concluded the shooting did not violate any procedures.

The jury will next consider whether the county was negligent in hiring and supervising the cop.

The Daily News reported last week that Raymond, a former NYPD officer, had been arrested twice prior to joining the Nassau County force and had accumulated 19 civilian complaints in six years as a New York City cop.

Vera Padgett, the mother of Wade's son, 10, and daughter, 9, said her children bear no anger toward cops.

"Not all officers are like [Raymond]," she said. "I have always drawn a line for them between him and other officers."