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Woman awarded \$1M in false-arrest case

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MINEOLA, N.Y. — A New York woman who claimed she was falsely arrested outside an Air National Guard base for taking photographs for a "Support Our Troops" website has been awarded \$1.12 million in compensatory damages, her attorney said Friday.

"What they took from this woman cannot be measured in money," said prominent Long Island civil rights attorney Frederick Brewington.

He claimed Suffolk County sheriff's deputies humiliated Nancy Genovese after arresting her in July 2009 while she took photographs of a decorative helicopter on display outside the Gabreski Airport Air National Guard base in Westhampton Beach, on eastern Long Island. A deputy sheriff allegedly said he would arrest her for terrorism to make an example of other "right wingers," according to Brewington.

The jury will now consider punitive damages.