

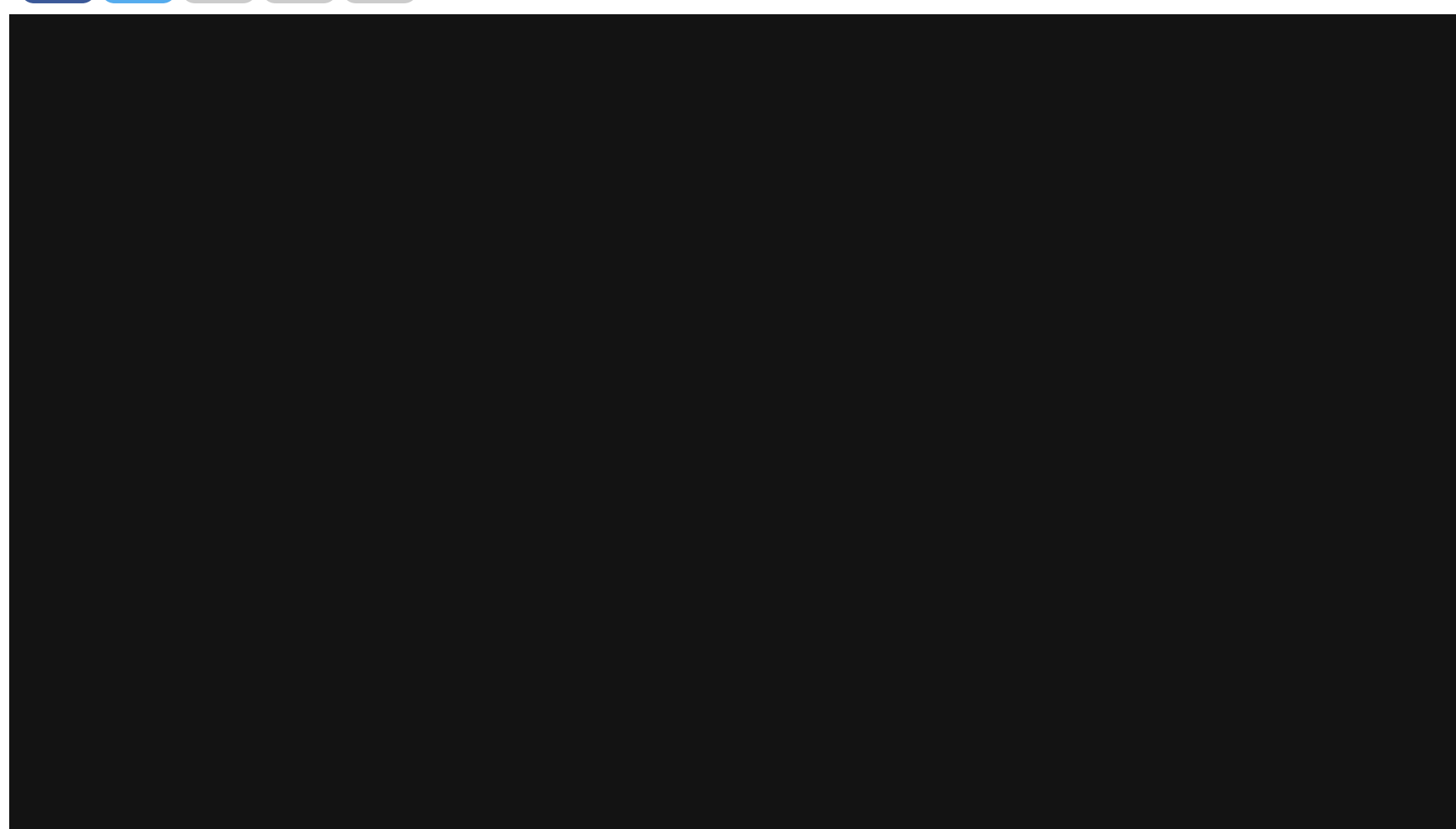
CRIME AND COURTS

CHIEF INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER JONATHAN DIENST ON CRIME, CORRUPTION AND TERRORISM.

72-Year-Old Veteran Hurlled Down Steps, Body Slammed by Nassau County Police, Lawsuit Alleges

A Nassau County Police Department spokesperson told NBC New York it does not comment on active litigation

Published at 2:34 PM EST on Feb 7, 2018 | Updated at 8:06 PM EST on Feb 7, 2018



A 72-year-old Air Force veteran filed a lawsuit against two Nassau County police officers alleging his rights were violated and that they provided false testimony in connection to his arrest last year, the man's attorneys said Wednesday. Erica Byfield reports. (Published Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018)

Video carousel with four items: 'Lawsuit Alleges Police Attacked Veteran', 'Witness Clashes with Lawyer at Bribery Trial', 'Juelz Santana Runs from Airport After TSA Finds Gun', and 'Exclusive: NYPD Hatchet Attack Survivors Talk to News 4'.

WHAT TO KNOW

- A 72-year-old Air Force veteran filed a lawsuit against two Nassau County police officers alleging his rights were violated
• Robert Besedin, Jr. filed a federal suit against Nassau County, Nassau County Police Department and the two police officers who arrested him
• A spokesperson for the Nassau County Police Department said it does not comment on active litigation

A 72-year-old Air Force veteran filed a lawsuit against two Nassau County police officers alleging his rights were violated and that they provided false testimony in connection to his arrest last year, the man's attorneys said Wednesday.

Robert Besedin, Jr. filed a civil rights suit against Nassau County, Nassau County Police Department and officers Stephen Beckwith and John Mantovani Wednesday



TRENDING STORIES

- 1 School Bus With Kids Aboard Hits, Kills Woman Near School
2 Trifecta: New Nor'easter May Dump 3" on NYC, 6-9 Elsewhere
3 VIDEO Trump Fires Secretary of State Tillerson, Taps Pompeo
4 10-Year-Old NY Girl Accidentally Drives Over, Kills Mother

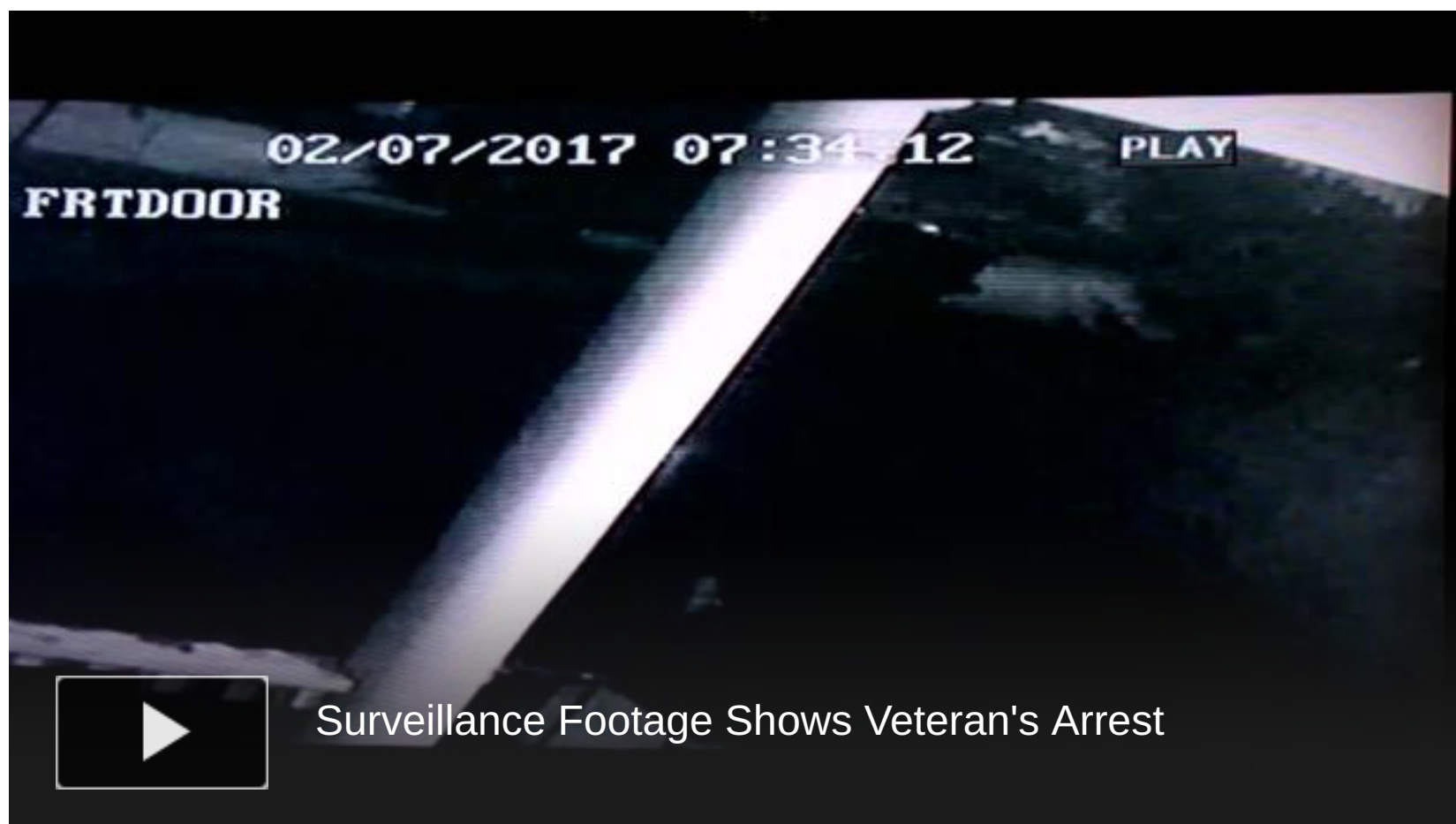
SPONSORED: Welcome Kindness With Come From Away. Promoted by Come From Away.

- 1 School Bus With Kids Aboard Hits, Kills Woman Near School
2 VIDEO Trump Fires Secretary of State Tillerson, Taps Pompeo

in connection to his Feb. 7, 2017 arrest.

In a statement, Besedin's lawyer, Frederick Brewington, alleges his client was speaking on his porch with Beckwith and Mantovani last year when the officers "rushed him, grabbed him by his neck, hurled him down four steps and body slammed him to the ground."

According to Brewington, Besedin complied with the officer's demands, but was arrested and allegedly was still abused by the officers.



Surveillance footage shows 72-year-old Robert Besedin, Jr. being arrested. (Published Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018)

In his statement, Brewington alleges that Mantovani provided "false statements and testimony and subjected Besedin to a malicious abuse of criminal process, maliciously prosecuted which took nearly a year."

On Jan. 29, the felony charge of assault on a police officer and the additional charges that Besedin was facing were dismissed. According to Besedin's lawyer, if a video showing what took place during his arrest did not exist, Besedin would still be facing charges.

Besedin allegedly sustained multiple injuries including being subjected to the criminal justice system, hitting his head, being knocked unconscious, post-concussion syndrome, lacerations and cuts, injury to his left elbow, arms, wrists, shoulders and back and being manhandled during his unlawful abuse.

• **Cop Says at Trial Woman Never Swung Bat Before Being Shot**

Brewington also claims his client suffered mental pain, embarrassment, incarceration, property damage, court fees, damage to name and reputation, legal fees and medical costs.

A Nassau County Police Department spokesperson told NBC New York it does not comment on active litigation.

Get the latest from NBC 4 New York anywhere, anytime



Download the App Available for **IOS** and **Android**

Follow NBC New York [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#)

**You May Like**

Promoted Links by [Taboola](#)

**3** **VIDEO** Trifecta: New Nor'easter May Dump 3" on NYC, 6-9 Elsewhere

**4** 10-Year-Old NY Girl Accidentally Drives Over, Kills Mother

**SPONSORED**  
Welcome Kindness With Come From Away  
Promoted by Come From Away

**WEATHER FORECAST**

**WEATHER ALERTS** **SCHOOL CLOSINGS**

Flushing, NY

**36°** Light Snow  
Feels Like 27°

Radar Forecast Maps

**WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

Fetching questions...



**this is tv now**  
Watch news, weather, and investigative stories **LIVE** on your phone.

**NEWSLETTERS**

Receive the latest local updates in your inbox

Email

[Privacy policy](#) | [More Newsletters](#)

These 'NCIS' Stars Are Even More Beautiful In Real Life

EternalLifeStyle

15 Interracial Couples Breaking Barriers In Hollywood

Trend Chaser

Kate Upton Set The Red Carpet On Fire

SB

Former Beau Flew From US Before Slain Nursing Student Was Found Upstate: Police

Monday's Nor'easter Takes Closer Aim at Tri-State

Storm Team 4 Breaks Down Timing, Expectations for 3rd Nor'easter

#### SPONSORED LINKS

#### MORE FROM NBC New York

- There Are 7 Types of Irish Last Names - Which One Is Yours? (Ancestry)
- Sweet Perks Anyone 50 and Over Has Access To (AARP)
- How Tecovas Sells High-Quality Cowboy Boots For Half The Price (Tecovas)
- Get 12 Months Of Free, Popular Services (Microsoft Azure)
- What Happened To Alfalfa After The Show Is Just Heartbreaking (Definition)
- Trump Rejects NYT Report, Says He's 'VERY Happy' With Legal Team
- Hurricane Center Updates Irma Death Toll in US, Caribbean
- Oscar Ratings Plunge to a Record Low
- Southwest Passengers Jump From Plane After Emergency Landing
- Critics Across Partisan Lines Assail Florida's New Gun Law

Promoted Links by Taboola 

## Leave Comments

0 Comments

Sort by **Newest** 



Add a comment...

 Facebook Comments Plugin

[New York Live](#)

[News](#)

[Weather](#)

[Investigations](#)

[Entertainment](#)

[Traffic](#)

[Contact Us](#)

[Community](#)

[Contests](#)

[Connect With Us](#)



[FCC Independent Programming Report](#)

[FCC News and Information Programming Report](#)

[NBC Non-Profit News Partnership Reports](#)

[WNBC Public Inspection File](#)

[Employment](#)

[Send Feedback](#)

[Terms of service](#)

[Privacy policy](#)

**NBCUniversal**

© 2018 NBCUniversal Media, LLC. All rights reserved.

 [AdChoices](#)

[Advertise with us](#)