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KEMP MAN SUES LANCASTER OVER ALLEGED BEATING

Kaufman County man is suing the city of Lancaster over what he says was a wrongful arrest and a beating allegedly administered by a police sergeant during a traffic stop last November.

City Manager Bill Gaither declined to comment Friday on the allegations by Christopher Hood of Kemp, in a suit filed Wednesday in Dallas with U.S. District Judge Joe Fish. Mr. Hood says that Sgt. Matthew Hunt stopped him for no reason, beat him with a flashlight, sprayed him with Mace and arrested him on a charge of aggravated assault on a police officer.

He was jailed for five days before he could make bail, the suit says.

Mr. Hunt, who resigned from the Police Department this year, could not be reached for comment. Mr. Hood's Dallas attorney, **Don Tittle**, states in the suit that the district attorney's office dismissed the assault charges against his client.

A Dallas County grand jury declined to indict Mr. Hunt.

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