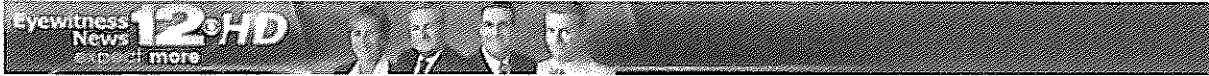
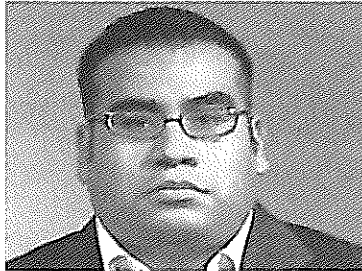


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Man Beaten By Jail Guard Files Suit Against Sedgwick County Sheriff



Manuel Diaz

By Chris Durden (WICHITA, Kan.)

A man beaten by a Sedgwick County Jail guard files suit in district court. The attorney for Edgar Richard says the guard broke his client's jaw and fractured his skull in February 2008.

Photos of Richard's injuries are part of the documents filed with the court Friday. The suit names Sheriff Robert Hinshaw and former Sheriff Gary Steed.

Attorney Larry Wall says his client is mentally ill and should never have been locked up. He hopes to force the jail to change its policy of isolating mentally ill prisoners.

Richard is now in a nursing home and his medical bills have exceeded \$700,000.

The county fired the guard, Manuel Diaz, in October of last year. He pled no contest to aggravated battery and is on 18-months probation.

The sheriff's department runs security at the jail. It originally said Diaz tried to give Richard medication but he refused and tried to leave his cell.



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