

City faces suit in police killing

The family of a robbery suspect shot fatally in the back with a shotgun by a Detroit police officer has filed a lawsuit asking \$15 million in actual damages plus unspecified punitive damages.

The suit was filed by Joe L. Langdon, father and administrator of the estate of Michael Langdon, 24, who was killed March 20 in a room in a Highland Park hotel by Detroit Policeman John

Leavens, 34.

Leavens was with a team of Detroit and Highland Park police and FBI agents who went to the motel seeking suspects in a bank robbery.

The suit claims that Langdon cooperated with the officers and "did not in any way pose a threat of harm" and was shot "without justification or excuse" as he stood with his back to

the officers leaning forward with his hands against the wall of the motel room.

Leavens said his shotgun discharged when Langdon backed into it.

