

51 Years Beyond Selma and Title VII: How a Former Homicide Detective's Federal Lawsuit Attempts to Apply a Civil War-era Law to Today's Civil Rights Violations

This second Ken Williams lawsuit – filed in November 2012 but sealed by a judge until last month – may mark the first time that someone has used a claim of whistleblower status to demand repayment of federal funds in an attempt to reform the alleged discrimination practices of a police department, according to several Boston civil rights attorneys.

Boston Civil rights attorney David Milton said, “I’ve been doing this type of work for 10 years, keeping up with the latest cases, and I’ve not heard of this type of claim. It’s a totally novel, interesting theory.”



David Milton

Robert Sinsheimer’s Boston law firm specializes in police brutality, victim’s rights and employment law, among other areas. He’s represented “qui tam” plaintiffs. Sinsheimer said this is the first case he has heard of involving an attempt to reshape a police department’s policies using the leverage of federal fines and repayment of grants. Robert Sinsheimer said, “This is a very high-quality pleading, and could have an enormous impact on policing around the country.”



Robert Sinsheimer



Ken Williams brought forward this False Claims Act lawsuit civil action **#12-CV12193 United States of America v. Brockton, City of et al** with the help of two Washington , DC law firms. One of his attorneys is Thomas Poulin. Mr. Williams also has a separate First Amendment and Retaliation lawsuit civil action **#12-10430 Williams v. City of Brockton, et al**. Speaking out about matters of public concern takes courage. Contact: Ms. Peggy Schoen <peggy.schoen@simmerlaw.com>



Ken Williams