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Lawsuit by former Brockton cop headed to trial

Former Brockton detective Ken Williams claims in a federal lawsuit he was retaliated against for helping a resident seek redress for a false arrest.

BROCKTON -- A lawsuit filed by a former Brockton detective who [claims he was retaliated against](#) for helping a resident file a complaint against the police department is moving toward trial.

A federal judge allowed Ken Williams' suit to go to trial following a summary judgment hearing Monday. The final pretrial conference is set for Dec. 2 and a jury trial is scheduled for Dec. 8, according to the clerk's office at the U.S. District Court in Boston.

In his lawsuit, Williams alleges that he was retaliated against after he helped Jose Semedo, an African-American Brockton businessman who was falsely arrested by four Caucasian police officers on Nov. 20, 2007. Semedo had been arrested on a warrant for larceny by check that had previously been recalled, according to records.

See more in the Thursday print edition of The Enterprise.

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