

MASERATI RICK ESTATE SUES CITY OVER KILLING

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Even a reputed drug kingpin such as Richard (**Maserati Rick**) Carter deserved protection from a gunman who strolled into his hospital room and shot him to death, a lawsuit filed in Wayne County Circuit Court claims.

The Detroit Police Department and Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital were named in the suit.

Police knew Carter's life was in danger when he was taken to the hospital for treatment of stomach wounds suffered in a gunfight, and they should have provided an armed guard there, said the suit, filed Aug. 7 by Carter's wife, children and mother. Mt. Carmel should have masked the location of Carter's room, it says.

Carter died Sept. 12, 1988, when he was shot in the face in his bed. Lodrick Parker, who had been shot in the arm in the gunfight with Carter two days earlier, was acquitted of the slaying by a Recorder's Court jury.

Attorney Saunders Dorsey said Carter's **estate** is seeking \$4 million in damages.

Police spokeswoman Allene Ray said, "We have no comment on ongoing investigations and court cases." Mt. Carmel spokeswoman Donna Bronsteen said, "We can't comment on anything in litigation."

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