

## **AUTOPSY SAYS MAN CHOKED FIEGER PLANS LAWSUIT IN INCIDENT AT MALL**

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An independent autopsy report requested by attorney Geoffrey Fieger shows that **Frederick Finley**, who struggled with security guards in Dearborn, died of asphyxiation.

**Finley**, 32, of Detroit scuffled with guards Thursday afternoon in the parking lot of Lord & Taylor, a department store in Fairlane Town Center. Security guards confronted him and his family after his 11-year-old stepdaughter had put on a \$4 bracelet and walked out of the store. Family members have said they intended to pay for the bracelet.

Werner Spitz, the Macomb County medical examiner, conducted the autopsy at Fieger's request. "There's no doubt he died from asphyxiation," Spitz said Monday.

The autopsy also showed that **Finley** was involved in a struggle before he died, he said.

Fieger said the autopsy report proves his earlier assertion that **Finley** was choked to death by overzealous security guards.

He said he plans to file a lawsuit today against Lord & Taylor.

The family maintains that security guards twisted **Finley**'s chain around his neck, and knelt on his throat until he died.

However, Spitz said the asphyxiation "could have come from a lot of things, but there's no evidence it came from a chain."

The Wayne County medical examiner is conducting an official autopsy and had no results available by Monday evening.

Dearborn police earlier had said that cameras caught the **Finley** family shoplifting at Lord & Taylor. Police said the family attacked guards after being confronted about the bracelet.

As the guards struggled with **Finley**, police said, the family drove off in a car, and threw the bracelet out the window.

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