

Exoneration of Officer Accused of Police Brutality Needs Further Investigation, says New York Civil Rights Violation Lawyer

A woman is suing the NYPD for excessive use of force after an officer pulled her down a staircase at New York's Met Opera

NEW YORK, NEW YORK – Last week [New York civil rights violation lawyer](#) David Perecman commented on a police brutality case at the Gagosian Gallery. This week the alleged use of excessive force by police took place at the Metropolitan Opera. Aviva Aranovich, a concert pianist claims she was manhandled and unfairly arrested last year while attending a performance. She is suing the New York Police Department over the "brutal police conduct" and [excessive use of force by police](#).

According to the *New York Daily News*, Aranovich is claiming she was forcibly removed from The Met during the premiere of "Hamlet" over a misunderstanding with her ticket. During the incident, Officer Fernando Grace pulled her down a marble staircase. The excessive use of force by police caused her to fall down the stairs and hit her head.

Aranovich says she couldn't find her seat after she accidentally gave her ticket to a friend last March 16. An usher tried to force her out of the standing room section, where she was waiting for intermission, and she went to Grace to complain about the situation. The officer's actions after she approached him, she claims, made her one of New York's [victims of police brutality](#).

After she fell, Aranovich was handcuffed and given a trespassing charge. She spent 18-hours at the 24th Precinct station house. At the police station, Aranovich says she was denied food and water, and was [threatened by a police officer](#).

"Threats against a civilian by a police officer is police brutality," said New York civil rights violation lawyer Perecman. "And this needs to be further investigated as [police brutality in New York City](#)."

By the end of the incident, the suit says that Aranovich was bloodied, and suffered a concussion and an ankle injury from her confrontation with police. She also claims police didn't return \$500 she was carrying that night.

The trespassing charge was eventually dropped.

The police themselves investigated the allegations of [police brutality](#) and use of excessive force by police. The officer was exonerated and suggestions were made by a NYPD

spokesman that Aranovich had self-inflicted her injuries by struggling with the officer and injuring her ankle by kicking out a police car rear window.

This conclusion was unsurprising to New York civil rights violation lawyer Perecman.

“Typically one of the characteristics of police culture is group solidarity. This means law enforcement organizations are often unwilling to police themselves with the same aggressiveness they use to pursue lawbreakers,” said Perecman, a New York civil rights violation lawyer for over 30 years.

[New York civil violations lawyers](#) at [The Perecman Firm](#) stand up for victims of police misconduct, including police brutality, use of excessive force and false arrest.

About David Perecman and The Perecman Firm, PLLC:

For the past 30 years, the New York civil rights violation, police brutality, age discrimination, and elder abuse lawyers at The Perecman Firm, PLLC have handled all types of cases including civil rights violations. David Perecman, founder of the Firm, is a Board Director and the past Secretary and Treasurer of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association (NYSTLA) and a chair of its Labor Law Committee. Mr. Perecman's achievements have brought him recognition as an Honoree in the National Law Journal's Hall of Fame, in New York Magazine's "The Best Lawyers in America" and The New York Times Magazine "New York Super Lawyers, Metro Edition" for the years 2007-2010.

The Firm has recovered millions of dollars for its clients. Among the more recent victories, Mr. Perecman won a \$15 million verdict* for a construction accident, a \$5.35 million dollar verdict** for an automobile accident, and a and a \$40 million dollar structured settlement for medical malpractice****.

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