

## **Alameda Sheriffs Sued in Inmate Wrongful Mechanical Asphyxia Death**

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**What: A John Burris Press Conference Announcing The Filing of a Federal Civil Rights and Wrongful Death Lawsuit By The Family of Dajuan Armstrong Against the Alameda County Sheriff's Office and Numerous Alameda County Sheriff's Deputies**

**Who: Civil Rights Attorney John Burris and The Family of Dajuan Armstrong**

**When: Wednesday, December 4th, 2019 Time: 2:00 P.M.**

**Where: Law Offices of John Burris 7677 Oakport Street, Oakland, CA 94609, Suite 1120**

**OAKLAND CA---**On Wednesday, December 4th Civil Rights Attorney John Burris will announce the filing of a lawsuit against the Alameda County Sheriff's Office and Numerous Alameda County Sheriff's Deputies on behalf of Dajuan Armstrong's mother and three (3) minor children, filed an excessive force and wrongful death lawsuit in the Northern District of California for the unlawful death of Dajuan Armstrong on June 23, 2018.

The official Alameda County Coroner's Report states that Mr. Dajuan Armstrong died from "mechanical asphyxia."

Civil Rights Attorney John Burris says, "Dajuan. Armstrong's death was totally avoidable. This mentally challenged young man was asphyxiated, which essentially means that he was suffocated to death." Burris further states, "Given Mr. Armstrong's mental and emotional state, applying the WRAP was a death trap and even more alarming is that, according to figures maintained by the California Department of Justice, in the last five years, at least 30 people have died while incarcerated in Alameda County." Attorney Burris also asserts, "incidents resulting in deaths to inmates are all too prevalent at Santa Rita. This has to stop."

According to Attorney Lateef Gray, "Mr. Armstrong, who was serving a weekend sentence as part of a previous criminal conviction, was a loving father, devoted son, and cherished brother. His death has left a tremendous void in the lives of his mother and children."

For over a year, Mr. Armstrong's family demanded answers, and for over a year, the Alameda County Sheriff's Office refused to provide Mr. Armstrong's family with answers. Attorney Burris believes that "families should not be treated this way. Losing a loved one is already difficult enough, but to leave this family in the dark for over a year makes their loss much worse."

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