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Detroit police 'Booty Boys' trial opens; defense says accusations are drug dealers' payback

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Terence Hopkins is one of a dozen men to claim two Detroit police officers -- known in southwest Detroit as the "Booty Boys" -- performed an illegal body cavity search on him during a traffic stop in 2006.

But as the civil trial opened today in Wayne County Circuit Court, the officer's defense team argued the allegations are bogus, cooked up by drug dealers as payback for an earlier arrest.

Hopkins was pulled over on May 13, 2006 and arrested after officers Michael Osman and Michael Parish found marijuana and ecstasy in his car.

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He claims the officers took the search too far.

In

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, Hopkins said Osman pulled down his pants and underwear while Parish looked on. "He had his hand on my butt, fingers on my rectum. Swipe. He pulled my pants back up."

Hopkins' lawyer, Marvin Barnett, today said the search left his client emotionally scarred.

"This will affect him for the rest of his life," Barnett said,

[according to the Detroit Free Press](#)

. "A significant event in your life like this... you never forget it."

But defense attorney Jerry Ashford, representing the city of Detroit, said the officers conducted a legal search after smelling marijuana in the car.

He argued the allegations are "payback" for a case in which a dealer got caught.

"We believe in these officers," he said. "They are dedicated soldiers in this war on drugs and gangs."

"At no time did Sgt. Osman conduct a brutal and unsanitary anal cavity search."

The city

[previously settled claims](#)

with two other men, who are both expected to testify on Hopkins' behalf.

The U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division cleared the cops in 2007.

Both officers were transferred out of Southwest Detroit in the summer of 2006, but both remain active.

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