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Police Shooting Victim Forced to Plead Guilty to Felony Assault Despite Never Physically Harming Anyone

FULTON COUNTY GA – After 8 months in jail, no trial and no hearings on a key motion, police shooting victim Amy Bramuchi was forced to plead guilty to felony charges despite never being charged of physically harming anyone. She has continually insisted that she did nothing wrong and wanted a trial to prove it.

Two October 2015 hearings were cancelled. A motion that was never heard then contends police violated Georgia and U.S. Constitutional provisions in a 2013 attack on Ms. Bramuchi. Ms. Bramuchi’s incarceration was extended for months more while Fulton County determined that she was fully competent to stand trial.

On September 25, 2013, Alpharetta police broke into the home of Ms. Bramuchi without a warrant and shot her 3 times. They falsely believed that she had committed suicide. After she awoke and they reported she was OK, she repeatedly ordered the officers out of her home. She even called 911 to ask why they were there and to get them out of her house. Still, they refused to leave and attempted to forcibly remove her from her home against her will thus creating a conflict.

Ms. Bramuchi miraculously survived three .45 caliber, hollow-point bullets that tore through her body and inflicted permanently debilitating injuries. Although she never harmed anyone on that night, the Fulton County District Attorney’s (DA) office charged her in April 2014 with felony assault resulting from the incident.

Ms. Bramuchi was later jailed without bond on a separate aggravated assault charge although she never physically harmed anyone and no evidence to support the charge was found. The Fulton County D.A. office eventually dropped the charges because the case was too weak to prosecute but used it to jail her until she plead guilty to the first charges. Ms. Bramuchi had no probable cause hearings in either case and had statutory immunity from prosecution in both cases according to Georgia statutes for Use of Force and Defense of Habitation [O.C.G.A. § 16-24-3.2]

Ms. Bramuchi had never been convicted of any crime in the state of Georgia. She lost her home and her ability to earn income after being disabled in the attack and is now destitute. She filed a civil lawsuit against Alpharetta police however, that lawsuit has no value now that she was forced to plead guilty. A Justice4Amy web site tells her story and seeks donations for her survival.

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