

Impaired driver seeks compensation

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LOS ANGELES - A California jury was being asked to decide whether sheriff's deputies should pay an impaired driver for shooting at him 120 times during a low-speed chase. Winston Hayes, 46, wants the 10 deputies who opened fire in May 2005 to compensate him for getting shot and nearly killed, The Los Angeles Times reported Wednesday. The incident was videotaped by a freelance photographer and shown on newscasts all over the county. Hayes' attorney Brian Dunn charged the force used by the officers in apprehending his client "was excessive, unnecessary, and most important, it was deadly force." Hayes admitted using cocaine laced with marijuana before leading Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies on a low-speed chase through a Compton, Calif., neighborhood. Hayes was reportedly offered \$500,000 to settle the matter out of court, the Times said. At the trial Tuesday, jurors were shown a video taken in a hospital emergency room 90 minutes after Hayes was captured. In it, he is seen refusing medical treatment and repeatedly calling the doctors "devils."

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