

Employee sues in alleged waterboarding

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PROVO, Utah - A former employee of a motivational coaching business in Utah is suing after he was allegedly waterboarded in front of a sales team. Chad Hudgens is suing Prosper Inc. and his former team leader Joshua Christopherson for assault and battery for allegedly using an activity similar to the interrogation strategy known as waterboarding as a team-building exercise to increase sales, The Salt Lake Tribune said Thursday. The suit said Hudgens was told to lie down with his head downhill. The sales team was then allegedly told to hold Hudgens down while Christopherson poured water from a gallon jug over Hudgens' mouth and nostrils. "At the conclusion of his abusive demonstration, Christopherson told the team that he wanted them to work as hard on making sales as Chad had worked to breathe while he was being waterboarded," the suit said. The newspaper said the company claims Christopherson explained the exercise before Hudgens volunteered and that Hudgens was free to get up if he was uncomfortable.

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