

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COLBERT COUNTY, ALABAMA****MAX DOTSON,****Plaintiff,****v.****CASE NO: CV-21-****BRIAN LANSING MARTIN,****Defendant.****COMPLAINT**

COMES NOW the Plaintiff, Max Dotson, in the above styled cause, by and through his attorney of record, Thomas W. McCutcheon and hereby files his Complaint and would show unto this Honorable Court as follows:

1. The Plaintiff, Max Dotson, is over the age of 19 years and a resident citizen of Lauderdale County, Alabama.
2. The Defendant, Brian Lansing Martin, is over the age of 19 years and is believed to be a resident of Colbert County, Alabama.
3. All wrongful acts of the Defendant, Brian Lansing Martin, occurred in or took place in Colbert County, Alabama.
4. On October 1, 2021, while in the line and scope of his employment with the Sheffield Police Department, the Plaintiff, Max Dotson, did engage in a pursuit of the Defendant, Brian Lansing Martin, which began in the City of Sheffield. The Plaintiff pursued the Defendant through the City of Muscle Shoals. Once Defendant, Brian Lansing Martin, was contained in a vacant parking lot, Brian Lansing Martin opened fire and shot Lieutenant Max Dotson with a .45 caliber handgun in his chest two times, more specifically, the upper left chest in the area of Plaintiff's heart.
5. The Defendant, Brian Lansing Martin, intentionally shot the Plaintiff, Max Dotson, with the intention of causing him serious bodily harm or death.
6. As a proximate cause of the reckless and intentional acts committed by the Defendant, Brian Lansing Martin, has caused the Plaintiff, Max Dotson, to suffer physical harm. The physical harm and immediate risk of physical harm has caused the Plaintiff, Max Dotson, to suffer mental anguish.

7. As a proximate cause of the negligent and/or wanton and/or reckless acts committed by the Defendant, Brian Lansing Martin, the Plaintiff, Max Dotson, has been caused to suffer pain, mental anguish and emotional distress past, present and future.

**WHEREFORE THE PREMISES CONSIDERED**, Plaintiff, Max Dotson, demands judgement against the Defendant, Brian Lansing Martin, in a sum for compensatory and punitive damages in the amount of \$375,000.00.

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**PLAINTIFF DEMANDS TRIAL BY STRUCK JURY.**

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**DEFENDANT TO BE SERVED BY  
SPECIAL PROCESS SERVER**

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