

HS SLASHING OUTRAGE - GIRL VICTIM SUING CITY FOR \$10M IN QUEENS ATTACK

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A 16-year-old girl slashed inside a Queens high school after she had requested a transfer to a safer school is suing the city for \$10 million for failing to protect her.

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Her family's lawyer, John Bostany, said he's filing a \$10 million negligence suit against the city.

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"It's a classic example of an administration failing to address a safety concern brought to their attention," he said. "They failed this girl."

Another 15-year-old girl pulled out a boxcutter on Wednesday and slashed Nieves during a scuffle near the principal's office.

Delilah needed 26 stitches to cover cuts to her nose, face and neck.

"I left the dean's office and she approached me. She threw a punch and I tried to block it," she said of the noon encounter.

"I looked down and saw blood on the floor. I grabbed my nose and upper lip. She slashed me. People rushed me to the nurse's office and put gauze across my face."

Delilah was taken to Elmhurst Hospital, where she was treated for facial wounds.

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The victim said there are gangs and lots of fights in the school.

"They need more security guards in Grover Cleveland," she said.

A Department of Education spokeswoman said the attacker was booted out of the school and the criminal incident is being investigated, but declined comment on "pending litigation."

[Illustration]

DELILAH NIEVES "I'm scarred for life."

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