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Police Raided Tattoo Shop Where Man in Police Brutality Case Once Worked

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A tattoo parlor that once employed [Michael Mineo](#), the Brooklyn man at the center of a police brutality case, was raided in late April by investigators who arrested four people after recovering guns, drugs and a bullet-resistant vest, the authorities said.

Mr. Mineo's lawyer, Kevin L. Mosley, said his client was no longer working at the parlor, Jiggaman Tattoos, when it was searched. "He had no involvement whatsoever," Mr. Mosley said on Tuesday.

According to a criminal complaint, the police executed a search warrant at Jiggaman on April 29 after an undercover officer bought marijuana from a man there. The police found loaded illegal handguns, a bullet-resistant vest, heroin and marijuana in the basement tattoo parlor, according to the complaint.

They arrested the owner, Jason Amolsch, and three other men: Lashajua Glasgow, Calvin Stewart and Tyreke Bradway. Mr. Amolsch's lawyer, Todd A. Spodek, said the guns did not belong to his client, who has been held at [Rikers Island](#) since his arrest because he has been unable to post bail. Mr. Amolsch, a friend and former roommate of Mr. Mineo's, is a witness in the police brutality case. For that reason, the latest charges are being handled by a prosecutor in Queens, according to a spokesman for the Brooklyn district attorney.

Mr. Spodek, who said the tattoo parlor had been closed since the arrests, questioned why the police had focused on the business. "It just seems like a strange set of events," he said.

It was not the first report of trouble at Jiggaman Tattoos, housed in what was once the storage room for a sneaker store beneath Jay Street in Downtown Brooklyn. In April 2008, a fight involving several people who worked at the parlor led to several arrests, among them Mr. Mineo, who was accused of beating someone with a wooden stool. That case is pending.

Mr. Mineo has accused a group of uniformed police officers of attacking him in a Brooklyn subway station in October, saying that several officers held him down while another officer shoved a retractable baton between Mr. Mineo's buttocks.

Last month, Mr. Mineo filed a federal civil rights lawsuit against the city, the Police Department and four officers, seeking \$220 million in damages.

In an interview in October, Mr. Amolsch, a former gang member from California, said he started tattooing when he was a child. The parlor on Jay Street had become a hangout for his surrogate family, including for

young men and women who were learning the trade. Mr. Mineo worked as a body piercer there,.

About 4:20 p.m. on April 29, according to the complaint, an undercover officer asked Mr. Bradway for [marijuana](#), then bought some from him in a bathroom in the tattoo parlor. About 20 minutes later, officers executed their search warrant in the crowded warren of rooms, finding six guns including a [stun gun](#).

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