



## Former officer arrested at center of lawsuits against Phoenix

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PHOENIX (CBS5) - A former Phoenix police officer charged with having sex with a minor was also at the center of lawsuits filed against the city of Phoenix dating back at least four years.

Investigators with Scottsdale police arrested Justin LaClere, 32, on Thursday for luring a minor and sexual conduct with a minor. Police say LaClere, using the handle "Jason69er," set up a sexual encounter with a 17-year-old on a cell phone app called Whisper.

Phoenix attorney Ayenca Millan was arrested by LaClere in 2010. Millan says the case ultimately led to the dismissal of all charges against her and \$25,000 settlement with the city of Phoenix.

"It was right underneath the [Deck Park] tunnel," Millan recalled. "I got out of the freeway and stopped at the nearest street."

Court documents confirm LaClere had stopped Millan at about 5 a.m. for suspicion of DUI.

"He was about two feet away from my window and he was pointing a gun at me," Millan said.

According to Millan, she didn't know why she had been stopped by LaClere.

"All I could hear was a police officer screaming at me and cursing at me to get out of the vehicle," Millan recalled. "He was yelling to 'get the [expletive] out of the car.'"

Millan says she was dragged out of her vehicle at gunpoint. Court papers filed by Millan's attorneys also allege LaClere lied about obtaining evidence in her case and repeatedly violated her right to an attorney. The city of Phoenix denied the accusations against its officer but agreed to a settlement with Millan.

"I didn't feel it was necessary to file a complaint [with Phoenix police]," Millan told CBS 5 News.

CBS 5 has written requests to the Phoenix Police Department to find out what police knew about LaClere's actions and if the department ever took any disciplinary actions against him.

"I didn't think it would be for sexual misconduct with a minor but I always thought something would happen and he'd either end up in jail or in prison," Millan said of LaClere.

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