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## City Wants Michael LaPorta, Shot and Permanently Disabled by CPD Officer, to Testify Against Him

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After nearly a decade of insisting Michael LaPorta shot himself with a Chicago police officer's gun, the City of Chicago now wants LaPorta's help in proving the patrolman actually pulled the trigger in January 2010 and lied about it for years. Nearly three years ago, Romanucci & Blandin secured a record-breaking \$44.7 million verdict for LaPorta. For nearly a decade, the City called LaPorta a liar and accused him of shooting himself in the head when, in fact, it was one of their sworn police officers who fired the bullet that ricocheted around his brain and left him unable to walk, read or care for himself. Romanucci & Blandin Founding Partner Antonio M. Romanucci speaks with CBS 2 Chicago about how only now, after nearly \$3 million in legal fees propagating a lie and a failed cover-up, does the City want LaPorta's testimony — something they scoffed at in the past — to secure the officer's firing at an upcoming disciplinary hearing. All this while still refusing to pay him for the harm they caused.