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WILKES-BARRE. An Edwardsville woman is seeking an unspecified amount of money from the City of Wilkes-Barre and its police department for injuries that resulted from a May 2004 car accident.

Natalie Gunshannon's lawsuit filed Friday in Luzerne County Court accuses Officer Joseph Novak of making an illegal right hand turn out of police headquarters onto North Washington Street, a one-way street. Gunshannon was properly traveling south on the roadway when her Volkswagen Beetle was struck by Novak's police cruiser, according to the lawsuit filed by her attorney Gerald Wassil.

The lawsuit also accuses Sgt. Matt Stash, Patrolman Joseph Boos and Novak of trying to "cover up" the accident and "intimidate" Gunshannon by charging her with various motor vehicle and summary infractions.

The lawsuit alleges injuries to Gunshannon's left knee are permanent and debilitating.

Solicitor Bill Vinsko said the city is in the preliminary stages of researching allegations made in the lawsuit, but stood behind the department and officers named in the suit.