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PRISON GUARD HURT IN RIOT FILES SUIT

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PORTSMOUTH, Ohio - A correction officer who said he was injured in last April's Lucasville prison riot has filed a lawsuit against prison officials, charging they failed to follow policies on responding to a disturbance.

Because emergency procedures weren't followed, Officer Brad Wedebrook was injured by rioting prisoners when he responded to an alarm in Cellblock at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility last April 11, said his attorney, **Keith Karr**.

Wedebrook is suing state prisons Director Reginald A. Wilkinson, former Lucasville Warden Arthur Tate Jr. and several deputy wardens.

Prison officials "knew or should have known of the prisoners' plan to riot before its occurrence," the suit said. And they "negligently and/or intentionally and/or affirmatively placed . . . Brad Wedebrook in a position of known danger."

The suit, filed in Scioto County Common Pleas Court, seeks an unspecified amount for physical and psychological injuries.

Karr also represents nine of the 11 surviving hostages and their wives in similar lawsuits against prison officials and the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction.

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