

Kiro 7 Interviews Civil Rights Justice Center Client, Nancy Gill

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Plaintiff Nancy Gill sought out Attorney Darryl Parker's help early in 2019 after she believed her civil rights had been violated. On July 22, 2017, Seattle Police officers, Snohomish County sheriff's, and FBI agents broke down the door to her home and conducted an extensive and invasive search. She was arrested in her own home and questioned before being released an hour later. Ms. Gill spent the following months repairing her newly purchased house and recovering from the trauma of the incident.

Her Lake Stevens home was previously owned by Steven Fisher. The house was flipped and then sold to Ms. Gill. In 2017, Mr. Fisher robbed a series of banks and businesses while posing as an FBI agent or police officer. On July 20, 2017, Mr. Fisher was arrested and taken to King County Jail. Mr. Fisher subsequently gave SPD the address to Ms. Gill's home, a house he had previously owned. The July 22 raid was supposedly intended for Mr. Fisher but the carelessness of SPD resulted in lasting harm to Ms. Gill and her new house.

On May 2, 2019, the Civil Rights Justice Center filed a lawsuit against the City of Seattle, Snohomish County, and several individually named defendants. Two months later, Ms. Gill was interviewed by Linzi Sheldon with Kiro 7. During the interview, Ms. Gill demonstrated how the search was carried out when she was in her bathroom getting ready for work.



The sequence of events and subsequent damage to her home were shown as well.

Both Ms. Gill and Attorney Parker were excited about the opportunity to bring this civil rights violation to public view. Attorney Parker has successfully litigated several police misconduct cases in his practice. Ms. Gill's encounters with SPD are, unfortunately, nothing new to Seattleites. Attorney Parker has represented previous clients who faced false arrest and improper search and seizure with the local police. Attorney Parker's continuing work with litigants who experienced civil rights violations continues to hold law enforcement individuals and institutions accountable.

Read the full Kiro 7 article and watch Ms. Gill's interview: <https://www.kiro7.com/news/local/lake-stevens-woman-sues-after-she-says-police-raided-the-wrong-house/975324102>