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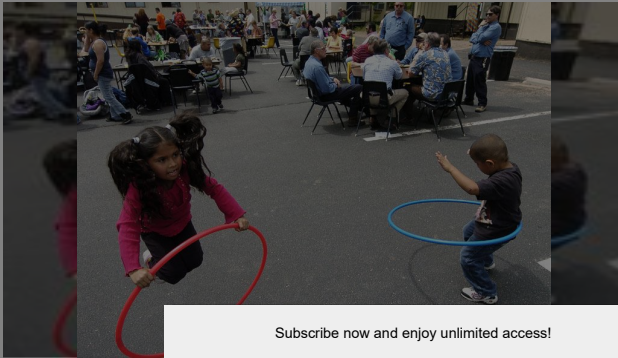
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Anita Salazar, 6, and her brother Paul, Jr., 4, pose for a photo with their hula hoops. Photo by KEVIN KRECK, THE GAZETTE

The city will defend the officers who filmed officers beating a man.

City Attorney Pat Kelly said the Colorado Government will release the documents.

Kelly also is asking the city to sue Johnson for acts within the state.



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Tomitsch and the city are being sued in federal court by Marc Johnson, a Colorado Springs man who says Tomitsch punched him after he filmed officers kicking another man near a car dealership on North Academy Boulevard in October 2008.

The Gazette requested a copy of the video, but Johnson's attorney said his client hasn't given him permission to release it.

Police have declined to comment or release a report on the incident because of the pending litigation.

But Kelly's request to the City Council, which will be considered Tuesday, includes Tomitsch's side of the story.

According to the memo:

Tomitsch was helping to arrest a man who was struggling with officers. During the struggle, Tomitsch noticed a dog come directly up to the officers."

Johnson was about 20 feet away, so Tomitsch asked him if the dog belonged to him. Tomitsch then ordered Johnson to get his dog and leave the area," but Johnson refused.

"Officer Tomitsch repeated this order several times and after it was apparent that Mr. Johnson was not going to comply with the order, Officer Tomitsch attempted to arrest Mr. Johnson."

When Tomitsch reached for Johnson's left arm, Johnson yanked his arm away and a small struggle ensued during which Mr. Johnson's nose was injured."

Afterward, Johnson was taken to Memorial Hospital for treatment.

Tomitsch could not immediately be reached for comment.

Tomitsch is the vice president of the Colorado Springs Police Protective Association. He received the Police Department's Medal of Valor for arresting an armed robber who tried to flee from police in a car with three kids

inside.

Call the writer at 476-1623



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