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## Alleged Excessive Force Caught On Tape

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**ORANGE COUNTY, Calif.** -- Surveillance video released this week shows

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Matthew Fleuret

Orange County Sheriff's deputies trying to subdue a man in custody with a Taser gun, shocking him 11 times in 25 minutes.

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The newly released videotape shows that Matthew Fleuret, 24, who was arrested by Orange County sheriff's deputies, was stripped of his pants, strapped to a chair, Tasered multiple times while in handcuffs and slammed to the floor with a knee to his head.

The 13-minute surveillance video is at the center of a multimillion-dollar civil lawsuit alleging excessive force against Fleuret.

His attorney, Stephen Bernard, has filed a \$47 million civil lawsuit against the county and recently obtained the grainy footage during preparation for that trial. The tape begins with silent, black-and-white footage from a stationary security camera and then moves to colored footage with audio taken by a sheriff's deputy using a handheld camcorder.

Fleuret was not charged and was released from custody within 24 hours. His attorney said the construction worker has no criminal record.

The first portion of the video, which has no sound, shows Fleuret sitting handcuffed on a bench as he waits to be booked. A deputy walks up and appears to elbow Fleuret on the side of the head.

A few minutes later, the shirtless and handcuffed Fleuret is heard saying, "I didn't do nothing," and requests to see an attorney.

The video then shows two deputies escorting Fleuret down a hallway, but as they approach the doorway to a medical unit Fleuret shouts "No," followed by an expletive. He begins to struggle and at least six deputies swarm him and wrestle him to the ground.

A lawyer for the sheriff's department told NBC that he could not comment on the allegations due to the ongoing investigation.

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