



## Lawsuit Details

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On February 17, 2009 a lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court against the following parties:

- Village of Alsip
- Mayor Patrick Kitching
- Chief Robert Troy
- Lt. James McGreal
- Board of Fire and Police Commissioners

The complaint alleges sexual harassment, gender discrimination and conspiracy was engaged in by some, if not all, the above named parties. Interesting stuff ... and makes for a good read. Here's a link to the U.S. District Court's copy of the filing. (*editor's note: This link is no longer available*)

Give it some time to sink in. Local media has yet to pick up on the story. There are any number of subplots coursing through this lawsuit ... and all of them should be given consideration by the voters of Alsip before the upcoming election on April 7th.

In the worst-case scenario – all of the allegations in the lawsuit might be proven true. The best-case scenario calls in to question the judgment of the named defendants. Often times, the outcome of these type of cases lands somewhere in between the two extremes.

Coming to the conclusion that, "Where's there's smoke, there's fire" is reasonable. More than a few people have some explaining to do ... to the citizens of Alsip.