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FBI now investigating death of Linwood Lambert

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Adam Lee told The Associated Press that he personally went to the home of Linwood Lambert Jr.'s sister and told her the FBI is investigating. The federal inquiry is separate from a local prosecutor's investigation.

Civil rights leaders requested the federal investigation because they believe questions remain unanswered, and they are unhappy that the Halifax County prosecutor has not yet decided whether to charge the South Boston officers.

Videos released in November show officers using stun guns on Lambert multiple times after taking him to a hospital for a mental health evaluation. An autopsy report says Lambert died of "acute cocaine intoxication."

Lambert's sister, Gwendolyn Smalls, filed a \$25 million lawsuit against the officers.

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