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Delivery man awarded more than \$4 million for mistaken shooting by Philadelphia police

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A man shot multiple times by Philadelphia police as he delivered a cheeseburger to a west Philly neighborhood will get \$4.4 million from the city.

Two undercover police officers were responding to a shooting in the area of the Kingsessing neighborhood in 2014, then first deputy commissioner Richard Ross said, according to NBC 10.

"They're surveying the area and they see this male walking with a hoodie," Ross, now police commissioner, said. "He's got his hands in his pocket and at that time, they order him to stop, and identify themselves.".

But Phillippe Holland either didn't hear the orders, or thought the plainclothes officers were fake cops trying to rob him, according to NBC 10's report.

When Holland drove away, the officers opened fire on his vehicle, striking him multiple times.

A press release sent to NBC 10 says bullet fragments are still lodged in Holland's head, causing a permanent seizure disorder and other permanent injuries.

Attorney Tom Kline told NBC 10 the figure is one of the largest police shooting settlements in city history.

It's also leading toward reform and more training for plainclothes officers.

"The city also agreed to produce a training video that all new plainclothes officers will be required to watch before new assignments and as part of roll call," Kline said.

In its own release, the city said this shooting led to change in how Philadelphia police are trained to interact with the public, according to NBC 10.