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A BRONX man blasted in the left thigh during a wild Harlem shootout last weekend plans to sue the city and the NYPD for \$20 million.

Larry Garlick was among the victims of Sunday's early morning mayhem on Lenox Ave. that left one Bronx man dead, one with nearly two dozens bullets in him, and five others wounded, including two cops.

His lawyer filed a notice of claim yesterday, the first legal step in filing suit.

"Clearly, this case will show that improper police procedure . . . caused my client to sustain very serious and permanent injuries," said lawyer **Bruce Baron**.

Garlick, 38, blames the city for failing to provide cops with proper training that would have kept them from "contagious shooting," though his lawyer acknowledged it's yet to be determined which bullet ripped into his thigh.

"Whoever discharged the bullet from the firearm is irrelevant," Baron said. "But not for the improper police procedure used that day, my client would not have a bullet lodged in his body."

Luis Soto, 21, was killed after brawling with Angel Alvarez over a gun, cops said. The 3 a.m. fight led to Alvarez blasting at police, authorities said. Cops returned fire, killing Soto, and striking Alvarez over and over. Two cops and three bystanders, including Garlick, were shot during the chaos.

"He didn't even know those other guys," Baron said. "He was just hanging out with family members who lived in the area."

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