

Caught on camera: Jailed man beats himself up, then claims police brutality

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A jailed suspect in Lane County, Oregon beats himself up and then claims police brutality, and it's all **caught on tape**. 33-year-old Aleksander Tomaszewski was thrown in jail in Jan. 2015, while under investigation for stalking and first-degree sexual abuse. Hoping to file a counter-claim for assault, he repeatedly hit himself about the face and head while in his holding cell where he'd been left for questioning. He then claimed detectives gave him a pair of black eyes last month while being questioned.

Unfortunately for him, a video recorder was running in the holding room. **Today** the security footage was released by the County, showing exactly how Tomaszewski tried to cheat the system. The video shows the suspect hitting himself 45 times in the four-minute security video provided by the Lane County Jail in Eugene. First he's standing facing the rear wall, then he sits down and continues hitting himself. Tomaszewski has since admitted to the fabrication, saying he thought he could waltz out of jail based on his brutality claim. Authorities say the Lucerne, California, man has pleaded guilty to filing a false report and was sentenced to time served.

The initial case that Mr. Tomaszewski was brought in for is still under investigation. The suspect had no comment. The **CATO** Institute maintains an online database called the National Police Misconduct Reporting Project. It lists reported cases in every state in the U.S. on a daily basis, and includes U.S. Customs and Border Patrol cases as well. Updates are provided on cases when available. A search of that site revealed the suspected abuse in this case had not been posted in the database.