

# Charles Oakley says James Dolan humiliated him on live TV

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## Charles Oakley to file civil suit against Madison Square Garden

Ex-Knick Charles Oakley has [filed a lawsuit](#) against Madison Square Garden and owner James Dolan in Manhattan federal court claiming that the Knicks and Rangers owner “constantly disrespected Mr. Oakley” and that Dolan’s “animosity” toward him resulted in the February incident when the [former forward was forcibly removed by Garden security](#).

Oakley argues that Dolan told security to remove him to “publicly embarrass him on live television,” despite Oakley always defending MSG “as if he were protecting his own home,” according to the court papers, filed Tuesday in Manhattan federal court.

The suit also claims Dolan endeavored to “publicly embarrass him on live television. Adding insult to injury, defendants proceeded to ban Mr. Oakley from the Garden indefinitely. Despite his immense contributions to the franchise Mr. Oakley was treated like a common criminal by [Dolan and MSG].”

The latest salvo in the back and forth stemming from the incident comes a month after Oakley accepted a plea deal to drop the four misdemeanor charges filed against him, including assault and aggravated harassment.