

# Charles Oakley wants to use James Dolan heckler video against him in court

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Former Knicks star Charles Oakley wants a federal judge to watch the recent video of team owner James Dolan booting a heckler from Madison Square Garden.

In court papers filed Wednesday, Oakley says the cellphone recording of last week's incident is "germane" to a pending motion by Dolan to dismiss Oakley's suit over getting thrown out of the arena in 2017.

It also "squarely contradicts" Dolan's "self-serving" claim that surveillance video shows Oakley abusing fans and personnel before he was ejected, Oakley claims.

"As the Fan Video makes clear...Dolan needs no such justification whatsoever to engage in the same kind of conduct to which he subjected [Oakley]," lawyer Douglas Wigdor wrote in the letter to Manhattan federal Judge Richard Sullivan

The 35-second video shows Dolan confronting an unidentified man who shouted "Sell the team!" at him on March 9, following the Knicks' 102-94 home loss to the Sacramento Kings.

Dolan called the comment "rude" and told the Knicks fan to "enjoy watching them on TV" before motioning for security to deal with him.

The man was questioned by cops before being told to leave, according to TMZ, which obtained the video.

Oakley claims that Dolan had him forcibly removed from the Garden on Feb. 8, 2017, "to publicly embarrass him on live television," then made statements implying Oakley was an alcoholic.

He's seeking unspecified damages on grounds including defamation, assault and battery.

In response to Oakley's filing, Dolan lawyer Randy Mastro called the March 9 incident "completely irrelevant to the merits of this case" and urged the judge to dismiss Oakley's suit without considering the video.