

# Chicago Store Owner to Sue the City After His Store Is Looted Twice



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Mouhammad’s store was devastated when it was first looted in May, causing the store owner to invest heavily in security. He had installed security cameras and a new steel security door, which he watched the looters rip out in real-time through the security cameras. He said that the looting was much worse the second time around, as not only did the looters steal the store’s merchandise, but ripped out the ATM machine as well.

Mouhammad claims that the looters spend around 25 minutes at

his store, according to the Daily Mail, during which several calls to the cops were made. "No one came to stop them," in all that time, he told Fox News, adding that "Officers are seeing what is going on but are doing nothing." The building's landlords themselves made several calls as well. "I made six calls myself. The store owners, they made calls, my maintenance guys made calls," said building owner Tommica Foster-Akin to ABC 7 Chicago.

Mouhammad had only been open for 40 days after the first attack and now refuses to open the store until the city can provide some promise as to safety – not just for him, but for all small business owners in Chicago. "I want to know, are we protected or not? I want them to take care of the small businesses," he told Fox News. He plans to sue the city of Chicago for taking more than 25 minutes to respond to his distress call.

The looting comes in the wake of a police shooting in Englewood, Chicago, on Sunday, August 9, leading to widespread looting in the city that lasted well into Monday. The Chicago Police Force had promised to have more than 1,000 cops on the streets of the city in order to prevent more such looting.

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