

## Fan Cam Captures Youth Football Taser Incident

A fan's video camera was rolling when a man was shot with a Taser gun after an altercation Sunday at a youth football game in O'Fallon, Mo.

It was the Titans versus the Spartans as 7 and 8 year olds took to the field. As it turns out, the real action was on the sidelines.

Brothers Garrick and Darrick Shelton became angry with a referee's call. The amateur video shows them as they begin cursing and shoving other parents. Then, an off-duty sheriff's deputy who also had a son playing in the game -- took quick action with a Taser.



As Darrick Shelton lies on the ground, his brother Garrick continues to curse at the deputy and at a second man who was also an off-duty officer. Parents step in, reminding him children are present. He still doesn't stop.

Eventually, both brothers are arrested and taken away in handcuffs.

"It's disappointing that two adults would come out and act like that. And I think people will see a bit of that and think it's common practice which it isn't, said Tom Lansing, president of the Gateway Football League.

Lansing said the league will take this opportunity to reinforce their rules.

"I think we make sure people like this aren't allowed back at the games and send a message that that's not what we should be doing as adults out at a youth sport."

Lansing doesn't know why the Sheltons were allowed on the sidelines that day. He said the league has suspended both men from games until an investigation is complete. The board will meet next week to decide what happens next.

He hopes this unfortunate incident will remind parents what the league is all about.

"It is youth sports and that's what it's for is for the kids, said Lansing.

The two men could face charges including peace disturbance, resisting arrest and failure to comply with a law enforcement officer.

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