

# 2 suburban cops, 1 ex-officer charged with beating man

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A McHenry County man who accused two off-duty suburban police officers and a former police officer of beating him up after a tavern argument was "relieved" that the three men were charged, his attorney said Friday.

Ryan Hallett, 25, of far northwest suburban Spring Grove, initially filed a federal civil rights lawsuit after the Feb. 20 incident, contending he suffered severe head and facial injuries when the three men punched and kicked him outside a Fox Lake bar.

The incident prompted a criminal investigation that resulted in the indictment of the three men Thursday by a McHenry County grand jury.

"He's relieved, absolutely," said Hallett's attorney, Jon Loevy. "These guys are not above the law just because they have a badge."

Richmond Police officer Brian Quilici, 33, who resigned from the department last month, and Spring Grove officer Ronald Pilati, who has been placed on administrative leave, were charged with five felonies: aggravated battery; conspiracy to obstruct justice; official misconduct; unlawful restraint, and mob action, McHenry County authorities said.

Jerome Volstad, 41, a former Lincolnshire police officer, also was charged with impersonating a police officer.

A fourth person, Jessica Thelen, 28, was charged with aggravated battery and conspiracy. All face up to five years in prison if convicted.