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Indictments Returned in Officer Beating Cases

(Houston, Tx) Harris County District Attorney Pat Lykos announced Wednesday the decision of the 183rd District Court Grand Jury to indict four former Houston Police Department officers involved in the March 23rd arrest of a suspected burglar. The four men are accused of mistreating Chad Holley after arresting him for burglary. Raad Hassan, Phillip Bryan, Andrew Blomberg, and Drew Ryser are subject to penalties of up to a year in jail and up to a \$4000 fine for the misdemeanor offenses. The cases will be heard in a district court due to the defendants' status as public servants at the time of the alleged offense.

Surveillance video of the incident was recovered by *Uncle Bob's Storage* and mailed to the Houston Police Department and the District Attorney's Office. Chief McClelland immediately contacted the District Attorney, and both the Police Integrity Division of the District Attorney's Office and HPD worked together to develop relevant testimony and secure all available evidence.

District Attorney Lykos praised the prompt action of both Chief McClelland and the HPD investigative officers for their efforts. "Chief McClelland acted quickly and decisively to alert us of the allegations of misconduct and has once again demonstrated HPD's willingness to hold themselves to the highest standards of professional conduct." She further commended the management of *Uncle Bob's Storage* for performing their civic duty to report the incident they observed on their surveillance cameras.

Bonds are set at \$1000 for each charge.

The mission of law enforcement is to serve and protect. To effectively perform our duty, it is imperative that we have the respect and cooperation of our citizens. People should know and be assured that the Houston Police Department and the Harris County District Attorney's Office will thoroughly investigate and vigorously prosecute those who abuse their positions of trust. (END).

Raad Hassan—Official Oppression
Violation of the Civil Rights of a Prisoner

Andrew Blomberg—Official Oppression

Drew Ryser—Official Oppression

Phillip Bryan—Official Oppression
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