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## Long Islanders march to protest alleged police beating

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GARDEN CITY, N.Y. (AP) — Approximately 150 people marched from Mineola to the Garden City Police Department's headquarters to protest the alleged beating of a retired Long Island corrections officer.

Newsday reports (<http://nwsdy.li/2galkRE>) 53-year-old Ronald Lanier, who is African-American, claims that two white Garden City officers handcuffed him and beat him after mistaking him for a shoplifter last Wednesday.

The former Nassau County jail guard says he was treated for bruises at Winthrop-University Hospital following the incident.

In support of his claims, the protesters walked about more than a mile from the supermarket where Lanier was allegedly beaten to police headquarters. There demonstrators expressed their desire to have the officers relieved of their duties.

Lanier has notified village officials and the police department that he intends to sue.

Police officials have declined to comment.

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Information from: Newsday, <http://www.newsday.com>

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