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Corruption saga continues Rookie quit police force after witnessing abuse

cer Keith Batt was a 23-year-old rookie just three weeks out of the academy. He went straight to the night shift, where most officers start

There, on patrol in west Oakland, one of the city's most dangerous neighborhoods, Batt met The Riders.

For three weeks in June and July, prosecutors say, the rookie watched his fellow officers beat, harass and falsely arrest at least 10 people. Then, on July 3, he allegedly saw a man arrested on trumped-up charges that he was seen discarding 17 rocks of cocaine.

The rookie reported what

he saw and quit the force, setting in motion a police corruption scandal that has led to the arrest of four officers and the dismissal of scores of cases

Exactly how far and wide The Riders scandal will reach remains to be seen, despite Police Chief Richard

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) - Offi- Word's insistence that the alleged false reports. Three are expected to abuse was limited to the four officers.

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to at least 15 people arrested by The Riders about suing.

The four officers — Frank Vazquez, 44, Clarence "Chuck" Mabanag, 35, Jude Siapno, 32, and Matthew Hornung, 29 — were charged Nov. 2 with offenses includ-ing assault, kidnapping and filing

ing the officers' records and looking at whether other members of the force were Prosecutor David Hollister said 49 mostly drug-related cases --- convictions and pending cases alike have been dismissed and more could fall apart as his office sorts through

all cases involving the four officers

dating back 18 months before they

enter pleas on Dec. 6; Vazquez is a

fugitive, believed to be hiding in

seen no evidence backing up the

Lawyers for the three officers, who are on paid leave, said they have

charges. Mabanag's lawyer,

Michael Rains, said the offi-cers are "both sad and anx-

ious to have their stories

heard." Vazquez's lawyer

has not returned repeated

ited to what Batt witnessed,

the department is re-examin-

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were taken off the streets lammography centers face crisis

CHICAGO (AP) - Mammography centers are scaling back or even closing because of inadequate reimbursement rates and malpractice fears at a time when more and more aging baby boomers need annual breast exams

It all adds up to a crisis taking shape in mammography, experts warned Wednesday.

With access shrinking, women often have to wait months to schedule an annual breast cancer screening and may decide to skip the exams altogether. Even women with suspicious lumps may have to wait several weeks to get a mammogram.

That can delay the diagnosis of breast cancer and result in tumors being detected at later, less treatable stages, a panel of doctors said at the Radiology Society of North America's annual meeting.

Studies have shown that routine mammograms can decrease the risk of dying from breast cancer by as much as 40 percent. About 1 million women a year are turning 40, the age when many doctors say annual screening should begin, the panel said.

Screening mammograms typically cost between \$75 and \$150, while diagnostic mammograms, performed when a problem is suspected, may cost well more than \$200.

Recommended Medicare reimbursement rates, set by Congress, are well below that — \$67 for a screening mammogram and \$81 for a diagnostic exam, said Dr. Stephen Feig, director of breast imaging at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York.

That cuts into the budgets at many mammography centers, which are being subsidized by their other radiology services, said Dr. Ellen Mendelson, director of a breast imaging center at Western Pennsylvania Hospital.

The most prominent closure occurred last year when New York University Medical Center shut one of its two mammography services for financial reasons. A few smaller centers elsewhere have closed, and many others have reduced services, the panel said. Lagging reimbursement rates and concerns over malpractice --- the exams miss between 10 percent and 20 percent of cancers are leading many would-be mammographers to choose other specialties, the panel added.

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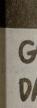
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