

# Police chief reacts to coverup allegations

## Doctor accuses officer of assault and others of conspiring to cover it up

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Windsor police chief Gary Smith is concerned about a \$14-million lawsuit launched by a doctor.

Tyceer Abouhassan claims he was beaten by a police officer outside the Jackson Park Medical Centre.

The doctor alleges other officers conspired to protect one of their own by pursuing assaulting a police officer charges against him.

The doctor ended up with head injuries, a broken nose and a detached retina that required surgery.

Smith won't say much since it's a legal matter.

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"I'm always worried about the reputation of the police service. We have such a transparent system," Smith said. "As most people know, there's been a number of times when there's been allegations of misconduct when I declare a chief's complaint so they can be fully vetted and investigated and open to the public."

An assault charge against Det. David Van Buskirk is still before the courts.

Staff sergeants Paul Bridgeman and Pat Keane are accused of discreditable conduct for their role in the incident. They're currently involved in a police act hearing.