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Six Arrested, Police Brutality Alleged

Eastfield police arrested six Mandrake University students at a party last night, but other students who were there say that the officers hit and kicked the arrested students, even after they were handcuffed.

"I don't care what the police say, these kids were not resisting arrest," said Carol Schock, a Mandrake student who witnessed the incident.

According to witnesses, the police arrived at a party at 1730 7th Street around 11:15 pm last night for the purpose of breaking up the college party being held there. The four officers then confronted the three college students who were renting the house. The tenants agreed to keep the noise down and to exclude any minors from the festivities.

One of the officers then allegedly struck one of the tenants across the face. The other tenants and three other students defended the man who had been struck, and all six were beaten and arrested by the police.

"Their faces were bleeding and bruised," said Schock. "They weren't looking for a fight, they just wanted the cops to leave Bill alone. They weren't resisting at all."

It was unclear what caused the incident to become violent in the first place. Sarah Hanson, another Mandrake student and witness, suggested it was because McDonald did not show his ID as quickly as the officers wanted him to.

"He was digging around for his wallet and I guess the guy just thought he was stalling. So he hit him. I wasn't surprised. This isn't the first time something like this has happened."

All six students were arrested and booked but are scheduled to be released today.

Eastfield police have made no comment regarding the allegations of police brutality.