

Hate-crime charges filed in attack on mentally disabled man

CHICAGO (AP) — Four black people were charged with hate crimes Thursday in connection with a video broadcast live on Facebook that showed a mentally disabled white man being beaten and taunted, threatened with a knife and forced to drink from a toilet.

The assault went on for hours, until Chicago police found the disoriented victim walking along a street, authorities said.

The suspects, who were jailed, can be heard on the video using profanities against white people and President-elect Donald Trump.

Police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said investigators initially concluded that the 18-year-old man was singled out because he has "special needs," not because he was white. But authorities later said the charges resulted from both the suspects' use of racial slurs and their references to the victim's disability.

It's also possible that the suspects were trying to extort something from the victim's family, police said. The man's parents reported their son missing Monday and told authorities they later received text messages from people who claimed to be holding him captive.

The victim was a classmate of one of the attackers and initially went with that person voluntarily, police said.

"He's traumatized by the incident, and it's very tough to communicate with him at this point," police Cmdr. Kevin Duffin said.

Excerpts of the video posted by Chicago media outlets show the victim with his mouth taped shut and slumped in a corner of a room. At least two assailants



Chicago Police Department via AP

These booking photos provided by the Chicago Police Department show, from left, Tesfaye Cooper, Brittany Covington, Tanisha Covington and Jordan Hill, four people charged, Thursday, with aggravated kidnapping and taking part in a hate crime after allegedly beating and taunting a man in a video broadcast live on Facebook.

are seen cutting off his sweatshirt, and others taunt him off camera. The video shows a wound on the top of the man's head. One person pushes the man's head with his or her foot.

A red band also appears to be around the victim's hands. He was tied up for four to five hours, authorities said.

The victim does not appear to make any attempt to defend himself or to escape his attackers. He is a suburban Chicago resident described by Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson as having "mental health challenges."

"There was never a question whether or not this incident qualified as being investigated as a hate crime," Johnson said. But "we need to base the investigation on facts and not emotion."

The case heightened political tensions on social media, with some conservatives suggesting it was linked to the Black Lives Matter movement. Police said there was no indication of any connection.

The incident began Dec. 31, when the victim and one of the suspects, 18-year-old

Jordan Hill, met at a suburban McDonald's to begin what both the victim and his parents believed would be a sleepover, police said.

Instead, Hill drove the victim around in a stolen van for a couple of days, ending up at a home in Chicago,

where two of the other suspects lived, detective Cmdr. Kevin Duffin said.

The victim told police what began as playful fighting escalated, and he was bound, beaten and taunted with racial slurs and disparaging comments about his mental

capacity.

A downstairs neighbor who heard noises threatened to call police. When two of the suspects left and kicked down the neighbor's door, the victim escaped. A police officer later spotted the obviously disoriented man wandering down a street.

The man was bloodied and wearing a tank top that was inside-out and backward. He had on jean shorts and sandals, despite freezing weather, officer Michael Donnelly said.

Most hate crimes are connected to the victim's race, but hate-crime charges can be sought in Illinois if a victim's mental disability sparked an attack, though it is rare.

In addition to hate crimes, the four were charged with kidnapping, aggravated battery and aggravated unlawful restraint. Three were also charged with burglary. It

was unclear whether any of the suspects had attorneys. They were to appear in court Friday.

Family members of the victim spoke briefly to reporters Thursday at a suburban hotel but declined to comment on the allegations or the investigation.

Neal Strom, who is acting as a family spokesman, told The Associated Press that the victim has had "profound emotional and physical disabilities throughout his life." He did not elaborate.

The grandmother of a young woman associated with the video said the granddaughter she raised from infancy is "not this person."

"I'm so upset, my head is about to bust open," said Priscilla Covington of Chicago. "I don't know if someone influenced her ... She had her ups and down. (She) was a good person. I'm so confused."

Friday Morning January 6, 2017

STATION	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	
FOX	(11) KFFX	11 AgDay	Hot/ Cleve.	Good Day Spokane			Paid	Into Wild	Steve Harvey (N)		Crime Watch Daily (N)		
KPTV	3 Good Day Oregon	6 Good Day Oregon at 6	Good Day Oregon				Good Day		The 700 Club		Rachael Ray (N)		
CBS	(19) KEPR	2 News	News	CBS This Morning (N)			Harry (N)		The Price Is Right		Young & Restless		
KOIN	19 KOIN 6 News at 6 a.m.			CBS This Morning (N)			The Doctors		Let's Make a Deal		The Price Is Right		
NBC	(25) KNDU	6 Wake Up Northwest		Today Show (N)			Today Show II (N)		Today Show III (N)		Million? Million?		
KGW	8 KGW News at Sunrise			Today Show (N)			Today Show II (N)		Today Show III (N)		Portland Today		
ABC	(42) KVEW	4 Northwest	Northwest	Good Morning America (N)			Live! With Kelly (N)		The View (N)		Paid	Middle	
KATU	5 KATU News Morning			Good Morning America (N)			AM Northwest		The View (N)		Live! With Kelly (N)		
PBS	(31) KTNW	Stretch	W.L. Yoga	SplashB.	Jet Gol	Nature Cat	Peg + Cat	D.Tiger	Thomas	Sesame St.	DinoTrain	SplashB.	
(59) OPB	13 Stretch	Jet Gol		Nature Cat	C. George	D.Tiger	D.Tiger	SplashB.	Sesame St.	DinoTrain	Peg + Cat	SuperWI	Thomas

AFTERNOON

STATION	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	
FOX	(11) KFFX	11 Paid	Pat. Court	Divorce	Divorce	Judge Mathis	The People's Court		2 1/2 Men	Mike & M.	Last Man	Last Man	
KPTV	3 12 O'Clock News		E. Stanton	Teen News	OutSpace	Paid	TMZ Live!		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	5 O'Clock News		
CBS	(19) KEPR	2 NameG.	Bold & B.	The Talk (N)			Let's Make a Deal		Dr. Phil	Judge Judy	News	News	
KOIN	19 News	Young & Restless		Bold & B.			The Talk (N)		Dr. Phil	KOIN 6 News at 4 p.m.	News	News	
NBC	(25) KNDU	6 TMZ	Paid	Days of Our Lives		Hot Bench	Hot Bench		Wendy Williams	Ellen DeGeneres (N)	News	NBC News	
KGW	8 KGW New	Paid		Days of Our Lives		T.D. Jakes			Ellen DeGeneres (N)	KGW News	KGW News	NBC News	
ABC	(42) KVEW	4 The Chew (N)		General Hospital		The Doctors			Rachael Ray (N)	Minute	Minute	News	
KATU	5 The Chew (N)			General Hospital		Harry (N)			Afternoon Live	KATU News @ 4	News	News	
PBS	(31) KTNW	Charlie Rose		Ming	Quilt Day	Stretch	C. George	Speaks	WordGirl	Arthur	Odd Squad	Biz Kid\$	
(59) OPB	13 Paint This	Mexican		Charlie Rose (N)		Nature Cat	Bob Build	Cat/ Hat	Jet Gol	Speaks	WordGirl	Odd Squad	Wild Kratts

EVENING

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FOX	(11) KFFX	11 Modern Family "The Closet Case"	Modern Family "She Crazy"	2 Broke Girls	Seahawks All Access	Rosewood "Bacterium and the Brothers Panitch" (N)	Sleepy Hollow "Columbia" (SP) (N)		FOX News First at Ten	:35 Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Offense"		:35 Anger Management
KPTV	3 6 O'Clock News		Family Feud	Family Feud		Rosewood (N)	Sleepy Hollow "Columbia" (SP) (N)		10 O'Clock News		11 O'Clock News	2 Broke Girls
CBS	(19) KEPR	2 Action News at 6 p.m.	Inside Edition	The Big Bang Theory		The Simpsons "Clown in the Dumps"	MacGyver "Screwdriver" (N)		Blue Bloods "Genetics" (N)		Action News at 11:00 p.m.	:35 S. Colbert Charlie Rose
KOIN	19 KOIN 6 News at 6	Evening News	Extra	Ent. Tonight		MacGyver "Screwdriver" (N)	Hawaii Five-0 "Ka'aelike" (N)		Blue Bloods "Genetics" (N)		KOIN 6 News/ 11	:35 S. Colbert (N)
NBC	(25) KNDU	6 Local News	Family Feud	Wheel of Fortune		Jeopardy!	Grimm "Fugitive" (SP) (N)	Emerald City "The Beast Forever" (P) (N)	Emerald City "The Beast Forever" (P) (N)	Emerald City "Prison of the Abject" (N)	Local News	:35 The Tonight Show
KGW	8 KGW News at 6:00 p.m.		Live at 7	NBC News		Grimm "Fugitive" (SP) (N)	Emerald City "The Beast Forever" (P) (N)	Emerald City "The Beast Forever" (P) (N)	Emerald City "Prison of the Abject" (N)		KGW News	:35 Tonight at 11
ABC	(42) KVEW	4 Extra	Local News at 6:30	Entertainment Tonight	The Insider	Last Man Standing "Three Sisters" (N)	Dr. Ken "New Intern" (N)		Shark Tank (N)	20/20		Local News at 11 :05 Jimmy Kimmel Live
KATU	5 KATU News at 6		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Last Man St. (N)	Dr. Ken (N)	Shark Tank (N)		20/20		KATU News	:35 Jimmy Kimmel
PBS	(31) KTNW	PBS NewsHour		BBC World News	Natural Health	Washington Week (N)	Charlie Rose (N)	In Jackson Heights	The racially and ethnically diverse neighborhood of Jackson Heights in Queens, New York. (N)			
(59) OPB	13 Travelscope	Business (N)		PBS NewsHour		Washington Week (N)	Stevie's "Bulgaria"	Foyle's War "Trespass"	Masterpiece Mystery! "Sherlock: The Six Thatchers"			

PARENTS TALK BACK

Why we buy things we don't need



AISHA SULTAN Parents Talk Back

It was one of those days. The house was upside-down, and the kids — ages 5 and 3 at the time — wouldn't listen. My list of things to do kept getting longer. Deadlines loomed. I was tired, stressed and felt resentment and self-pity building.

All of a sudden, my most pressing problem became that I had nothing to wear to an upcoming event.

I piled the children in the car and headed to a sale at a favorite boutique. I yelled at them nearly the entire 15 minutes we were in the car. By the time I had them in the double stroller, the youngest had fallen asleep.

I started piling clothes in my arms. We headed to a dressing room. Nearly two hours later, I had bought a purse, a pair of shoes, a top, a pair of pants and two bracelets. And I felt so much better.

I was calmer. I was happier. I was nicer to my sweet children, ready to face dinner, bedtime battles and a late night of working.

It was retail therapy at its worst. I knew the guilt would hit soon enough.

Even though I live within my means and refuse to carry a credit card balance, I'm haunted by my impulse to accumulate more stuff. I hate how much I enjoy buying.

A year and a half ago, I came face-to-face with my dueling inner demons. I swore off buying anything new for myself for an entire year. I told all my friends that I was on a consumption diet and not to call me when they went shopping.

They thought I was nuts. My consumption diet lasted a few months — until the week before we left for vacation. My outward excuse was that I had nothing appropriate for Florida weather, but I suspect the real reason I binged at Target was because the week before a trip is pure hell for most working parents. You're trying to get extra work done so you're not so far behind when you come back, along with setting up travel logistics, getting the kids

packed and making other arrangements. You're exhausted before you arrive at your destination.

There's a documented connection between our emotions and how much we spend. If we are sad, feeling sorry for ourselves or stressed, we shop

more. We ignore the other, more responsible voices in our head: Is this stuff made with any consideration for Earth's limited resources? Are the workers paid a fair, living wage? How long before it ends up in a landfill?

Like any temporary, euphoric fix, we are trying to fill a void.

Even before I watched the viral anti-stuff video at storyofstuff.org, I knew I wanted to break this cycle. Intellectually, we know it's a false notion that things can sustain happiness. Lives today are filled with more things than ever, and less happiness. We're filling the world with stuff and throwing fuel on a raging consumption fire.

To anyone who feels the pain of this economy, I don't believe we can spend our way out of this one. We are told that individual consumers keep the economy chugging, and we have internalized that message — our national spending far outpaces our saving.

I have plans to restart my consumption diet. It's best to take it day by day, week by week. I will consider this list of things that make me happy and don't require a trip to the mall: my children's laughter, a favorite song, a well-told story, a nap, a brisk walk, a conversation with a friend or family member. I vow to think about the consequences beyond limited closet space.

This is a time to invest in experiences, not things.

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STARZ OWL

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CBS	(19) KEPR	2 Colbert (N)	:35 James Corden	:35 Paid	:05 Paid	:35 Paid	:05 Spaces	:35 Paid	:05 Traveler	:35 Paid	Morning Saturday (N)	
KOIN	19 Colbert (N)	:35 James Corden		:35 Insider	:10 Paid	OurWorld	Paid	Paid	CBS This Morning Saturday (N)			
NBC	(25) KNDU	6 Tonight	:35 Seth Meyers	:35 C. Daly	:05 Today Show		Mad Money		1st Look	Fam. Feud	Saturday Today	
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KATU	5 J. Kimmel	:35 Nightl.	:05 Paid	:35 Paid	:05 Paid	:35 Paid	DestinTV	Paid	Paid		Paid	Paid
PBS	(31) KTNW	Jackson	T. Smiley	W.Week	CharlieR	In Jackson Heights					:10 Old House Hour	
(59) OPB	13 M'piece	Film	W.Week	Stevs'	Great Performances at the Met "Eugene Onegin"						Business	BBC News