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## Third cop relieved of powers in sex assault investigation

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April 02, 2011 | By Jeremy Gerner, Tribune reporter

A third Chicago police officer has been stripped of his police powers in connection with the investigation of an alleged sexual assault by two other officers of a 22-year-old woman they picked up Wednesday in their squad car, police said Saturday.

The third Town Hall District officer, who wasn't on duty that Wednesday morning, works in the same unit on the overnight "first watch" with the two others under criminal investigation for the incident, police sources said.

A police source said the third officer had a previous complaint lodged against him in connection with an incident involving another woman one night when he was partnering with one of the other two accused officers. Details of that complaint weren't available.

"While these allegations are not criminal at this time or directly associated with (the Wednesday incident), the (third) officer has been relieved of his police powers and placed in an administrative assignment pending resolution of the allegation," Chicago police said in an emailed statement Saturday.

A police source said at least one of the cops being investigated in the Wednesday incident has had at least one other complaint lodged against him alleging sexual misconduct.

No criminal charges have been filed against any of the officers.

The 22-year-old woman told investigators she was near Addison Street and Sheffield Avenue early Wednesday when the two officers offered her a ride home.

She told police she had sex with one officer in the car, and, after playing strip poker in her Rogers Park apartment, had sex with an officer there. The woman later told investigators she was afraid to refuse.

After she ran out of the apartment, screaming, a neighbor called police.

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