

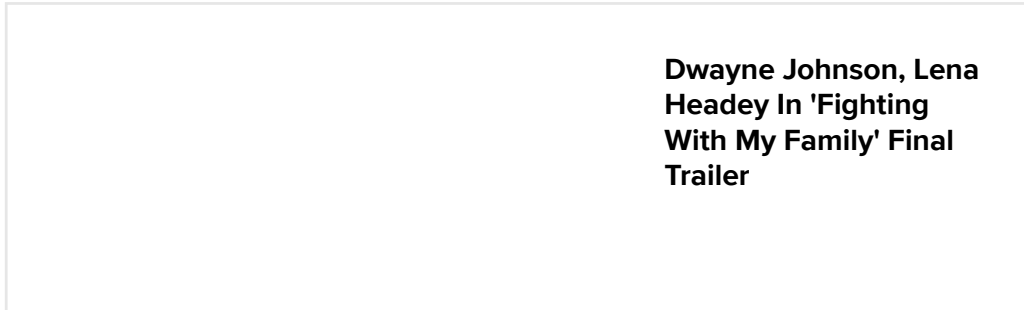
Police investigate fights at Walden Galleria

Authorities believe majority of those involved are minors.

The Cheektowaga Police Department is investigating three fights that broke out at the Walden Galleria the evening after Christmas.

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Cheektowaga Police Chief David Zack told 2 On Your Side that investigators believe the fighting broke out around six in the evening. Police received 22 calls about the incidents and multiple agencies responded to the scene.



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There were seven Cheektowaga police officers at the mall when the fights broke out. Responding agencies include Officers from Customs and Border Protections, New York State police, NFTA police, Buffalo police, Amherst police, Depew police, and West Seneca police.

"The first sign of possible trouble brewing began at approximately 6 p.m. with a fight call in the food court," Zack told 2 On Your Side.

Investigators believe the same people were responsible for all three fights; many of them are believed to be minors.

"A lot of the kids we brought in yesterday were between 13 and 15 years old. So even if we were to identify those individuals that were fighting, they couldn't be charged," Zack said at a press conference.

The police chief also discussed a security plan with [management at the Walden Galleria](#), Pyramid Management Group, to put a plan in place for the remainder of the holiday season.

"They're definitely be a heavy uniformed presence," Zack said. "You'll see officers at all entrances, at all entrances throughout the mall and again increased security as well."

The mall does have a curfew in place Friday through Sunday that states minors must be accompanied by an adult at the mall from 4 p.m. until closing. There is no word yet on whether that will change throughout the remainder of the winter break, while students are still out of school. That policy does not apply to stores with their own outside entrances.

"We met with mall officials this morning who are cooperating fully with this plan," said Zack.

But, Pyramid isn't talking with us. We got a written statement from Pyramid Thursday. We asked for an interview, and got no response.

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"We're not short on ideas. The ability to implement what we'd like to see is something entirely different," said Zack.

2 On Your Side also received information about looting taking place during the fighting. Police conformed one person stole several purses from the Michael Kors in the Walden Galleria, but no other looting has been reported.

