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### **CHARGES DISMISSED IN RAMSEY COP CASE OFFICER STILL FACES DEPARTMENTAL ACTION**

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A Ramsey police officer accused of trying to obtain reimbursement for a training class he didn't take has been cleared of criminal charges, but he still faces departmental discipline, officials said Sunday.

According to authorities,  29, submitted a memo and a false certificate to the

borough in order to be reimbursed \$150 for attending a 40-hour course at General Motors Corp., although he had only attended an eight-hour course.

The original charges, pressed by Police Chief [REDACTED] were official misconduct, forgery, and theft by deception. Bergen County Prosecutor John J. Fahy downgraded the forgery charge to falsifying documents and disorderly conduct, and dismissed the other charges.

A three-day trial was held last week on the remaining charges in Wyckoff Municipal Court. At the conclusion of the state's case, which included testimony from [REDACTED], an FBI agent, and two experts from General Motors, Judge Russel Teschon dismissed the charge based on the state's lack of evidence.

During the trial, [REDACTED] said the charges were filed against him because of a personal conflict between himself and the chief. Karpovich still faces departmental charges. Neither [REDACTED] nor [REDACTED] was available to comment.

[REDACTED], an eight-year veteran who also was the president of the local Policemen's Benevolent Association, has been suspended without pay since July. He will remain suspended without pay until the matter is resolved, officials said.

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