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## Harlem Globetrotters Return January 24

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The Hillsborough County state attorney filed two third-degree felony charges of resisting arrest Monday the #1 favorite of all basketball teams...the Harlem Globetrotters.

## Charges filed against Mets' Gooden

against New York Mets pitcher star Dwight Gooden, involved in a Dec. 13 scuffle with police that the prosecutor pledged would be dealt with in "a very stern fashion."

Gooden, 22, was charged with resisting a police officer with violence and battery on a law enforcement officer. Each third-degree felony could carry a maximum sentence of five years in prison and a \$5,000 fine with conviction.

Three other adults were arrested with the 1985 National League Cy Young Award winner, who was stopped by police in what they called a routine traffic case. State Attorney Bill James said each was charged with resisting an officer with violence while a fourth companion of Gooden was referred to juvenile authorities.

Facing arraignment Jan. 22

with Gooden will be his nephew, Milwaukee Brewers prospect Gary Sheffield, 18; Vance Lovelace, 23, of the California Angels organization, and Phillip Walker Jr., 23, James said the case will be tried by Chris Hoyer, an assistant state attorney.

"I want to make it crystal-clear to everybody within the community that I view these particular offenses as among the most serious we investigate," James told reporters.

He said he filed state charges after a full investigation of the controversial police arrests, in which Gooden was charged by City of Tampa police with resisting arrest with violence, battery on a police officer and disorderly conduct. James' office said Monday that the disorderly conduct charge, a misdemeanor, was

"absorbed within the more-serious felony charges."

"I'm confident that the charges have merit," said James, who declined to answer specific questions about the case. "I think that anytime someone resists arrest with violence, chances are they can plan on going to the hospital. When you attack a police officer, it's a very serious matter."

He declined to comment on possible negotiations on the charges or pretrial intervention.

Gooden and his four companions were arrested after fighting with police officers who said the Mets star was angered when they pulled his silver Mercedes over for a minor traffic offense.

Gooden suffered facial bruises and a bloodshot eye in the scuffle.

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