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## 4 jailed & freed in drug sweep say they'll sue

FOUR BROOKLYN residents swept up in an NYPD drug crackdown plan to sue the city for alleged civil rights violations, their lawyers said yesterday.

The plaintiffs were among more than a dozen people arrested April 28 in or near the Red Hook Houses and held for three or four days without being charged, attorney Nicole Bellina said.

"Fathers and mothers were picked up when the cops were looking for their sons," Bellina said, referring to

the undercover operation that netted 153 arrests.

Cops acknowledged that not all the people they arrested were charged with a crime, adding that prosecutors released 18 of them.

"Even if you allow that explanation," Bellina said, "that's something that should get sorted out within hours. It doesn't take three days."

The lawyers filed a notice of claim saying they intend to seek \$300,000 in damages.

**Robert F. Moore**