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For years, Mark Geinosky has steadfastly maintained that the mountain of parking tickets that arrived in his mailbox were bogus.

Turns out, the **Chicago Police Department** agrees.

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The internal charges against the officers were filed with the Police Board on Sept. 26.

Attorney Daniel Herbert, who represents Roque and Hegewald, said his clients deny the allegations.

"They're completely innocent of the charges," Herbert said. "The tickets were not written by them."

Sources said Sabatino is currently serving with the military overseas.

In a Friday email to the Problem Solver, Whelehan said he has fully complied with the Police Department in its investigation, which he called "misdirected and partial."

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"I want to be clear that I have never met Mark Geinosky, nor have I ever issued any parking tickets to Mark Geinosky's vehicle(s)," Whelehan wrote. "In fact, after learning details of his complaint, I too, am sympathetic to his frustrations."

For Geinosky it has certainly been a frustrating journey.

He began receiving the parking tickets in late 2007. Over the next 14 months, he accumulated 24 citations, all for infractions such as parking too close to a fire hydrant, obstructing the roadway or parking in a crosswalk.

Geinosky swore he had never been to the locations cited on the tickets, which were often desolate stretches of the South Side where legal parking was readily available.

None of the tickets was attached to his car. He found out about each when notifications arrived in the mail, sometimes in batches of three.

He fought all 24 tickets in administrative court and was able to get each one thrown out.

Despite his repeated victories in court, the tickets kept coming.

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