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# Chicago grand jury joins in probe

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A federal grand jury in Chicago next week will join investigations into the conduct of two New York sports agents. The grand jury has issued subpoenas to collegiate officials and players who will be called to testify on the activities of agents **Norby Walters** and **Lloyd Bloom**, who have been accused of threatening college players for allegedly renegeing on contracts signed with them.

**Walters** has been the target of federal inquiries in New York, Dallas and Atlanta since March when several college players alleged to the National Football League Players Association **Walters** threatened them for firing him. Such threats could constitute **extortion**, a violation of federal law.

**Walters** denied the charges but said he had advanced cash to several players as an inducement to sign with him, a violation of NCAA collegiate eligibility rules. **Walters** also filed suit against five players charging breach of contract and sparking separate university probes and an NCAA investigation.

But the Chicago-based grand jury action reportedly stem from a March 16 incident in which Kathe Clements, an associate of Chicago agent Steve Zucker, was assaulted in her office by a man wearing a ski mask. The incident happened after **Walters** and **Bloom** accused Zucker of attempting to sign away from them Nebraska fullback Doug DuBose.

Big Ten Commissioner Wayne Duke was not available yesterday to comment whether the

conference or officials from member schools have been subpoenaed, but Ohio State athletic director Richard Bay and University of Pittsburgh athletic director Ed Bozek confirmed in published reports in Atlanta they have been subpoenaed.

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