



## **Police identify men accused in beating**

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Police have identified three men accused of beating up a suspected shoplifter in Chinatown.

On Saturday, a store owner approached a man who he believed had shoplifted from his Grange Ave. variety store. That afternoon, the owner saw the man again and contacted two of his employees.

While two of them chased the man on foot, a third drove after him in a van. When they caught him, the trio forced him into the back of the van, tied his hands and feet, and beat him, said Const. Tony Vella.

A witness called police, who stopped the vehicle and let the man out. He was treated for bruises to his hands and feet.

Jie Chen, 21, Wang Chen, 35, and Qing Li, 40, all of Toronto, are charged with assault, kidnapping, forcible confinement and carrying a concealed weapon.

The three appeared in court yesterday and were released ahead of their trial.