## Police chief arrested on civil rights charges

## **INDIANAPOLIS**

The police chief in the violence-plagued city of Gary, Ind., assaulted two people he suspected of burglarizing his home and had them and two others wrongfully locked up for three days, prosecutors said Thursday.

Police Chief Thomas
Houston faces six counts of
depriving the civil rights of
another, the Justice
Department's Civil Rights
Division said in statement. If
convicted, he faces up to 24
years in prison.

Among other things
Houston was accused of kicking
a handcuffed suspect in the
stomach and punching another
suspect, a woman, also in the
stomach.

