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Police probe political fundraiser fracas

Detectives with the Ventura County Sheriff's Department are investigating a fracas last month outside a fundraiser for state Senate candidate Tony Strickland, at the request of three individuals who said a political aide shoved them during the altercation.

The June 17 incident outside the Hyatt Westlake Plaza hotel in Thousand Oaks resulted in a one-month suspension of the aide, Joel Angeles, by his boss, Assemblywoman Audra Strickland, R-Moorpark. Police were summoned to the incident, but no arrests were made.

On Thursday, three people who said they were shoved by Angeles asked sheriff's deputies to investigate the incident. Louis Pandolfi, Jack Phillips and Sandy Quiring submitted 11 witness statements and were interviewed by detectives.

"They'll interview the parties, review the evidence and from there forward it to the District Attorney's Office," Detective Eric Buschow said.

The incident occurred as a group of protesters marched up a sidewalk toward a group of Tony Strickland supporters. Verbal sparring turned into

shoving between the group and Angeles, who is chief of staff for Audra Strickland, the wife of the Senate candidate.

