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## What Has Happened To The Game Of Softball ?

### Hilton man in guarded condition after assault at Parma, NY softball game . . .

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PARMA, NY — Monroe County sheriff's deputies today released information about the Irondequoit man accused of seriously injuring an opposing player at the end of a softball game yesterday.

**Sean Sanders, 27**, was charged with second-degree assault, a felony, said Cpl. John Helfer of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office.

Daniel Andrews, 37, of Hilton was in guarded condition at Strong Memorial Hospital today, one day after he was punched in the back of the head while the teams lined up to shake hands at the end of the game about 2:30 p.m., Helfer said. Andrews, who was knocked unconscious on the field, suffered severe injuries to his head and neck.

Sheriff's deputies arrested Sanders about 8 p.m. near Frisbee Hill Road in Greece, about a mile southeast of Forks Park off Manitou Road in Parma where the incident occurred. Sanders was already on parole for assault.

According to the state Department of Correctional Services, Sanders spent just over four years in state prison for a second-degree assault conviction. He was released in March 2007. He had also previously served nearly three years in state prison for a third-degree burglary conviction, according to state records.

Andrews was taken to Unity Hospital in Greece and then transferred to Strong because of the severity of his injuries.

**Players had been trash talking back and forth during the game, Helfer said, but the cause of the fight is still being investigated.**

After rain showers passed the area, State Police used a helicopter to search for Sanders, who fled on foot from the park off Manitou Road, which borders the towns of Parma and Greece. The park is surrounded by swampland and is about a mile and a half west of Braddock Bay on Lake Ontario.

Law enforcement officials blocked off the park's sole entrance across from Braddock Bay Paddlesports, 416 Manitou Road, and searched cars as they left.

Sheriff's deputies were able to find Sanders after they received a phone call from residents of Frisbee Road who saw him in the area.

Sanders was arraigned in Parma Town Court early today Monday and was remanded to the Monroe County Jail without bail. He is slated to return to court to answer the charges at 5 p.m. Wednesday for a preliminary hearing.



A Monroe County sheriff officer checks vehicles leaving Forks Park Softball Complex in Hilton Sunday afternoon. A fight broke out over a softball game and one man was seriously injured. (Democrat and Chronicle staff photo by Kris J. Murante, 06/29/2008) (KRIS J. MURANTE staff photograph)

