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## NYPD SUED OVER SELECTIVELY CHOOSING WHO GETS MEDIA CREDENTIALS

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**By Carlos Miller**

Rafael Martínez Alequin published the Brooklyn Free Press, a tabloid community newspaper that ran for almost two decades before he took it online in 2003 and called it The New York City Free Press.

[www.yourfreepress.blogspot.com](http://www.yourfreepress.blogspot.com)

David Wallis published a book and founded [www.featurewell.com](http://www.featurewell.com), an online syndication service that provides news to more than 1,500 magazines throughout the world.

And Ralph E. Smith is publisher of the Guardian Chronicle, a website that targets black law enforcement workers. He is also a public information officer for the New York City Corrections Department.

The three men were denied press credentials from the New York City Police Department because they do not work for a “legitimate news organization”. Last week, the [three men sued](#) the police department.

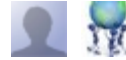
The lawsuit, filed in Federal District Court in Manhattan, asserts that the three men were denied press credentials in 2007 “with little explanation or opportunity for appeal,” and that the system for issuing press credentials is “inconsistent and constitutionally flawed.”

The lawsuit is the latest debate between the quest for legitimacy from the New Media, which is essentially anything published in print or online that is not affiliated with a major corporate news entity, and the Old Media, a conglomeration of corporations that has reluctantly acknowledged the New Media’s existence.

The last time the debate arose was in the wake of the [mass arrests](#) at the Republican National Convention in September, in which Minneapolis officials tried to determine which journalists would be

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 height: 5.64 feet, long dark brown hair.

Desaparecida Dana Rishpy, nacionalidad israelí, de 25 años de edad, vista por última vez el 30 de Marzo del 2007 en Playa Tulum. Si requiere cualquier información contactar al Sr. Rish Erez consular de Israel al tel 55-5-50-81892 o a la Policía de Tulum. Gracias de antemano, Familia Rishpy.

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