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Pittsburgh Pirates third baseman Bill Madlock claims he was handcuffed and threatened by police during an incident in which he allegedly threw a parking ticket at an officer and was charged with littering.

Madlock, the Pirates' captain and four-time National League batting champion, leveled his charge Monday after a City Court hearing, in which he agreed to pay a \$32.50 fine for illegal parking. Police dropped the littering charge.

Officer James Anderson said he ticketed Madlock's Rolls Royce Jan. 27 for being in a no-parking zone. Madlock allegedly "balled up the ticket and threw it at the officer," said Inspector William Valenta.

Valenta said Madlock was then taken to the Public Service Building, where he posted a \$300 bond.

However, Madlock and his attorney, Roslyn M. Litman, gave a different version of the event at the hearing.

Madlock said he returned to the car and spotted the ticket on the windshield while he was in the driver's seat. He said he turned on the windshield wiper to bring the ticket within reach but it was blown to the street.

He had driven about a block away from where he was ticketed when Anderson pulled him over and more than 10 officers appeared on the scene, Madlock said.

A plainclothes officer "told me he'd whip my butt," said Madlock, and then shoved him against the car and handcuffed him.

"I don't think I should have been treated differently than anyone else, but I don't think anyone should be treated that way even if they were littering," said Madlock.

Valenta said he was unaware that Madlock was pushed or threatened by an officer.

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