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MIDWEST CITY, Oklahoma – The Oklahoma County District Attorney could soon charge five members of a local bounty hunter group with forcing their way into a family's Midwest City apartment.

Kevin Houston says the Bounty Boys pounded on the door of his apartment just before midnight on July 26. He says they told him to open the door, and when he did several men rushed in. The men were wearing vests labeled with the word "Fugitive" on the back. They

also carried guns, tasers and badges. Houston says he did what they told him to do because he assumed they were police.

Midwest City police say the Bounty Boys held Houston, his fiancé and two children hostage for almost an hour before they realized they were in the wrong place. Houston called police as soon as they left.

Five members of the Bounty Boys are now faces charges of kidnapping, and entering a structure with intent to commit a felony. They are:

Lawrence Earl Sanders (AKA Les Sanders and Les Riggs), 42, of Oklahoma City David Shad Dewitt (AKA Chris Black), 38, of Oklahoma City Brandon Paul Zimmerman, 30, of Bethany David Wayne Shook, 47, of Oklahoma City Patrick Don Redden, 35, of Shawnee

Sanders is could also be charged with pointing a firearm and unlawful carrying of a firearm. Dewitt also faces a charge of unlawful carrying of firearm.

"This is the first step of justice to set a bright line standard for rogue bounty hunters," Chief Brandon Clabes said. "We hope these individuals face the consequences of their actions. Also, that in the next Oklahoma legislative session, more stringent regulations will be adopted into law to prevent future criminal acts by certain bounty hunters who don't play by the rules."

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