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Man Stuffed With \$3,700 Bill Sues Rush St. Bar

Haitham Alramli believes bar employee forged his signature for purchases

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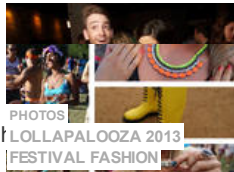


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A Chicago man is suing a Rush Street bar, claiming someone forged his signature on receipts for nearly \$3,700 worth of alcohol purchases while he was intoxicated.

Haitham Alramli filed the suit Tuesday in Cook County Circuit Court against Proof, a nightclub at 1045 N. Rush St.

Aramli claims he woke up at his home after he "blacked out" at the bar on Jan. 6, according to the suit.

Several days later, he learned the bar had charged a total of \$3,730 to his American Express credit card, which included \$1,455 in gratuity, the suit said.

Aramli says the signatures on two receipts Proof submitted to his credit card company are not his, and that he believes an employee of the bar made and signed for the unauthorized purchases.

A phone number for the establishment was not working Tuesday evening, and an email seeking comment was not immediately returned.

Aramli has tried to contest the bill with both the bar and American Express, but both refused to reverse the charges, the suit says.

The two-count suit claims violations of the state's Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act, and seeks an unspecified amount in damages.