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Randolph police charge Boston cop with assault

Report: 8-year-old daughter was violently shaken after she began crying

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QUINCY — A Boston police officer who lives in Randolph is facing charges that he violently shook and injured his 8-year-old daughter.

At his arraignment Tuesday in Quincy District Court, Leonard F. Brown, 42, pleaded innocent to a charge of assault and battery on a child with injury.

Judge James McGovern scheduled a pretrial hearing for June 18 and ordered Brown to avoid contact with his daughter and ex-wife, who is also a Boston police officer. Brown is free after posting \$40 bail, his lawyer said.

According to a Randolph police report filed in court, Brown was charged when he voluntarily came to the police station on Monday.

The alleged assault occurred Sunday at Brown's home.

His daughter, who had spent the weekend with him, told police she started crying when Brown said she could not extend her stay. Brown allegedly told her to stop acting "stupid" and insisted it was "his house, his rules," according to the report.

At that point, Brown allegedly picked his daughter up and shook her for about four seconds. The girl later complained of a headache and sore neck, and her mother took her to a pediatrician.

Boston police spokeswoman Elaine Driscoll said Brown is on administrative duty pending the outcome of an internal-affairs investigation.

In July 2007, Brown was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, making threats and violating an abuse-prevention order. Police said Brown displayed a black handgun to an acquaintance during a dispute, saying, "Do you know who you are (expletive) with?" The charges were dismissed the following year.

Eric S. Goldman, an attorney listed in court documents as representing Brown, did not return a phone call.

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