

## Ex-Berthoud officer Jeremy Yachik in court for charges he beat his teenage daughter

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FORT COLLINS, Colo. - The Berthoud police officer fired after being arrested for allegedly abusing his 15-year-old daughter appeared in court Tuesday.

Officer Jeremy Yachik was in Larimer County Court to be advised of the charges against him this afternoon.

As he left the court, 7NEWS reporter Russell Haythorn asked, "Jeremy, would you like to say anything on your behalf? You're accused of some pretty serious things."

Yachik never responded, but Haythorn also asked the woman walking with him.

"Would you like to say anything ma'am?"

"I would like to say a lot, but not to you guys," the woman responded.

Yachik is currently free on \$1,500 bond. He is accused of beating his daughter on at least four separate occasions.

During a voluntary Sept. 27 interview with Loveland investigators, Yachik, who is 5-feet-11-inches tall and weighs 270 pounds, admitted doing many of these things to the girl, the affidavit said. The officer also confirmed he was the man shown in the video abusing the teen in July 2012.

Asked why he did these things, Yachik told investigators the teen "won't communicate" with him, the affidavit said. He didn't cite anything the girl had done to warrant these punishments, police wrote.

Loveland police brought charges against him after Yachik's ex-fiance forwarded cell phone video of one of the incidents to police, media and town officials.

He was placed on leave on Oct. 3 and fired on Oct. 25.

The scandal also resulted in the suspension of the Berthoud chief of police, who is accused of covering up Yachik's misconduct.

Yachik is next due in court on Dec. 2.

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