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# Gary cop on leave after domestic violence arrest

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HAMMOND — Gary Patrolman Brandon D. Henderson is on unpaid administrative leave after he was arrested in a domestic violence incident.

Henderson, of Hammond, was charged Monday with kidnapping, battery resulting in moderate bodily injury, intimidation, interference with the reporting of a crime and criminal mischief. He was released Tuesday from Lake County Jail after posting a \$40,000 surety bond, according to court records.

Gary Police Department Lt. Dawn Westerfield said Henderson has been placed on unpaid administrative leave pending the outcome of the case. He has been with the department since November 2013. A probable cause affidavit lists Henderson's birth date as July 21, 1995, making him 21. However, Lake County court records available online list him as being 25 with a date of birth of Sept. 13, 1990. Westerfield said she could not clarify the age discrepancy late Wednesday night, but added an individual must be 21 to join the police force.

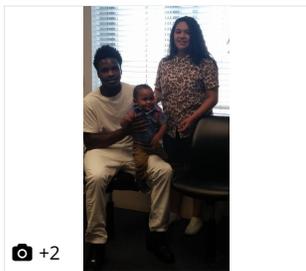
Henderson's girlfriend, who is a Hammond police officer, told detectives that she agreed to meet him Sunday in Hammond to discuss their relationship. She had previously told him she wanted to end the relationship.



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When the two met, they began arguing with Henderson at one point punching her in the face, according to the affidavit. He is also accused of taking her keys and phone.

Henderson drove off in his car, but he later returned and threatened to shoot the woman and her brother, according to the affidavit.

The woman agreed to sit in Henderson's car after she saw he was approaching his trunk. According to the affidavit, Henderson typically keeps an assault rifle in his car.

Once the woman was inside the car, Henderson drove away and then punched the woman when she tried to open the car door, the affidavit states. He drove them to his home, and he later took her home.

According to the affidavit, Henderson admitted to hitting his girlfriend and taking her belongings, but he told detectives that he didn't confine her.

His initial hearing is scheduled for Aug. 3.



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