

Roswell police officer arrested after domestic dispute with wife

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ROSWELL, N.M. (KRQE)- A New Mexico police officer who has been shot in the line of duty could ruin his career. He was arrested, accused of roughing up his young wife.

Sergeant Cruz Zavala with the Roswell Police Department found himself on the other side of the jail bars over the weekend.

The 41-year-old was arrested for a domestic dispute with his wife.

According to the criminal complaint, Cruz's 23-year-old wife tried to leave the house after an argument over dinner at their home just outside of Roswell.

She claims Zavala tackled her then twisted her arm behind her and took her cell phone and keys away from her. She says he then picked her up and threw her out the front door.

Deputies say she had red marks on her arms and neck.

Sergeant Zavala was arrested for battery of a household member.

Back in 2002, he was shot five times, including once in the face while trying to pull over an 18-year-old convicted killer for a possible DWI. He returned to work a few months later. Then in 2013, Zavala was at the scene of a police shooting that almost killed a suicidal man.

Neighbors say that Zavala is a nice guy and that they have never had any problems with him.

Zavala is now suspended with pay. He bonded out of jail Sunday.

If Cruz is convicted of the charge, he won't be able to work as a police officer in New Mexico. That's because people convicted of domestic violence cannot carry a gun.

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