

## NYPD 'Cop of the Month' arrested for beating, choking wife

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[2016 Cop Domestic Violence](#) Richard Phipps

**DAILY NEWS** Richard Phipps, a 16-year NYPD veteran, is behind bars for allegedly attacking his wife.

A cop who has spent 16 years fighting crime in Queens found himself behind bars Saturday on domestic abuse charges, officials said.

Police Officer Richard Phipps, 42, was charged with assaulting and choking his wife in front of the couple's teenage child at their Jamaica home about 7:30 a.m. Saturday.

His wife was not seriously hurt, cops said.

Phipps joined the NYPD in 1999 and has spent most of his career in the 105th Precinct in Queens Village.

In 2013, he was named "Cop of the Month" for arresting a burglar armed with a pistol. He was also credited with the quick arrest of a 2005 murder suspect in Hollis, Queens, officials said.

In an unrelated incident, an NYPD Traffic Agent was arrested in Queens for attacking his girlfriend, cops said.

Keith Jenson, 32, violated an order of protection filed by his girlfriend when he confronted her in Jamaica about 3:30 a.m. Saturday, according to officials.

His victim was not injured.

He was charged with assault, harassment and criminal contempt.

The arraignments of both men were pending Saturday.

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