

## Round Rock police officer accused of choking spouse

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ROUND ROCK, Texas (KXAN) — A Round Rock police officer is on paid administrative leave after he was involved in a physical disturbance with his spouse.

The Round Rock Police Department says on Friday, April 15, Officer Shane Myers, 37, called his own police department to say he was involved in a disturbance in the 900 block of Hesters Crossing Road. When officers arrived, they arrested Myers and charged him with assault by strangulation/family violence.

According to an arrest affidavit, the altercation stemmed from an argument about Myers' wife having contact with her ex-spouse via Facebook. When Myers came home, his wife told police he took her electronics out of her purse and broke them over his knee, continued the affidavit.

The situation escalated when Myers grabbed her arm and pushed her down. She said Myers had his arm around her neck when she lost consciousness.

Myers was booked into the Williamson County Jail on Saturday. He posted a \$5,000 bond and was released the same day.

A spokesperson for the department says Myers, who has been with the department since 2005, has been placed on administrative leave as the department's Criminal Investigations Division conducts an investigation in accordance with department policy.

This isn't the first time a RRPD officer has been accused of family violence. Last year, Officer Marques Guntz was placed on administrative leave after his ex-girlfriend said he assaulted her. A spokesperson with RRPD says Guntz was fired from the department last June.

Lawyers at Texas Advocacy Project stay busy. More than 5,600 people received legal services from the non-profit in 2015. They're on track to surpass that this year.

"So it's real and it's happening and people need our help," Executive Director Heather Bellino said. She says one in three Texas families will be involved in domestic violence and the law enforcement community isn't immune. Regardless of who is the person responsible, Bellino says the first call for victims should always be to police.

"Its very important if you're in a violent situation, you call 9-1-1. If you're able to that's what you should do first. If for some reason you can't call 9-1-1, reaching out to a local shelter is a great second choice," said Bellino.

She names Safe Place, Hope Alliance and Hays-Caldwell Women's Center as good options in Central Texas. But for police and people who have stressful jobs, she says that does not translate into higher cases of domestic violence.

"A perpetrator of violence is doing that because they have a need for violence and control. It's not because they have a stressful job," said Bellino.



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