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Ely police officer arrested for child abuse

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Ely police officer Jason Carlson, 32, was arrested on Thursday, Jan. 27 for allegedly hitting his six-year-old daughter.

The incident occurred around 5 p.m. at Carlson's home in Aurora.

According to a report from the St. Louis County Court Administration, Carlson's wife, Ann, contacted the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office about three hours after an altercation between Carlson and his daughter. Ann told the responding deputy that their daughter was throwing a fit, so she summoned her husband to handle the situation because he can "usually get the children to mind." She added that Carlson had been drinking beer in the garage before the altercation.

She said her husband told her she needed to "take the bull by the horns" and do what needed to be done. He grabbed the child either by the shoulder or her clothing, slammed her against the wall and slapped her. He then forcefully carried her down the hall, put her in bed and told her to stop crying.

She told the deputy that Carlson does not normally punish their children to that extent. However, she believed her husband's actions were excessive and crossed the line from discipline to abuse. At the time of the deputy's contact, she said the mark remained on her daughter's face and might be bruised by morning.

Carlson was arraigned on Friday, Jan. 28 and faces one count of malicious punishment of a child. He is on supervised release and is not allowed contact with his wife or any of his children.

The Ely City Council met with the Ely Police Commission in a closed session on Tuesday to discuss the matter. Afterward, the commission placed Carlson on paid administrative leave.

Carlson has been an Ely police officer since 2005.

His next hearing will be on Wednesday, Feb. 9 at 9:30 a.m. at the St. Louis County Courthouse in Virginia.

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