

Denver Court Sets Bail for Goalie Varlamov

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Denver District Court has set bail for the release of Russian hockey goaltender Semyon Varlamov at \$5,000 after the Colorado Avalanche star was arrested on kidnapping and assault charges, a court official said.

The Colorado Avalanche star, 25, turned himself in to police Wednesday after a warrant was issued for his arrest following a complaint that reportedly came from his girlfriend. He has not been formally charged, his lawyer Jack Rotole said in video comments posted on Twitter.

The charge of second-degree kidnapping is a felony that carries a maximum six-year prison term, while the assault charge is a misdemeanor.

At Varlamov's arraignment on Thursday, the judge imposed a restraining order on the hockey star. The court official said that would usually forbid a suspect from coming within 100 yards of a supposed victim.

He was granted permission to travel, meaning Varlamov will be able to rejoin the Avalanche and represent Russia at February's Winter Olympics on home ice in Sochi, should any trial not hinder those plans.

A second so-called advisement hearing was set for November 14, the court official told R-Sport. Court documents showed the bond of \$5,000 had been posted in the moments after the hearing ended.

The Denver Post cited police documents as saying the incident in question happened on Monday night. The woman, whose name is redacted from police reports, claims Varlamov kicked her in the chest and knocked her down, then stomped on her while she was on the ground, the Post said.

He also grabbed her by the hair and dragged her out of her bedroom and held her face to the floor before shaking her and pushing her down once more, the Post quoted the affidavit as saying.

Details surrounding the alleged kidnapping remain unclear.

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