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Wife of Russian Hockey Player Suspected of Violence Won't Press Charges

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Family of L.A. Kings defenseman Slava Voynov

The wife of Slava Voynov, the Russian hockey player arrested last week in the U.S. on suspicion of domestic violence, says she does not want charges to be pressed against her husband, her lawyer announced.

Marta Varlamova, the wife of the L.A. Kings defenseman, does not think Voynov did "anything to try to hurt her" and does not want her husband to be arrested, her lawyer, Michael Walsh, was cited as saying by California's Orange County Register newspaper.

Varlamova did sustain injuries, but they were not the result of being "punched or struck," her lawyer said. He added that the couple had resumed living together and did not intend to separate, the newspaper reported.

Hospital staff called the police last week when Voynov and his wife arrived there seeking

medical assistance, police said. Voynov was subsequently arrested on suspicion of domestic violence but later released on a $50,000 bail.

The NHL gave Voynov an unprecedented indefinite suspension within hours of his arrest. The 24-year-old has not yet been charged with a crime.

One year ago, fellow Russian NHL player Semyon Varlamov — a goaltender for the Colorado Avalanche — was charged with assault and felony kidnapping after he reportedly attacked his girlfriend while drunk. The charges were later dropped because of a lack of evidence. Varlamov did not miss any games as a result of the charges.

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