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A domestic disturbance at an Austin home on November 5 has resulted in seven criminal charges and a protective order being filed against a husband.

Austin Police Chief Donald Spicer was dispatched to a home on Broadway Street where Mitchell C. Sizemore, 46, had allegedly been preventing his wife and a son from leaving the residence for over an hour.

Sizemore reportedly became upset with his family over some tobacco, the son told the officer. He said his father had hit him with a wooden stick across his back and rear.

According to the probable cause affidavit, Sizemore also sat on top of the woman and, at times, had restrained her in some manner, all to keep her from leaving.

He had also reportedly removed the couple's telephone to prevent either of them from calling the police.

Sizemore was told to stay seated by Chief Spicer, but the officer related that he instead got up and threw a chair at the police chief.

It missed, and Sizemore was then restrained and transported to the jail in Scottsburg. Officers assisting at the scene were Capt. Paul Clute and Indiana State Police Trooper Tracy Spencer.

Sizemore is now in the Scott County Security Center awaiting his jury trial on March 4.

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Charges against him include two counts of criminal confinement, A Class C felony; attempted battery to a law enforcement officer and domestic battery to a spouse, both Class A misdemeanors; two counts of battery, one a Class A and the other a Class B misdemeanor; and interference with reporting a crime, a Class A misdemeanor.

His estranged wife also filed papers for a protective order, ordering the man to have no contact with her and their son.

Sizemore's bail has been set at \$50,000 corporate surety bond/full cash.