

# LA KINGS SUSPEND PATRIK BARTOSAK FOLLOWING DOMESTIC ASSAULT CHARGES

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In the wake of facing domestic assault charges, netminder **Patrik Bartosak** has been suspended by the **Los Angeles Kings** without pay.

The **New Hampshire Union Leader** broke the news on Tuesday regarding Bartosak's violent altercation with his girlfriend the previous day. The altercation resulted in 12 "domestic-related charges".



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Shortly following the news on Tuesday, the Kings organization prepared the following statement:

*"This is a very serious matter and these allegations represent a type of behavior we do not stand for. We will continue to gather information and comment further when appropriate."*

On Wednesday, the Kings **announced the suspension** of Bartosak:

*"This morning our Club suspended Patrik Bartosak for his actions resulting in his arrest in Manchester, NH on November 16. We take this matter very seriously. Our response in this matter reflects our extreme disappointment, particularly given the programs we have instituted internally and the commitment our organization has made to educating our players on the prevention of domestic violence. This is the first step in an ongoing process as we continue to gather information related to this incident and monitor the legal proceedings."*

Said **instituted programs** have included **Kings Over Violence**, a promotional campaign in partnership with **Peace Over Violence**. This, in the aftermath of the **Slava Voynov** matter, was **instituted by the club** in September along with a player-assistance program and partnerships with various social groups to help better educate Kings' employees and help instill the club's values and principles.



**Dan Beckerman**, chief executive of the **Anschutz Entertainment Group**, made the following statement about said initiatives through the Kings' official website in September:

*"During the past year, we have been extremely diligent in developing an educational strategy and comprehensive programs in an effort to ensure that the troubling incidents that occurred last season are not repeated. We have conducted research, gathered information and forged partnerships that will better prepare our players and staff for challenges that could impact their behavior away from the workplace."*



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This is just the first step in an ongoing matter that is a delicate one to say the least.

Bartosak had just returned to action after being sidelined with an injury to his thumb. He had only played in two games this season, both on a conditioning stint with the **ECHL's Manchester Monarchs**. The 22-year-old netminder was scheduled to join his regular club, the **AHL's Ontario Reign**, this week when they travel to Texas for a two-game road trip. That, however, is no longer the case.



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After being selected in the fifth round (146th overall) by the Kings in 2013, Patrik Bartosak has been impressive while playing in the Kings' organization. He stepped in to replace an injured **J.F. Berube** during last spring's **Calder Cup Final** and, especially with Berube having moved on, had great expectations thrust upon him this season. Unfortunately in a matter of this nature, Bartosak's on-ice prowess has become a moot point, like that of Slava Voynov's.

**From the New Hampshire Union Leader:**

*"Because no plea can be entered to a felony charge in circuit court, a hearing was set for Dec. 16, when a judge will hear evidence and decide if there is probable cause to bind Bartosak over to the Hillsborough County Superior Court North for possible indictment."*

We will see how this develops.