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Segovia, Galaviz to go own ways
Councilman, TV reporter drop requests for restraining orders.

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After filing a protective order of his own Monday, City Councilman Ron Segovia and ex-girlfriend Gina Galaviz agreed to a mutual injunction that would keep the two apart.

The action effectively ended both parties' quest for restraining orders in the wake of a July 11 disturbance call at Segovia's Southeast Side home, which involved Galaviz, a reporter for KSAT-TV.

Galaviz told prosecutors she no longer feared for her safety, then agreed to the injunction, which attorneys for the state and Segovia vetted behind closed doors for about one hour.

Afterward, Galaviz declined to comment. Segovia said he would continue to focus on his City Council district.

One of his attorneys, criminal defense lawyer Pat Hancock, said the protective order Segovia filed was a response to Galaviz's order. He wouldn't comment on whether the councilman ever feared for his safety, saying only that he believed Segovia filed the order "in good faith."

Had the case been heard, Hancock said his team would have been "very specific" about details that would have shown Segovia's need for the order.

In preparation for a hearing, Segovia's lawyers had subpoenaed several individuals in the case, including Deputy Chief Rudy Gonzales, an old friend of Segovia's whom Galaviz called the night of the disturbance.

Patricia Castillo, who heads the PEACE Initiative, a local organization that fights domestic abuse, said women agree to drop protective orders for many reasons, sometimes because they may not want their personal lives scrutinized, as Hancock suggested would have happened had a hearing been held.

The Police Department is continuing to look into the July 11 call. Besides an internal investigation into the handling of the disturbance call, police also are conducting a criminal probe into Galaviz's allegations.

According to the incident report, Galaviz accused Segovia of pointing a gun at her a day after he threw an apple at her, bruising her lower back.

Police plan to forward the findings to the district attorney's office when the criminal investigation is complete.

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