



# NEWS RELEASE

## Loveland Police Department

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### LOVELAND POLICE OFFICER UNDER ARREST

**LOVELAND**— A Loveland Police Officer has been placed under arrest for an incident that was reported on Thursday, November 2, 2023, in the neighboring city of Fort Collins. Fort Collins Police Services received a report regarding an incident occurring in a private residence within their jurisdiction.

After an initial investigation, Wilbert Howard, age 53, was placed under arrest at 1:57 p.m. this afternoon. Howard is an officer with the Loveland Police Department and was off- duty at the time of the alleged incident. The alleged incident does not have any connection with Howard's official duty as a police officer. Howard was booked into the Larimer County Jail on the following charges:

C.R.S. 18-3-203(1)(i), Assault in the Second Degree, Class 4 Felony

C.R.S. 18-6-401(1)(a)(7)(a)(V), Child Abuse, Class 1 Misdemeanor

C.R.S. 18-1.3-406(2)(a)(I)(B), Crime of Violence Enhancement

Fort Collins Police Services is the lead agency in this on-going criminal investigation. Howard was placed on administrative leave and an internal investigation has been initiated. He has been employed with LPD for 17 years. As with any criminal case, the charges are an accusation and defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

The Loveland Police Department will have no further commit on this on-going investigation. Due to statutory protections regarding juvenile victims, no additional information can be released regarding this case. For any further information contact Fort Collins Police Services.

It is imperative to share this information with the public with the utmost urgency as transparency remains one of our core values and commitment to the citizens of Loveland.