

## TEXAS: Prominent Pastor James Wallace Dixon Charged With Domestic Violence

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The pastor of a Houston-area church as been accused of domestic violence.

James Wallace Dixon, 47, is charged with assault on a family member, a misdemeanor.

Dixon, who is pastor at Community of Faith Church in north Houston and was a Metro board member from 2004 to 2009, is free in on \$50,000 bail.

Officials said the charge stems from an altercation Jan. 25 between Dixon and his estranged wife, whose name has not been released. The couple has been separated for about 9 months, officials said.

Investigators said that Dixon went to his wife's home in the 5000 block of Bridge Valley Drive to drop off the couple's children. His wife let him inside the home briefly but then asked him to leave.

Dixon allegedly pushed her, picked up their youngest child and went outside, officials said.

His wife followed and stood behind his car, apparently to prevent Dixon from leaving. Officials said that Dixon allegedly grabbed the woman and threw her inside the house.

Bill Miller, a spokesman for Dixon, released a statement Thursday evening.

"Reverend Dixon believes very strongly in our criminal justice system. Until this case is resolved, he wishes to thank all of his friends, family and church members for their prayers and

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support.

"Beyond that, the Dixon family requests that their privacy be respected and will have no further comment on this matter."

If convicted, Dixon faces up to a year in the Harris County jail and a maximum of a \$4,000 fine.

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