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## Former Bergen Catholic Basketball star Sean Banks arrested

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ENGLEWOOD – Sean Banks, the troubled former Bergen Catholic High School basketball star who has spent the past decade in and out of jail, was arrested Wednesday night on a domestic violence charge, police said.

Englewood police were dispatched to a home on St. Nicholas Avenue around 10:30 p.m. on a report of a disturbance involving Banks. As they approached the home, they came upon the 29-year-old, who was held for questioning. Meanwhile, Officer Anthony Jones interviewed the residents of the house, who said Banks had tried to break down the front door and demanded to see a woman with whom he has children, Capt. Timothy Torell said.



Banks

An Englewood court order bars Banks from the residence and from having any contact with its occupants, Torell said.

Police determined that Banks was wanted on a Bergen County Superior Court warrant issued last month charging him with failure to appear in court, Torell said.

Banks was charged with domestic violence, attempted burglary and violation of a court order. His bail was set at \$25,000.

He was still being held Thursday afternoon in the Bergen County Jail, according to inmate records.

Banks, a 2003 Bergen Catholic High graduate, was once a promising basketball player. He was ranked 13th in the nation by ESPN.com when he was in high school and named The Record's 2002 North Jersey Player of the Year. He went on to play for the University of Memphis before being declared academically ineligible in his sophomore year. He was later signed to the NBA's New Orleans Hornets.

But his legal troubles began even before he left high school, and he has been arrested numerous times since 2003. In October, he was indicted on charges of breaking into an Englewood residence where evidence of gambling and drug use was found, and attempting to prevent a police officer from making an arrest by fleeing.

Banks was sentenced in December to three years' probation as part of a plea deal in which he pleaded guilty to a fourth-degree charge of resisting arrest by flight.

The plea deal resolved charges stemming from three arrests dating back to January 2013 involving a burglary and two assaults.

Banks has other charges pending, including burglary and obstructing government operations.

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