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DETROIT — **BeBe Winans**, a member of world famous Detroit family gospel group The **Winans** , has been **arrested** on allegations that he assaulted his ex-wife, according to MSNBC.

The alleged incident occurred in Nashville on Valentine's Day weekend. **Winans**, a Grammy award winner, has been charged with domestic assault.

The ex-wife, Debra **Winans**, told police **Winans** pushed her to the ground in front of their children, ages 13 and 16. The couple were married for 16 years before divorcing in 2003, according to MSNBC.

According to an affidavit in the case, what started out as a "verbal altercation" turned into assault when Debra **Winans** was "pushed to the ground."

"When you're married to someone known all over the world, it has serious challenges," Debra **Winans** said in the MSNBC report.

Winans released a statement Friday afternoon regarding the allegations.

"To be accused of these allegations, which arose out of a child custody right dispute and my desire to spend time with our children as court ordered, is nothing less than heart wrenching," said **Winans** in the statement e-mailed to The Detroit News. "Since I choose to say nothing negative about my children's mother, I will make no comment other than to say the allegations are inconsistent with my character and the foundation upon which I was raised and I am prayerful that the matter is straightened out very soon for the sake of our children."

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