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# Bondsteel's ex-wife says he confessed to crimes

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The former wife of James Bondsteel took the witness stand in district court Wednesday and told jurors that Bondsteel confessed to her that he was the one who robbed several women at gunpoint and attacked others on a mountain trail in 2009.

Tami Bondsteel, who divorced her husband of nine years in 2010, testified that she was afraid of Bondsteel even though she loved him. Bondsteel faces 23 charges that include robbery, sexual assault and menacing.

During her testimony, Tami Bondsteel said she became suspicious one night in 2009 when she saw her husband looking through a small, white purse in their garage. She asked him about it, and she said he told her he took it from a girl in a car he pulled up alongside before he asked the girl to show him her breasts.

James Bondsteel



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"He said, 'She was in the right place at the right time,'" Tami Bondsteel said.

At some point during summer 2009, Tami Bondsteel said, James Bondsteel asked her to bring their laptop and meet him in a hotel parking lot where they could use wireless

Internet from the hotel, because, she said, he was afraid their home Internet was being monitored.

He showed her a news article on the Internet about several incidents in and around Loveland in which a man threatened and robbed women while on a motorcycle, Tami Bondsteel said.

"He said that it was him that did it," she said.

Tami Bondsteel said he told her details about the attacks, including that he used an air gun rather than a real pistol to threaten

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Prosecutor Michelle Brinegar asked Tami Bondsteel about a hunting trip James Bondsteel took the weekend of Sept. 12-13, 2009. She said she didn't go with him but that, when he arrived home the evening of Sept. 13, he seemed anxious and paranoid.

A few minutes later, she said, he confessed to her that he had attacked two women on the Signal Mountain Trail.

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