

Bus driver faces DWI

Man took 7 students from E. Irondequoit to Holy Cross

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An East Irondequoit school bus driver has been accused of driving a school bus while intoxicated with students on board.

Anderson Hollins, 54, of Rochester was charged with seven counts of aggravated driving while intoxicated with a child and aggravated driving while intoxicated while operating a bus with a passenger, all felonies; and driving while blood alcohol content is greater than .08 percent, a misdemeanor.

On Monday morning, the East Irondequoit Department of Transportation contacted Irondequoit police to report an incident involving an employee, according to a news release from the Irondequoit Police Department.

A contracted vendor for the East Irondequoit School District performed random drug and alcohol tests on employees, which included Hollins, according to the release. The test revealed Hollins' blood alcohol content was above the legal limit.

Hollins allegedly transported seven students, whose ages range from five to 11 years, from the Irondequoit area to Holy Cross School at 4488 Lake Ave., according to the release. No students were injured.

In a statement posted to the district's website, interim Superintendent Mary Grow said Hollins has been placed on administrative

leave and the district is in the process of terminating his employment.

"All students are safe. The families of the students who were on the bus have already been notified. As a result, if you have not been notified, then it was not your child's bus or bus driver involved in this situation," Grow said in the statement. "Please remember this was an act of one employee. The School District is proud of its bus drivers and their safety record of transporting thousands of students each day without incident."

Hollins was arraigned in Irondequoit Town Court and remanded to the Monroe County Jail in lieu of \$5,000 bail or \$10,000 bond. He is scheduled to appear in court again Friday.

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