

Ex-Penfield teacher admits giving teen alcohol

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A former Penfield High School teacher pleaded guilty Wednesday to unlawfully dealing with a child after he provided alcohol to the 17-year-old student last year, according to the Monroe County District Attorney's Office.

Brewer, 46, gave the student alcohol while they were at Brewer's Perinton home at some point last year, authorities said.

Brewer pleaded guilty to one count of unlawfully dealing with a child, a misdemeanor. He was sentenced to one-year conditional discharge and was given an order of protection to stay away from the victim.

The student said they had sexual intercourse after Brewer provided the alcohol. The age of consent in New York is 17.

The student has since graduated and is no longer a student at Penfield High School. Brewer was arrested in April.

The allegations were the result of an investigation into a relationship Brewer had with the teen, authorities said. Penfield schools spokeswoman Nancy Bradstreet said Brewer is no longer employed by the district. He had been a teacher in the district for 13 years.

According to court documents, Brewer admitted to police that he provided the 17-year-old female student with "several alcoholic beverages" at his home on Harvest Drive sometime between Sept. 17 and Oct. 17.

In a statement the student gave to police, she said she transferred to Penfield High School for her senior year from another district. She joined the robotics team.

Brewer was the robotics team's adviser. The student said Brewer was also her teacher for a computer science and engineering class.

The student said she struck up a friendship with teammates over video games and would sometimes play games together and talk with them over the Discord voice and text chat app, where Brewer used the screen name Techsensei.

She approached Brewer with a homework question and messaged him through the Discord app.

Authorities said Brewer used her personal information, which he obtained through school records, as a pretense to befriend her. They spent more and more time together and chatted regularly, she said.

Brewer eventually "started to ask me what I was into sexual wise" and began turning all their conversations to the topic of sex, the student said in her statement to police.

In late September or early October, Brewer picked up the student at her home and drove her to his house on Harvest Drive, the student said. There, he provided her with multiple bottles of a Seagram's alcoholic beverage that he got from a refrigerator in his garage.

The teen said Brewer lied to his roommate and told him she was a 22-year-old former student who had come to visit him.

In the statement, the student said Brewer told her his “goal was to make sure I was comfortable.” The teen said Brewer kept encouraging her to drink more as they sat on his couch and watched a movie.

The student said Brewer eventually suggested they go sit on his bed and talk. Once in the room, she said, Brewer removed his pants and began removing her clothes. Brewer and the student had sexual intercourse, the student said.

“Between the alcohol and everything that was going on, I just let it happen and didn’t really say anything,” she told police.

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