

Teacher charged with sex crime

Accused of sexual contact with girl, 15

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A Rochester man who is a substitute teacher at a city high school has been accused of having sexual contact with a 15-year-old girl. Rochester police on Tuesday charged Michael C. Schimek, 28, of Rowley Street with third-degree rape and third-degree criminal sex act, both felonies, Rochester Police Investigator Jackie Shuman said Thursday. He is accused of having intercourse and oral sex with a 15-year-old at his residence on multiple occasions over the last few months, Shuman said.

When arrested, Schimek was a substitute teacher at Edison Career and Technology High School, 655 Colifax St., in the City School District. According to police, Schimek met the teen through his previous post in the district, as the assistant track coach at the School of the Arts, 45 Prince St.

In a letter sent to the parents of SOTA students, district officials said upon learning of the police investigation, they "immediately took steps to make sure that he would not be allowed to teach or have contact with students in any city school." Schimek has worked as a substitute teacher at the district since 2012. He was serving as a substitute teacher and assistant football coach at Edison Tech, according to the letter, penned by SOTA Principal Brenda Pacheco and Amy Schiavi, the district's Chief of Secondary Schools.

There was no evidence that any inappropriate activity occurred on school property, district officials said in the letter.

Further details on the incident were not released.

Schimek pleaded not guilty in City Court Wednesday morning and was remanded to the Monroe County Jail in lieu of \$15,000 bail, which he since posted. He is slated to return to City Court on Monday morning for a preliminary hearing. Police said they do not have any evidence that Schimek had sexual contact with any other students. Anyone with information about this incident, or another involved teen, is asked to call (585) 428-9800 or 911.

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