



## NEWS RELEASE

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### Substance Abuse Coordinator / Softball Coach Arrested

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Former Wayne Valley High School Substance Abuse Coordinator and Varsity Softball Coach, JONATHAN J. TITMAS, was arrested by Passaic County Prosecutor's Office detectives yesterday afternoon. He was charged with sexual assault and criminal sexual contact upon a former Wayne Valley High School student. The charges carry a maximum sentence of up to 10 years in New Jersey State Prison. The 39-year-old Union, New Jersey resident was employed by the Wayne, New Jersey Public School District from February 2006 through June 2009.

The Division of Youth and Family Services Institutional Abuse Investigations Unit (DYFS-IAIU) initiated an inquiry into these allegations when an anonymous caller contacted its hotline. The Passaic County Prosecutor's Special Victims Unit later joined DYFS-IAIU in the investigation. The Union New Jersey Police provided assistance.

Investigators identified an 18-year old woman who was consistent with the profile provided by the anonymous caller and interviewed her. The alleged victim reported multiple incidents of sexual assault that occurred while she was a student less than 18-years-old. The relationship began when she approached the defendant to discuss personal problems. Investigators followed-up her initial account and were able to corroborate the allegations.

The defendant was processed at Wayne Township Police Headquarters. Passaic County Superior Court Judge Ernest M. Caposela set his bail at \$150,000. Furthermore, the defendant is prohibited from any contact with the alleged victim.

A criminal complaint is merely an accusation. Despite this accusation, these defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.