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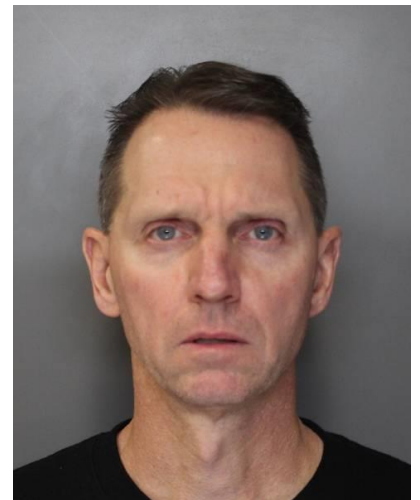
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Teacher Accused of Inappropriate Messaging with Student

Town of Camillus, New York – The Onondaga County Sheriff's Office reports that Sheriff's Detectives have charged a Town of Tully man last night after allegedly sending inappropriate messages through social media to a female student less than 17 years of age.

Michael Spath (49) of Lake Road, Tully, a longtime teacher with the West Genesee School District, was charged with the misdemeanor of endangering the welfare of a child. The investigation into Spath began Tuesday when sheriff's detectives with the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office Abused Persons Unit received information about the incident from the district's Superintendent.

Spath was arraigned in the Town of Onondaga Court last night before Judge J. Craig Kerr, who set bail at \$2,500 cash or bond. He was held in the Justice Center but has since posted bail and is due back in the Town of Camillus Court this evening.



The school district immediately suspended Spath from employment to ensure no further contact with any students at the school. The district is also conducting its own internal investigation and is fully cooperating with the Sheriff's Office Investigation. Detectives believe there may be additional victims, and anyone with information is encouraged to call the Sheriff's Abused Persons Unit at 435-3092.

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