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Colonie Police Department arrests Latham man for inappropriate conduct with a student

On 01-26-15 at 5:00pm the Colonie Police Department arrested the below profiled defendant following an investigation into his inappropriate conduct with a North Colonie School District student. The defendant, accompanied by his attorney Andrew Safranko, turned himself in to investigators at the police station. The defendant was employed by North Colonie, as a Teachers Aid at the time of the incident, and was supervising the victim during a Job Site Program. The victim is a 17 year old developmentally disabled female student of Shaker High School.

The Colonie Police Department was contacted in early January 2015 by North Colonie School District administrators in regards to possible inappropriate conduct between the defendant and the victim. A relative of the victim had discovered communication between the two on Facebook and by cell phone messaging and contacted the school district with their concerns. Following an investigation by Colonie Police investigators, the communication was not determined to be criminal, but 2 instances of inappropriate physical contact were uncovered that occurred in September of 2014. The incidents occurred at 2 job site locations in Latham while the defendant was supervising the victim through the school program.

The investigation has not located any other victims, but due to the nature of the crime, anyone that has any information and/or believes they were victimized by the defendant is urged to contact the Colonie Police Department at 783-2744.

Defendant:

Joseph P. Montimurro – age 45 – mug shot attached via email or available upon request
18 Marconi Drive Latham, NY

Charges:

Endangering the Welfare of an Incompetent or Physically Disabled Person 1st – felony
Forcible Touching (2 counts) – misdemeanor

Defendant was arraigned in Colonie Justice Court on 01-26-15 and released after posting \$15,000.00 bail. The case will be referred to the Albany County District Attorney for scheduling of the next court appearance.

Further press inquiries can be directed to Lieutenant Robert Winn at 783-2754 or North Colonie School District Communications Specialist Taryn Kane at 785-8591 ext. 3131.