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NEWS RELEASE
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Substitute Teacher arrested for Unlawful Surveillance at Shaker High School

On 02-11-2020 at 12:54pm the Colonie Police Department School Resource Officer assigned to Shaker High School, 445 Watervliet-Shaker Road, was advised by school staff of an earlier incident involving a substitute teacher attempting to videotape a student in the restroom. Investigators from the Colonie Police Department Youth and Special Victims Unit and Computer Crimes Unit responded and after investigation were able to locate the below profiled defendant at home and arrest him without incident. The defendant's cell phone and laptop were taken into evidence and will be forensically examined by the New York State Police Computer Crime Unit.

The incident occurred in a restroom when a 17-year-old male student was using a stall and noticed the person in the next stall trying to videotape him with a cellphone held under the stall divider. The victim also saw some flashes from the cellphone and believed them to be attempts at photos. The victim tried to grab the defendant's pants and was able to get his own cellphone video of the suspect when he broke free and fled the bathroom and ultimately fled the school. The victim video and school surveillance identified the suspect as a substitute teacher working that day. The defendant was placed at Shaker through the Capital Region BOCES Substitute Coordination Service. The defendant was processed and released on an appearance ticket, as per the new bail reform, to appear on 02-26-2020 in Colonie Justice Court at 6:00pm.

There is no indication or reports of other victims, but due to the nature of the charge and defendant's profession anyone that may have been victimized or who has information about the defendant is urged to contact the Colonie Police at 518-783-2744.

Defendant: mug shot attached via email along with this press release.

Jeffrey T. Wellman – age 42 – Albany, NY

Charge: **Unlawful Surveillance 2nd (felony)**

Further media inquiries can be directed to Lieutenant Robert Winn at 518-783-2754.