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MARCUS FORTE OF WARRINGTON ARRESTED ON MULTIPLE CHARGES RELATED TO ILLEGAL SEXUAL CONTACT WITH A 13-YEAR-OLD GIRL



NORRISTOWN, Pa.—Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele, Upper Gwynedd Township Police Chief David W. Duffy and Lower Gwynedd Police Chief Paul D. Kenny announce the arrest of Marcus Forte, 40, of Warrington, Pa., for felony Institutional Sexual Assault, Unlawful Contact with a Minor, Unlawful Restraint of Minor and other charges related to a 13-year-old girl who lives in Upper Gwynedd Township.

An investigation revealed that Forte met the juvenile when he was employed in the IT Department of Gwynedd-Mercy Academy Elementary. The alleged incidents took place in his office at the school behind closed doors and at the juvenile's home. Gwynedd-Mercy Academy Elementary has been cooperative throughout the investigation.

Forte was arraigned before Magisterial District Judge Robert M. Sobeck today, who set bail at \$500,000. The defendant failed to make bail and was remanded to the

Montgomery County Correctional Facility. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for July 8, 2016, in front of Judge Sobeck

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kristen Feden.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele

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