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JASON GATTUSO OF CHALFONT ARRESTED ON FELONY ILLEGAL SEXUAL CONTACT WITH TWO TEENAGE STUDENTS



NORRISTOWN, Pa.—Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele, Springfield Township Police Chief Michael E. Pitkow and Whitmarsh Township Police Chief Christopher Ward announce the arrest of Jason Todd Gattuso, 39, of Chalfont, Pa., for felony Statutory Sexual Assault, Unlawful Contact with a Minor, Involuntary Deviate Sexual Intercourse, Aggravated Indecent Sexual Assault, Institutional Sexual Assault, Corruption of Minors and other charges related to two former Springfield Township Middle School students.

An investigation revealed that Gattuso met both female teenage victims when he was employed as a social studies teacher at Springfield Township Middle School. The alleged incidents took place when the girls were 14 and 15 years old at various locations including his car, one of the victim's homes and other locations. Springfield Township School District has been cooperative throughout the investigation.

Gattuso was arraigned before Magisterial District Judge Patricia A. Zaffarano today, who set bail at \$500,000. The defendant was remanded to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 2:15 p.m., August 9, 2016 in front of Magisterial District Judge Kathleen E. McGill.

Anyone with additional information regarding these sexual assaults or other possible victims are asked to contact Springfield Township Police Corporal Robert Chiarlanza at 215-836-1601, ext. 275.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Sophia Polites.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele

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