

Details emerge of sexual relations between Peabody teacher and two students as investigation continues

Peabody-Burns High School social studies teacher Christopher Young was revealed to having sex with two students and possessing sexually explicit photos of them on his phone, according to an affidavit released by the Peabody Police Department.

Weeks ago, Young, 45, was charged with eight felony complaints alleging sex-related offenses involving two students.

In a police-conducted interview with one of the victims, she revealed that she engaged in penetrative and oral sex with Young and another female student during the night of Jan. 28 that continued until the next morning. Young allegedly took the girls to school that morning.

An undisclosed source close to the victim revealed to police the relationship may have been going on for a few months.

Various sources also revealed that on weekends, Young would sneak into the bedroom window of the victim's home late at night where she lived with her half-brother and would leave in the early morning hours. The student was also found on occasions to fabricate stories in order to stay at Young's residence overnight.

The police issued a search warrant for the phones belonging to Young and one of the victims in which they discovered the sexually explicit photos and messages. This included nude or partially nude photos of the victims and of Young and one of the victims sitting partially nude in bed.

The police affidavit also revealed Young allegedly bought a promise ring for one of the victims as a Christmas gift.

Peabody Police Department and the Marion County Sheriff's Office are cooperating in a joint investigation since crimes were committed in multiple jurisdictions.

Peabody-Burns High School is also cooperating with the investigation by monitoring the video system at the school.

The school administration observed through the video system impermissible behavior including instances of Young's classroom door being locked before the start of school while Young and the victim were inside, Young and the victim going into an alcove in the hallway during school hours and the victim going into Young's classroom when she should have been somewhere else in the building.

The student is believed to be in flight risk because she ran away from her mother under her authority, has little supervision from her father and will be eligible to obtain a driver's license later this month. There is also concern over the student's mental health, the affidavit stated.

The victim and her father were initially uncooperative to police interviews. However, the victim did eventually confirm the sexual relations and the sexually explicit photos to police.

While the victim's father wants Young to lose his job, marriage and do some jail time, he believes 20 years in jail is too excessive. He stated he doesn't want his daughter carrying the baggage of putting Young in jail, according to the police affidavit.

The story will be updated as more information is made available during the investigation.