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St. Petersburg Police Arrest Azalea Middle School Teacher For Sending Pornography to a Student.

St. Petersburg Police Department investigators began an investigation in the early morning hours of Saturday March 7, 2009 about an inappropriate relationship between an Azalea Middle School teacher and a 14 year old boy in the 8th grade at the same school.

The investigation began after the boy told an adult relative about the relationship with the teacher, and that relative told the boy's mother, who in turn notified the St. Petersburg Police Department.

St. Petersburg Police Department detectives conducted their investigation throughout the day and discovered photographs of a pornographic nature from the teacher that were sent to the boy's cellular phone. The boy told investigators that he had been involved in a relationship with the teacher, but the exact details of that relationship are not yet clear at this point of the investigation.

Later this afternoon, detectives interviewed the teacher and she admitted to sending the pornographic photographs to the 14 year old boy. She was arrested on one count of transmitting pornographic images through an electric device and one count of transmitting material harmful to a minor and transported to the Pinellas County Jail tonight. Each count is a felony with a \$10,000 bond.

Details of this case are limited due to the age of the juvenile victim and the fact that the case is still under investigation.

The name of the teacher is Christy Lynn Martin, Black/Female, DOB: 05-15-76, 3457 Lynn Lake Drive South, C.

The investigation showed that Christy Lynn Martin became employed as a full time teacher at Azalea Middle School in the fall of 2008 (and that she previously worked there as a teacher assistant. The 14 year old boy was not one of her students at the time of these allegations.

There is no more information available on this case.



Christy Lynn Martin