

## Toledo Public Schools protection officer charged in sexual assault

A Toledo Public Schools campus protection officer was indicted yesterday by a Lucas County grand jury on felony charges after being accused of sexually assaulting a Leverette Junior High School student.

Harry Weatherholt, 51, of 1010 Bowlus Ave. was charged with four counts of sexual battery. He faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted on all counts.

Mr. Weatherholt, who was arrested in late November, was accused of taking a 14-year-old female student into a secluded room he used as his office and assaulting her. According to the indictment, two of the charges stem from an incident that occurred sometime between Sept. 1 and Nov. 7. The other two charges stemmed from an incident that occurred Nov. 8. Authorities said the charges involve the same student.

An employee of Toledo Public Schools since 1981 and at Leverette since 2003, Mr. Weatherholt has been suspended without pay. He remains free on 10 percent of a \$10,000 bond.

A former Toledo man convicted of striking a police lieutenant with the mirror of his moving vehicle was sentenced yesterday in Lucas County Common Pleas Court to community control.

Mark Thompson, 47, now of Los Angeles, was found guilty of assault on a police officer and failure to comply with the signal of a police officer. He pleaded no contest to the charges on Dec. 18.

Judge Gary Cook, who dismissed charges of felonious assault and failure to comply, sentenced Thompson to three years of community control and allowed the probation to be transferred to California. A prison sentence of one year and eight months was suspended. Thompson's driver's license was suspended for three years.

Authorities said that members of the Toledo police bike patrol approached Thompson in the early morning hours of July 31 after observing what they believed was a possible drug transaction. Officers ordered him out of the vehicle, but he instead drove off, striking a police lieutenant in the forearm with the driver's side mirror.

Officers on bikes and in patrol cars pursued Thompson, who ran several red lights and traveled at speeds in excess of 50 mph. He was arrested after the chase.

A central Toledo man charged with assaulting a Toledo police officer pleaded not guilty yesterday in Lucas County Common Pleas Court to assault and drug charges.

Sharell Crisp, 19, of 1613 Ottawa Drive was arraigned on two counts of assault and one count of possession of crack cocaine. He was being held in the county jail in lieu of a \$30,000 bond ordered by Judge Gary Cook.

Police responded to the 1600 block of Ottawa Oct. 16 on a report of men fighting, one of whom was brandishing a knife.

Officer Danielle Kasprzak tried to search Mr. Crisp for a weapon when he turned and struck her in the chest, police said. Officer Reuben Jurva grabbed the suspect, the two struggled, and the officer fell, fracturing his left arm.

The arraignment scheduled today in Toledo Municipal Court for Karyn McConnell Hancock on a misdemeanor charge of making false alarms has been rescheduled a second time, her attorney said.

Ms. McConnell Hancock, who admitted to faking her own kidnapping last month, will be arraigned Jan. 29, Jerry Phillips said.

Retired Hardin County Judge David Faulkner and visiting Prosecutor Michael Shiels from Springfield, Ohio, will handle the case.

Ms. McConnell Hancock was reported missing by her husband Dec. 5 after she failed to pick up their son at day care. She turned up in Atlanta three days later, told police she had been kidnapped, and later admitted she had lied.