

# Norwalk Police Officer Anthony Santo's sexual assault trial ends in mistrial

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STAMFORD — Norwalk Police Officer Anthony Santo's sexual assault trial ended Tuesday in a mistrial.

The judge ordered a mistrial after prejudicial testimony regarding the victim's credibility. A retrial date has yet to be set.

The victim, whose name is being withheld, claims Santo touched her vagina while talking to her about sex when she was 13-years-old at her home in Greenwich in 2003. The victim said she didn't come forward with the allegations immediately after the alleged incident occurred, because she was "dealing with it on my own pretty much perfectly fine."

According to an affidavit, Greenwich Police began investigating Santo in July 2009 after receiving a phone call from an official at the state Department of Children and Families.

Santo was arrested in October 2009 for fourth-degree sexual assault and risk of injury to a minor. The Norwalk Police Department placed Santo on administrative leave since his arrest.

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