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Philadelphia cop headed to trial in sexual assault of teen in a Bensalem motel

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A Philadelphia police officer [accused of sexually assaulting a 14-year-old girl in a Bensalem motel](#) after offering her \$100 for sex is headed to trial.

In a brief court appearance before Bensalem District Judge Joseph Falcone on Wednesday, Anthony Dattilo, 37, a patrol officer in the 2nd District, waived charges of aggravated indecent assault without consent, indecent assault on a person under age 16, unlawful sexual contact with a minor, promoting prostitution of a minor, and related offenses. He is free after posting 10

percent of his \$500,000 bail.

In a related case, a Philadelphia woman accused of having sex with Dattilo for \$100 the night of the alleged assault and attempting to arrange for the cop to have sex with the 14-year-old also appeared before Falcone on Wednesday.

Theresa Ann Cameron of North Franklin Street also waived charges of promoting prostitution of a minor, a third-degree felony, and misdemeanor prostitution. She remains in Bucks County prison in lieu of 10 percent of \$50,000 bail.

Family members told police that the girl, who is now 15, had sent them text messages after midnight May 2 saying that she was being held against her will by an older man at a motel on the 2200 block of Lincoln Highway, police said. The girl text messaged her father that she was in a second-floor room with Cameron, police said.

When police arrived at the motel, they received information that a man — identified as Dattilo — was trying to force the girl to have sex with him, according to police. After Dattilo answered the door to Room 232, police found the teen and Cameron on a bed in the room.

The teen started crying, saying she wanted to go home, police said. She said that Dattilo touched her inappropriately, according to a probable cause affidavit.

Cameron told police she had known Dattilo since she was 18 and routinely had sex with him for money. She had arranged to meet him for sex in exchange for \$100 and told Dattilo she had a teenager with her, according to a probable cause affidavit.

Dattilo told Cameron that he'd pay the teen \$100 for sex as well, according to police.

The teen reportedly told police that Cameron had told her earlier that day to have sex with a man for cash. Cameron and the teen then took a walk together and met Dattilo, who drove them to the motel.

The teen and Cameron waited in the car while Dattilo rented the room, and Cameron told the girl again to have sex with Dattilo for money, according to police.

The teen said once in the room she was given a TV remote and a condom by Cameron and that she sat on one of the two beds, police said.

Cameron had sex with Dattilo on the other bed and afterward Cameron went into the bathroom, leaving the teen with Dattilo, according to police.

But the girl reportedly told police she did not want to have sex with Dattilo.

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