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A retired Warren police officer was charged today with having sexual relations with a 16-year-old Warren girl, who attends the high school where he worked as a school resource officer.

Dale Malesh, 62, was ordered held on a \$150,000 bond on two counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct, a 15-year felony, during arraignment in Warren's 37th District Court, Warren Police Commissioner Jere Green said.

He said if Malesh posts bond, he is to wear a GPS tether, not to have contact with anyone under 18 years old and to turn in his passport.

Malesh retired from Warren police in January 2011 after 19 years with the department. Green said Malesh was in law enforcement for



Dale Malesh

ol resource officer at Warren Woods-Tower High where the victim is a junior.

police received a complaint March 21 of a between the girl and Malesh. The girl came to er.

Investigators interviewed students and staff at the school in addition to gathering other information, such as text messages and Facebook information, Green said. Police executed a search warrant at Malesh's house, but Green declined to say what was recovered.

He said a Warren police investigation turned up information that will be forwarded to Roseville police for a possible investigation

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Green declined to say how long the relationship was going on or where it occurred, but said the acts did not occur at the school.

Malesh retired from the police department in January 2011 but the school district kept him as a contract employee for the rest of that school year and through the end of the 2012 school year, said Green, who also is president of the Warren Woods Public Schools Board of Education.

He said the district decided to have a school resource officer in the school this school year.

Malesh’s lawyer could not be immediately reached for comment.

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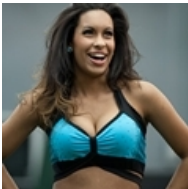
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