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PRESS RELEASE

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On December 7, 2021, the Burlington Police Department received information from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children that an online tip had been received alleging an inappropriate, possibly sexual relationship between a male school teacher and a 16-year-old female.

The Burlington Police Department's Detective Bureau interviewed the victim, her mother, and others. As a result of these interviews and other evidence, detectives found probable cause existed for the arrest of Zachary P. Wendt. Wendt was taken into custody and transported to the Racine County Jail.

On December 9, 2021, Wendt was charged in Racine County Circuit Court with the following charges:

- Sexual intercourse with a child (2 counts)
- Sexual assault of a child by a person who works or volunteers with children (2 counts)
- Possession of child pornography (3 counts)
- Cause a child to expose intimate parts

Wendt is currently held at the Racine County Jail on cash bond in the amount of \$500,000.

As this is an ongoing investigation, the Burlington Police Department is asking potential victims related to this case to reach out to Detective Sergeant Robert Jones at 262-342-1100 or rjones@burlington-wi.gov.

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