

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office
Joe Arpaio, Sheriff
News Brief

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***49-Year-old Female Teacher Lures and Sexually Assaults
14-Year-old Student***

Maricopa County Sheriff's detectives have arrested 49-year-old Rosanna Brown, (DOB 06/20/59, photo attached) for sexually assaulting a 14 year-old male student. Brown was booked into Fourth Avenue Jail on three counts of sexual conduct with a minor.

According to the Sheriff's investigation, Brown is the victim's English teacher at the Ed Pastor Elementary School in Phoenix. The investigation shows that Brown was apparently communicating via text messaging with the fourteen-year-old victim for days leading up to the sexual assault. Brown lured the victim to the Best Western Hotel in Tempe by portraying herself as a sexually active teenager.

Sheriff's detectives say Brown checked into the hotel on Saturday, January 31, 2009 and lured the boy to her room where the two had oral, vaginal and anal sexual relations.

Once the boy left the hotel room, he phoned his mother saying a woman he identified as his English teacher had sexually assaulted him.

The boy's mother convinced her son to allow her to accompany him back to the hotel room where the victim's mother then confronted the suspect before calling the Sheriff's Office.

Brown has been a teacher for 28 years but only teaching seventh and eighth grade English at the Ed Pastor School since August.

Sheriff's detectives are now in the process of interviewing school employees and others to rule out the possibility of additional victims.

In recent months, the number of cases making national headlines involving teachers who sexually abuse their students appears to be rising, the Sheriff says. "The violation of trust exhibited by teachers who sexually assault or abuse their students is the lowest form of humanity I can imagine," says Sheriff Joe Arpaio.