

IT guy hit with sex charges

Parents of girl, 13, to sue DOE

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A BRONX FAMILY plans to sue the city Department of Education, claiming their 13-year-old daughter was repeatedly raped by a computer repairman at her school.

The incidents came to light after the girl wrote about them on May 25 in an essay for English class at Thurgood Marshall Academy in Harlem, court documents show.

Jaquan Johnson, 20, was arrested that day and hit with a slew of charges including three counts of rape for having sex with a minor and one count of sex abuse by forcible compulsion.

Johnson pleaded not guilty in Manhattan Supreme Court on July 13 and was released on \$10,000 bail.

"He maintains his innocence," Johnson's lawyer, Jonathan Fink, said.

"This is a very troublesome case," said the victim's lawyer, Evan Goldberg. "This man was allowed free rein inside the school system."

"We have been cooperating with police since the arrest," said Education Department spokeswoman Margie Fein-

berg. She said the DOE has referred the incident to the special schools investigator.

In a series of statements to police, Johnson admitted to having consensual sex with the girl twice.

Johnson told cops he is a graduate of Thurgood Marshall Academy who was hired in November as a teacher's aide to help with computers. He said he exchanged numbers with the victim in January "so I could help her with computer questions."

He admits to sending her a cell phone picture of his penis and claims she sent pictures of herself in her underwear.

Johnson told cops he had sex with the girl in a gym office in February and again about three weeks later in another school office. They were interrupted the second time by her name being called on the school loudspeaker for after-school pickup, he said.

In between the two incidents, Johnson said he met the girl to have sex, but they only kissed because she was having her period.

"To claim that a 13-year-old can give consent is just ludicrous," Goldberg said.

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