

Prison for former teacher

Sentenced for sex assault, child pornography

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WATERBURY — The scars will last the rest of her life, the woman said.

That was part of the message the woman had for 36-year-old Mario Fusco as she stood feet away from him in Waterbury Superior Court on Friday. Fusco, who was convicted of sexually assaulting her while she was still a teenager, had stolen

moments she can't get back.

"There is no excuse," she told him.

Fusco, a former Wallingford teacher and Middlebury resident, was sentenced to eight years in prison on Friday for sexually assaulting the woman, possessing child pornography and secretly recording girls in his bedroom while they changed clothes.

Fusco, who was called a "monster" and "predator" dur-

ing the hearing, had worked for the Wallingford Public Schools as a science teacher in its alternative high school program until last year, when he resigned.

He was arrested in May after the woman, who is not being identified, told police he molested her several times and engaged in oral sex with her at his St. Joseph Avenue home in Middlebury. She was only 14 at the time, and the assaults continued until she was in her late

teens.

Fusco offered to help tutor the teenager, who is not a Wallingford student, and invited her to study at his home, where they would watch movies and sometimes play games.

Fusco told police the two



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