

Sex suspect faces porn charges

Police say victim's photo was on his phone

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WATERBURY — A 36-year-old city man already facing child sexual abuse charges was hit with new charges Friday after police say they found naked pictures on his cellphone of one of the girls he is accused of assaulting.

Jesus Gonzalez, whose last known address was 169 Chestnut Ave., second floor, was charged Friday with employing and promoting a minor in an

obscene performance and second-degree possession of child pornography.

Gonzalez was already being held on bonds totaling \$330,000 in connection to seven sexual assault charges.

Two girls, 11 and 14, claimed Gonzalez sexually assaulted them.

While investigating those allegations, detectives learned



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Gonzalez had posted a picture of the teen girl on his Facebook account showing her posed in front of a car wearing revealing clothing.

Police seized Gonzalez's touch-screen cellphone as part of the investigation. Detective Peter Morgan, a computer

crimes investigator, analyzed the device with specialized software and found 23 digital

photos of suspected child porn.

The 14-year-old girl told police Gonzalez took naked pictures of her using the cellphone after he had sex with her at his home.

In addition to the child porn charge, Gonzalez now faces multiple felony counts, including first-, second-, third- and fourth-degree sexual assault.

Gonzalez was arraigned Friday in Waterbury Superior Court, and Judge Juliet Crawford added a \$300,000 bond for the new charges.

Gonzalez faces decades in prison if he is convicted.