

Man, 43, accused of sending sex messages to girl, 15

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WOLCOTT — A 43-year-old resident was arrested Thursday night on a warrant accusing him of sending sexually-oriented text messages to a 15-year-old.

Scott Swan, of 85 Cancellaro Drive, used a cell phone to contact the victim almost every day, according to police.

Police began investigating after the girl, who is a student of

Wolcott High School, told an adult about the exchanges. Swan is a parent of one of her friends, police said.

The messages — not all of which were sexual in nature — were sent during July and August, according to police. School resource officer Craig Gulick conducted the investigation.

Swan turned himself in to



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Wolcott Police Department after learning of a warrant for his arrest Thursday. He was released on \$5,000 bond and is due in Waterbury Superior Court on Oct. 11.

Wolcott police, with the help of the Waterbury Police Department's computer crimes unit, conducted a forensic audit of cell phone messages between Swan and

the girl, said Sgt. Patrick Malloy. Swan is charged with impairing the morals of a child. Police don't believe the relationship ever became physical.

Police retrieved copies of the cell phone messages using the same methods as they use to examine computer data, Malloy said.

"Your cell phone is like a handheld computer," Malloy said. "If you delete stuff, it's still on the hard drive. It's the same idea."