



## School District of River Falls



River Falls Police Department  
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Joint Press Release regarding Sex Assault  
November 19, 2009

On November 18, 2009 at approximately noon the River Falls Police Department arrested Rebecca Ann O'Malley-Tietz, age 34, residing at 628 High Ridge Road in River Falls for First Degree Sex Assault of a Child.

This was the result of an investigation of events that occurred between late 2007 and early 2008. The complaint involved a special education aide previously employed with the River Falls School District in the Harbor Program, and a 12 year old juvenile male student.

The River Falls School District and the River Falls Police Department are coordinating efforts regarding this investigation. O'Malley-Tietz was previously employed as a special education aide from August 28, 2007 – March 27, 2008. She was terminated during her probationary employment because there were concerns by the district about her understanding of the role of an aide and her relationships with students, staff and parents. The school district had no knowledge of the sexual assault between the employee and a student during the time of her employment in the district.

Formal charges are pending with the Pierce County District Attorney's Office. The investigation remains on-going.

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