

South Central teacher charged with sex offense rejects plea offer
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A South Central High School teacher charged with having sexual contact with a student rejected a plea offer Thursday, opting for a trial.

Assistant district attorney Kimberly Robb told the court she had made a plea offer to Katherine Tew, 30, but that Tew had rejected that offer.

Tew is facing a charge of sex offense with a student by a teacher and a charge of indecent liberties with a student.

The charges stem from an accusation made by a 17-year-old male student at the school involving an after-school contact in the school's parking lot. Regardless of age, sexual contact between a teacher and student at the same school is prohibited by state law.

Tew, who taught English and coached cheerleading at the school, was arrested Feb. 7 after an investigation by the Pitt County Sheriff's Office. She resigned Feb. 15.

Tew's attorney told the court Tew is pleading not guilty to both charges. She is now scheduled to go to trial on those charges Aug. 15.

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