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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Date:** March 4, 2022

**Subject:** Sexual Abuse Arrest

**Release Prepared by:** Detective Lieutenant Frederick Cornelius (315-253-6562)

Sheriff Brian Schenck reports that on March 2, 2022 the Auburn Police Department made a request for investigative assistance related to a complaint that they had received involving one of their officers. A criminal investigation was initiated which resulted in the arrest of William T. Morrissey III (32) of Whitehead lane in the Town of Throop. Morrissey was charged with the below listed offenses related to repeated inappropriate conduct with a student occurring in and around the City of Auburn including Auburn High School where he was serving as a School Resource Officer.

Assisting in this investigation were the Auburn Police Department, Cayuga County 911, The Auburn Enlarged City School District and the Cayuga County District Attorney's Office. Morrissey was arraigned in the Centralized Arraignment Part and committed to jail in lieu of \$25,000 cash bail or \$50,000 bond.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding this incident or any other pertinent information are encouraged to contact Detective Lieutenant Frederick Cornelius at 315-253-6562. Tips can be sent to [tips@cayugacounty.us](mailto:tips@cayugacounty.us) or be made anonymously at <https://www.cayugacounty.us/452/Send-a-Tip>. You can also call the Sheriff's Office at 315-253-1179 and follow the prompts to reach any member or office. Questions related to specific charges can be made to the Cayuga County District Attorney's Office at 315-253-1391.

As this is an ongoing investigation, no further details will be released.



William T. Morrissey III

#### **CHARGES:**

Sexual Abuse in the 1st

Official Misconduct

Endangering the welfare of a child