



Bluffton Police Department

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Substitute Teacher Arrested for Offering Alcohol to Students at Prom

Who:

Tracy Butts

What:

Contributing to the delinquency of a minor

Where:

Bluffton High School Prom at Hilton Head Island Beach & Tennis Resort

When:

April 2, 2016

50-year-old Tracy Butts, a substitute teacher at Bluffton High School, turned herself into Bluffton Police Monday, April 4, 2016 after offering students alcohol at prom.

On Saturday, April 2, 2016 at the Bluffton High School prom on Hilton Head Island, a Bluffton School Resource Officer was told Butts offered two students alcohol. Those students refused to take the alcohol. When confronted, Butts denied the allegation, but she did admit to having alcohol in her purse and drinking while she was there.

On Monday, April 4, 2016 the Bluffton SRO who conducted Saturday night's original questioning of Butts and students, received written statements from the students who Butts offered alcohol to and from a student who heard the offer. As a result of the statements, an arrest warrant was issued for Butts.

Butts is charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

"This matter was handled quickly and efficiently due to the strong working relationship between the Bluffton Police Department and Beaufort County School District," said Bluffton Police Chief Joey Reynolds.



Tracy Butts

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