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Former Atherton sub to Stand Trial for Grabbing one Female Student from Behind, Attempted Touching Another

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MT. MORRIS, Michigan — A former substitute teacher at Atherton Middle School was bound over for trial following a preliminary exam today where two 12-year-old sixth-grade female students testified he grabbed one of them on the butt and tried to grab another following class.

Jonathan P. Sumner, 31, of Owosso faces a Feb. 28 court date for one count of second-degree criminal sexual conduct and one count of attempted second-degree criminal sexual conduct after Judge Larry J. Stecco listened to testimony from the girls and Burton Detective Matt Bade.

One student told the courtroom Sumner "put his hand on my butt, dragged it across and grabbed it" after trying to grab a friend moments before while they were gathering their belongings on Sept. 20, 2010 to head of to their third- hour class.

A second girl testified she moved when Sumner approached her behind, she moved out of the way of his hand and witness him grabbing her friend on the butt.

The girls, both 11 years old on the date of the incident, reported the incident to a teacher who then notified school officials. Sumner was asked to immediately leave the building following the complaint.

He was released on a \$75,000 personal recognizance bond and told not to have any contact with the girls.

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