

# Volunteer pleads innocent to sexually molesting girl

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A Waukegan woman accused of molesting an underage girl could face up to seven years in prison, Lake County authorities said.

Giana Burkley, 19, of 405 8th St., was charged with six counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse, stemming from a series of incidents over a six-month period where she is alleged to have performed sex acts on the girl who was 13 at the time at her home and at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Lake County in Waukegan, court documents said.

The alleged abuse was believed to have occurred several times beginning last September and ending in February.

Burkley had been a volunteer at the Boys and Girls Club until she was terminated for failure to complete her duty, a spokesperson said.

She pleaded not guilty to the Class 2 charges in Lake County Circuit Court April 16.

Burkley is scheduled to appear again in court May 12.

She is currently being held in the custody of Lake County jail in lieu of \$25,000 bond.