Therapist denies sex with teen

Libertyville woman's trial set for January



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In her third appearance in Lake County Circuit Court since being arrested for engaging in sex with an underage boy, Cori Rivelli pleaded not guilty to those charges during her arraignment Wednesday.

Rivelli, 27, of the 800 block of Milwaukee Avenue, Libertyville, is currently charged with three counts of criminal sexual assault and four counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse.

She was arrested last month after allegations surfaced that she had sex with a 14-year-old boy at Kids Hope United in Lake Villa during a relationship that began sometime in June, authorities said.

Rivelli, who worked as a counselor at the facility, was taken into police custody after a staff member learned from the victim the two had been having sex.

The boy was then interviewed by investigators at the Lake County Children's Advocacy Center where he admitted to having more than one sexual encounter with Rivelli, authorities said.

She has since been placed on administrative leave by the agency.

If convicted, Rivelli could face up to 15 years in prison for the criminal sexual assault charges and up to seven years for the criminal sexual abuse charges.

She has since been released from Lake County Jail after posting \$100,000 bond. Rivelli's case is slated to head to trial in January.