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Man accused of getting Enfield girl, 14, pregnant

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A man is accused of having a sexual relationship with a 14-year-old Enfield girl when he was 18 that resulted in her getting pregnant and having an abortion, according to a police affidavit.

The man, Sage Robert Lanza, now 20, who has listed addresses on North Maple Street in Enfield and in Panama City, Florida, is also accused of having a “threesome” with his girlfriend and a 12-year-old girl in Enfield in August 2014, according to another affidavit.

Lanza is charged with first-degree sexual assault and other crimes based on the accusation that he had sexual intercourse with the 12-year-old during the threesome. Any intercourse with a child younger than 13 is covered by Connecticut’s first-degree sexual assault law, which also encompasses forcible rape.

When the victim is younger than 16, first-degree sexual assault carries a mandatory minimum prison sentence of five years and a maximum of 25 years.

Lanza is charged with second-degree sexual assault based on the accusation that he had sex with the 14-year-old. That crime carries a mandatory minimum of nine months in prison and a maximum of 20 years.

Lanza – whose occupation is listed in an arrest report as a “stocker” at a discount department store in Panama City – is also facing charges of fourth-degree sexual assault and risk of injury to a child in both cases. He is free on bond totaling \$150,000.

Enfield police Detective David Thomas reported the following in the affidavits:

- The older girl told authorities that her relationship with Lanza began in February 2014, when she was a 14-year-old virgin and he was an 18-year-old high school senior. She said the relationship continued to April 2015 and included intercourse “at least four times a week,” later waning to “a couple of times per week.” She reported the situation to police in early July 2015, when she was 15.
- The girl said in a forensic interview at the Greater Hartford Children’s Advocacy Center at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford that Lanza liked rough sex but that she didn’t.
- Although Lanza used birth control about “99 percent of the time,” according to the girl, she said she got pregnant by him in November 2014, when she was 14.
- She said he forced her to have an abortion in January 2015. The affidavit doesn’t explain how the girl contends that Lanza forced her to have the abortion. But it does say that he made an appointment for her at Planned Parenthood in Enfield and that he and his father took her to a clinic, where she received pills to induce the abortion.
- The girl’s mother reported that Lanza had the date of the abortion tattooed on his back. Thomas reported that he found a public Facebook page with a photo showing the date “1-6-15” tattooed on what appeared to be Lanza’s back. The detective said medical records show that is the date the girl was scheduled to take the pill to cause the abortion. He added that a later medical examination at Planned Parenthood confirmed that her uterus was empty.
- The girl’s mother also reported that Lanza had made death threats in text messages to the girl. It isn’t clear from the affidavit whether the threats were against the girl or the mother. The affidavit says another detective downloaded from the girl’s cellphone 197 text messages between her and Lanza from September 2014 to May 2015. But the affidavit doesn’t give the contents of the messages or say whether they include death threats.

- The older girl revealed the threesome to police, and the younger girl confirmed it in a separate forensic interview in August 2015 at the Greater Hartford Children's Advocacy Center. The younger girl said the encounter occurred at her house in August 2014 – and that Lanza was aware of her age. She said both girls performed sex acts on Lanza but that there was no sexual contact between the girls.
- Lanza and his father didn't respond to a voice message and a certified letter from the detective asking to speak with them.