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**FORMER CHEERLEADING GYM COACH INDICTED ON CHARGES HE
ALLEGEDLY RAPED A FEMALE STUDENT**

BROCKTON – A Brockton man has been indicted on charges he allegedly raped a female athlete while working as a coach at a West Bridgewater cheerleading gym, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz announced today.

A Plymouth County Grand Jury returned indictments today against Nicholas D. Johnson (DOB: 01/13/89) on one count each of Aggravated Rape of a Child, Enticement of a Child Under the Age of 16 and Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle.

On October 14, 2015, parents of the female victim contacted West Bridgewater Police reporting an alleged sexual relationship between their daughter and Johnson. Johnson had been employed for approximately one year as the victim's gymnastic coach at Full House All Stars Cheerleading gym, located in West Bridgewater. The victim told police that Johnson allegedly sexually assaulted her on one occasion and took her off the gym property on one other occasion.

Police contacted Johnson on October 14 with the allegations and Johnson agreed to meet with investigators but never showed up for the meeting. Shortly thereafter, police learned Johnson had driven his vehicle off of Route 24 and crashed. Johnson was taken to Norwood Hospital where he was treated for minor injuries. He was released from the hospital and Norwood Police arrested him and he was brought to Brockton District Court for arraignment.

Johnson was fired from Full House All Stars in November and is currently still being held on \$50,000 cash bail. He will be summonsed for arraignment in Brockton Superior Court on the charges.

Assistant District Attorney Keara Kelley is prosecuting the case, which was investigated by West Bridgewater Police and Brockton Police.

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