



# MARGATE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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**NATURE OF INCIDENT:** Sexual Battery  
**DATE:** 06-06-08  
**CASE NUMBER:** 08-027167  
**PIO:** Detective Chip Kolenda

**INCIDENT:** On June 6, 2008, the City of Margate Police Department arrested a 38 year old female teacher for three counts of unlawful sexual activity with a minor.

The teacher, Christine Jouini, is employed at The Center Academy, a private school in Coral Springs, where she teaches the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The victim, a 16 year old male, was one of Jouini's students at the school.

Margate Police detectives began their investigation after the victim recently confided to another teacher that he had previously had a sexual relationship with Jouini. That teacher, in compliance with child abuse reporting guidelines, notified the State of Florida child abuse hotline of the allegation.

The victim stated that the relationship began in August, 2006 and lasted until September, 2007. The victim was 16 years old when the relationship began. He said that during that time, he had intercourse with Jouini on multiple occasions, off campus and at her residence in Margate. During the course of the investigation, detectives located several witnesses who observed the student and teacher together, away from school, and also at the teacher's residence. Additional information was also supplied by the victim that led to detectives obtaining a warrant for Jouini's arrest.

Jouini turned herself into the Margate Police Department without incident.

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