

Drunk at school?

Racine County teacher's aide back in classroom with DUI case pending

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BURLINGTON — A teacher's aide who allegedly arrived for work at Waller Elementary School intoxicated is now working in a neighboring school district while facing a drunken-driving charge.

Amy Francisco, 44, was arrested Oct. 10, 2022, after colleagues at Waller School reported her as being intoxicated on the job, and after police caught her allegedly driving



Francisco

home with a blood-alcohol content of 0.26 — more than three times the legal limit.

Francisco resigned her position with the Burlington Area School District, and was hired two weeks later as a teacher's aide in the Waterford Graded School District.

She is currently working with students at Trailside Elementary School in Waterford.

Contacted by telephone, Francisco declined to comment.

According to Burlington police, Francisco admitted drinking vodka and orange juice when police stopped her minivan near her home shortly after 10 a.m. Oct. 10.

"I asked Amy why she had to drink alcohol so early in the morning before work," a police officer reported. "Amy said she feels unappreciated at work and at home."

Burlington police released the arrest report this week.

Waterford School District Administrator Tony Spence said he checked with Burlington school officials before hiring Francisco, but he knew nothing about the allegations of her being intoxicated on the job.

Referring to Burlington officials, Spence said, "They had no concerns at that time."