

CPSO arrests substitute teacher

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Caddo detectives arrested a substitute physical education teacher who encouraged students to commit battery and bully a classmate, said Sheriff Steve Prator.

According to a report received by the Caddo Youth Services Division, the incident happened at North Caddo Elementary Middle School on August 23 during a P.E. class. Det. Dennis Williams said 24-year-old Aadrina Smith, who was the substitute teacher, offered to pay five different students five dollars each to tackle their classmate.

Video of the incident shows Smith verbally communicating with five students and appeared to congratulate three who participated in the battery. The substitute teacher sat on the bleachers while the victim laid on the gym floor and later got up. Smith never helped the victim and did not report the incident.

Smith was arrested on September 12 and booked into Caddo Correctional Center on five counts of contributing to the delinquency of juveniles and malfeasance in office. Smith was also terminated by the Caddo Parish School District.

The investigation is ongoing and more arrests are pending.

Attachments

