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Bedford Hills CO arrested for having sex with prisoner

BEDFORD HILLS – A male corrections officer at the maximum security women’s Bedford Hills State Correctional Facility has been charged with rape for having consensual sex with an inmate at the prison.

Jose Guzman, 30, of Wappingers Falls allegedly had sex with the prisoner over a six month period in 2012 and 2013.

“The criminal actions of Correction Officer Jose Guzman, Jr. are an embarrassment to the hard work and dedication of our corrections officers, and are completely unacceptable,” said Acting Corrections Commissioner Anthony Annucci. “When staff break the public’s trust and commit despicable acts such as this, DOCCS devotes all necessary resources and works diligently with all law enforcement personnel to eradicate such behavior among our prison staff.”

Annucci said Guzman was suspended on Friday following his arrest “for this heinous crime and I will strongly support his criminal prosecution to the fullest extent of the law.”

Guzman was fired by the prison system on January 26, 2009, was transferred from Bedford Hills to Downstate Correctional Facility on July 27, 2014 and was placed on administrative leave on September 15, 2014.

He earns \$59,754 per year.

Guzman voluntarily surrendered to the State Police at Somers. He was arraigned and released on his own recognizance pending a future court appearance.

State Police conducted the investigation in the case along with the Department of Corrections Office of Special Investigations.

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