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Case 2: Married teacher, 37, arrested after a 'year long affair with her 18-year-old student who even met her husband and three children' (MailOnline, 2015).

- Lindsay Norwood, 37, allegedly had sex multiple times with her 18year-old student
- The student told police he met Norwood's three children and that Norwood's husband threatened him twice to stop seeing her
- Norwood was arrested after the student's mother reported the alleged affair to police
- The student was 18 at the time of the alleged affair but Norwood can still be charged because she is married and she is employed at a school

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Lindsay Norwood, 37, is accused of being in a year long relationship with her 18-year-old student

A Washington teacher is accused of having a year long romantic relationship with her 18-year-old student. Lindsay Norwood, 37, who taught English at Mark Morris High School in Longview for 11 years, was charged with two counts of sexual misconduct with a minor on Wednesday.

'Our charging decisions are based on the evidence at the time,' County Prosecutor Ryan Jurvakainen said on Wednesday.

'We've charged what we think we can prove.'

Even though the student was 18 at the time of the alleged relationship, Norwood was still charged with misconduct because she is married and allegedly had sex with a student enrolled in her class which can still be considered illegal.

According to the student, the illicit relationship lasted from 2013 to 2014 and began with flirting. It later progressed into sexting and after school meetings in Norwood's classroom, reports **TDN.com**.

Norwood, 35 at the time, and the student who was a junior in her English class, allegedly met outside of the school where they had sex multiple times and even skipped school to be together.





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The student told police he met Norwood's three children and that he was twice threatened by her husband to stop seeing her.

The student, now 20, graduated from the high school last year and didn't report the relationship earlier because he didn't want to break up Norwood's family. He told police that one of Norwood's children attends school in the district.

The student told police he was falling in love with Norwood and that the two of them would talk about the possibility of marriage.

The student eventually told his mother about the relationship with Norwood and and she reported it to police on January 7.

The student said he felt an immense amount of guilt about the relationship and was even hospitalized for suicidal thoughts.



The student, now 20, graduated from Mark Morris High School last year and didn't report the relationship earlier because he didn't want to break up Norwood's family

He claims he feared that if he didn't do what Norwood wanted him to do he wouldn't graduate or he would fail the research project she oversaw.

School district spokeswoman Sandy Catt said the district provides help to teachers who have feelings for their students and requires training on state and district codes of professional conduct.

'The district also offers an Employee Assistance Program at no cost to staff members who have any need for professional mental health support,' she wrote in an email statement.

'In addition, schools provide various trusted adults with whom students and/or their parents can confide and work with for safe and healthy learning environments.'

