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Catholic brother charged with kidnapping



ROCHESTER, N.Y. -- An assistant principal at a suburban Catholic high school was charged Wednesday with kidnapping two city youths at gunpoint, police said.

Brother John Dennis Walsh, 43, was released on \$7,500 bail following his arraignment in City Court.

Judge Gary Smith also ordered Walsh to undergo a mental examination.

Walsh, an assistant principal at Cardinal Mooney High School in Greece, N.Y., was arrested early Wednesday, charged with second-degree kidnapping in the abduction Saturday night of two boys.

Police said Walsh asked the boys directions to a city shopping center and grabbed one of the teens when the other one tried to run away. The incident took place near Manhattan Square Park in downtown Rochester.

In a statement to police, one of the youths said Walsh yelled for the other boy to come back or he would 'blow my head off,' according to court records.

Police said the other youth stopped running and got into Walsh's car. Officials said Walsh drove east on Interstate 490, through the towns of Brighton and Penfield, before releasing the two youths on Rochester's north side.