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Four Teens Arrested At Mayor's House

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ENFIELD -- Four teenagers were arrested at Mayor Patrick Tallarita's house on Feb. 24 after police responded to a medical call and found that there had been underage drinking.

Police Chief Carl Sferrazza said Tuesday that authorities went to the house on Enfield Street for a medical call, but he said that because of state regulations he couldn't provide any details.

After an investigation that night, four teens were cited for liquor violations, Sferrazza said. The names of those arrested and their charges can't be revealed because they are underage, he added. The matter is being handled through juvenile proceedings, he said.

Tallarita said Tuesday that he and his wife, Jeanette, consider the incident a family matter and they are dealing with it as any parent would. He confirmed that his son was one of the four cited.

Neither Tallarita nor his wife was at home when the underage drinking allegedly occurred, Tallarita said.

Teenagers sometimes make bad decisions that are not irreversible and that they can learn from, Tallarita said. He said the behavior is not acceptable, but is not unusual for teenagers. He said his children are good kids.

"My son is learning from this experience and he's accepted the consequences," Tallarita said. "I think any parent should be able to know where we're coming from."

Sferrazza said the information about the incident has been available in the daily log book for more than a week, but state statutes prohibit information about the teens arrested from being put in the daily arrest log because of their ages.

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