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Man charged with indecent assault at martial arts studio

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A man was arrested Saturday on charges that he indecently assaulted a young girl at the martial arts training studio he runs in Braintree, according to town police.

Kevin P. Carmichael, 40, of Millis, teaches karate at the Masters Self Defense Center on Quincy Avenue in Braintree, police said in a statement.

He was charged with indecent assault and battery on a child for an incident that is alleged to have happened in "the last several months." Police said they learned of the alleged assault on Friday.

Carmichael agreed to meet with detectives at the Braintree police station on Saturday, where he was

questioned, arrested, and held on \$25,000 cash bail pending his arraignment in Quincy District Court, police said.

The Braintree karate studio is one of about a half-dozen locations in Massachusetts and New Hampshire that operate under the Masters Self Defense Centers brand, according to Robert Nohelty, a co-founder of the program.



Nohelty said each location is independently owned and run. He said Carmichael runs the Braintree location and has not taught at any of the other centers.

Nohelty said by phone Sunday night that he did not know any details about the allegation against Carmichael.

Carmichael also teaches classes at the Braintree After School Enrichment, or B.A.S.E. program, according to police.

Police said Carmichael has not been accused of any inappropriate behavior there.

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