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ALLEGED SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS REVEAL IN NEW COURT DOCUMENTS THAT CONVICTED SEX OFFENDER MARCUS WILLIAMS ENGAGED IN SEXUALLY INAPPROPRIATE CONDUCT WITH STUDENTS AT PARACLETE HIGH SCHOOL BEFORE HE WAS HIRED AT ANTELOPE VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Irvine, California – Attorneys of Plaintiff Jane DN Doe filed an Amended Complaint in the Los Angeles Superior Court this week, where they seek damages for the alleged sexual abuse of their client by Marcus Williams. [CLICK HERE FOR MOTION.](#)

Williams, a former coach from Palmdale High School within the Antelope Valley Union High School District was convicted of seven felony counts for sexually abusing Plaintiff Jane DN Doe.

The complaint alleges that Mr. Williams had been dismissed from his coaching job at Paraclete High School in Lancaster for misconduct which included touching and sending inappropriate text messages to female students.

According to the complaint, “Upon information and belief, a student Jane AD Doe (who has requested anonymity in this public pleading) reported to her father the following events involving Williams:

- A. That Williams would text her at 1 a.m. and 2 a.m. asking that she come to 5:30 a.m. practices in the gym at Paraclete so that Williams and her could practice 1 on 1 and be alone with her;
- B. That Williams threw a basketball at her face in anger once, causing her nose to bloody;
- C. That she received messages from other players on the team wherein they shared screenshots of messages received from Williams alluding to sex with the students;
- D. That Williams would touch them during practices, rubbing his hands along the sides of their bodies under the guise of repositioning their bodies, but actually stroking their sides and legs;
- E. That Williams would offer to tape up the students’ breasts to help them fit into sports bras for games and practices”

The sexual offender, Marcus Williams, stated in a declaration filed with the Court, “Based on my prior history of arrest, and my termination from Paraclete (High School), it is apparent that Antelope Valley Union High School District/Palmdale High School should not have hired me as a coach to work with female students.”

The complaint also alleges that a number of AVUHS staff members and administrators failed to report sexual activity between Williams and the underage student. Joe BOYD, a coach with Palmdale High School received unequivocal notice that Plaintiff and Williams were having sexual relationship. In that instance, two players from the Girls Basketball team, Dharma Mitchell and Montanna Jenkins confronted Williams in front of Plaintiff and in front of Boyd, repeating rumors that Plaintiff and Williams were having a romantic relationship. Plaintiff and Williams have both confirmed this confrontation.

In his sworn testimony, Williams said, "In mid to late December 2015, I became aware that the administration and other staff had suspicions that I was in some sort of relationship with [Plaintiff]. During that time period, while waiting to board a bus to a game, several members of the girls basketball team approached me, [Plaintiff] and Coach Joe Boyd. They expressed that they had heard a rumor that [Plaintiff] and I were having an inappropriate relationship and that they had heard that from the front office personnel. I denied that anything was going on to the girls, but questioned who they had heard this from, and was told that it was front office administration."

In commenting on the recent filing with the Superior Court, Plaintiff's attorney Morgan Stewart stated: "This Amended Complaint reveals new and disturbing evidence of the horrific failures of Antelope Valley Union High School District in their hiring, training and supervision policies. They never should have hired Williams based upon his prior criminal conviction and his history of inappropriate sexual conduct involving minors. Once they did, they had ample opportunity to prevent him from molesting our client and they completely failed in this responsibility."

Plaintiff's attorneys have called for a criminal investigation of the Antelope Valley Union High School District and its Administration. They believe that intervention by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, the California Attorney General's office and the California Department of Education will be the only route to meaningful change that prevents future victims of sexual assault within the school district.

[Manly, Stewart & Finaldi](#) is the nation's leading firm representing athletes in child sexual abuse cases against school districts, Universities and Olympic Governing Bodies. They recently represented 180 alleged victims of former Olympic Team doctor Larry Nassar resulting in a \$500 million-dollar settlement against Michigan State University. In 2018 the firm settled cases against the Torrance Unified School District for \$31 million on behalf of alleged victims of former wrestling coach and convicted child molester Thomas Snider, against Los Angeles Unified School district for \$8 million in cases involving former football coach and convicted child molester Jamie Jimenez and for \$14 million in cases involving former Los Angeles Unified District employee Ronnie Lee Roman. The firm has also settled \$30 million in claims against Redlands Unified School District.