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ATTORNEYS FOR ALLEGED SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM ASK FOR PUNITIVE DAMAGE AGAINST ADMINISTRATOR WHO HIRED CONVICTED SEX OFFENDER MARCUS WILLIAMS AT ANTELOPE VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Irvine, California – Attorneys of Plaintiff Jane DN Doe filed a Motion the Los Angeles Superior Court this week, where they seek punitive damages from Jan Medema, Director of Personnel AVUHSD for the alleged sexual abuse of their client by Marcus Williams. The Motion demands disclosure of financial information on Medema [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 victim was allegedly abused by Williams at age 14, became pregnant by him at age 15. He was age 38. She dropped out and attempted suicide several times.

The Motion alleges that Medema hired Marcus Williams, despite the fact that doing so would violate Administrative Regulations and the California Code of Regulations which prohibit hiring a convicted felon who has a crime of “moral turpitude” on his record.

According to the Motion, Medema initially rejected Williams because he did not pass the background check required by law. Approximately 20 days later Williams then provided a false statement about the background of his burglary conviction, styling it as a “domestic dispute”. The statement was false, but Medema and Antelope Valley Union High School District never verified the information which would have shown Williams to have lied.

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.”

In commenting on the recent filing with the Superior Court, Plaintiff’s attorney Morgan Stewart stated: “Ms. Medema ignored California law by ignoring background information and hiring a convicted criminal who subsequently molested my client. Her failure will cost my client a lifetime of pain and suffering for which Ms. Medema should be held accountable and personally liable”

[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.