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ALLEGED SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS REVEAL IN NEW COURT DOCUMENTS THAT ANTELOPE VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT CONFIRMED THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE NEVER HIRED CONVICTED SEX OFFENDER MARCUS WILLIAMS BECAUSE HE DID NOT PASS A BACKGROUND CHECK

Irvine, California – Attorneys of Plaintiff JANE DN DOE filed a significant Motion in the Los Angeles Superior Court this week, where they seek an accelerated trial date due to the multiple felony convictions of Marcus Williams. [CLICK HERE FOR MOTION.](#)

Marcus 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 DN DOE.

In support of that Motion, Plaintiffs have revealed new information, including the fact that the School District initially rejected Marcus Williams for employment because of a prior criminal conviction for burglary in Texas. Assistant Superintendent for the District, Brett Neal, testified under oath that this should have automatically disqualified Mr. Williams for future employment with the District.

Marcus Williams, however, falsified a statement regarding his prior convictions, and the District, in violation of their own policy, hired him. The District further failed to verify the information of this prior conviction, accepting the word of the Williams, despite his being a convicted criminal.

Mr. Williams has also been dismissed from his coaching job at Paraclete High School in Lancaster for misconduct which included sending inappropriate text messages to female students.

The sexual offender, Marcus Williams, in a declaration filed with the Motion, states: “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: “This Motion reveals just a small part of the investigation that we have uncovered exposing the horrific failures of Antelope Valley Union High School District in their hiring, training and supervision policies.”

Mr. Stewart added: “The fact that their Administration permitted a convict to supervise students 13-18 years old is shocking. If there are any other victims who have not yet reported their abuse to authorities, I urge them to come forward.”

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.