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## **Torrance Unified School District Agrees to 31 Million Dollar Settlement in Negligence Case Over Former Wrestling Coach Convicted of Sexual Abuse**

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**WHAT:** Attorneys representing 22 alleged victims of former Torrance High School Wrestling coach Thomas Snider announced a 31 million dollar settlement in a negligence case against the Torrance Unified School District. Snider, the former boy's wrestling coach at Torrance High School, was convicted in October 2016 of molesting 25 wrestlers ages 13 to 15 over a two-year period under the guise of providing nude "skin checks" for outbreaks of ringworm. He was sentenced to 64 years in prison

**WHO:** **Ron Labriola**, Partner, The Senators (Ret.) Firm  
**Alex Cunny**, Attorney, Manly Stewart & Finaldi

**WHEN:** Wednesday May 9, 10 am.

**WHERE:** Los Angeles Superior Court  
312 N Spring St.  
Los Angeles, Ca.90012  
Department 6 - Judge Berle

**WHY:** According to the victims' attorneys, at a Torrance High School grad night event in 2008, male students complained that they were uncomfortable with body checks performed by Snider.

Before Snider was hired as wrestling coach, the school's athletic director had banned him from entering the wrestling room because he "had been caught bringing students there to roll around and wrestle with," according to documents filed by the plaintiffs.

At the time, the district notified police, but charges were not filed. A retired detective testified during Snider's trial that school officials did not mention the molestation claims but complained that the caller was harassing them.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs also brought forward new testimony from a woman who alleges Snider grinded the front of his body against hers when she was in his industrial arts class at Madrona Middle School in 1991.

The woman said she alerted school administrators that year and again in 1993, but that they did nothing.