

January 21, 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Attached to this letter is a press release issued by the Anne Arundel County Police Department regarding criminal charges against one of our teachers. The release contains all of the pertinent information with regard to the criminal aspect of the case, but I am writing to you to provide additional information so that you can discuss this matter with your child in a manner you deem most appropriate. I apologize that the timing of this matter prevented me from sending this letter home with students, but I wanted you to have the information as quickly as possible.

First and foremost, I want you to know that our school and our school system took action immediately upon becoming aware of the allegations against math teacher Nathan Martin. He was immediately removed from his classroom position and reassigned to a position outside of our school in which he has had no contact with children.

We have – and will continue – to provide the appropriate resources to the student involved in this matter. We encourage you to discuss this matter with your children as well, and contact our school counselors if your child needs support.

While this entire situation brings up many troubling emotions, we urge you to keep in mind the sensitivity of this situation and that a child has been affected. She and her family should be in our thoughts and we know that we are not alone in offering the utmost of support to them. This is a great community with great parental support. We have achieved great things together, and we will continue to do so.

As the police release indicates, this is an ongoing investigation. I urge you to talk to your child about this matter and if there is any information whatsoever that you believe is pertinent to this investigation, please call police at the number listed on the release.

Finally, I would ask you to understand that neither our school nor our school system can discuss specific details of this ongoing investigation. If you have a question that you believe we can answer, please call the school at 410-674-6500.

Sincerely,

Gina Davenport
Principal

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NEWS RELEASE

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WESTERN DISTRICT

Sex Offense

Gambrills

On Saturday, December 12, 2015 at approximately 4:27 p.m., a sixteen year old female accompanied by her parents responded to the Anne Arundel County Police Western District to report a sex offense. Western Patrol took a police report in which the victim, the sixteen year old female, advised a male teacher had inappropriately touched her.

The Anne Arundel County Child Abuse Unit initiated an investigation into the allegation. Child Abuse detectives interviewed the victim who stated she was a student at Arundel High School located in the one thousand block of Annapolis Road, Gambrills, Maryland. She reported she was at the school on December 10, 2015 when a male teacher, identified as Nathan Lee Martin summonsed her into a back classroom closet. Once in the closet, Mr. Martin gave the female student a hug and placed his hands on her buttocks. After that had occurred, Mr. Martin then sat on a desk and pulled the student towards him and this time his face then touched her chest area. The sixteen year old student stated Mr. Martin commented that she was beautiful and should be more confident.

Child Abuse detectives conducted several interviews in this investigation supporting the allegation of the victim. On Wednesday, January 20, 2016, Child Abuse Detectives obtained an arrest warrant in which Mr. Martin was charged with a Sex Offense Fourth Degree Sexual Contact, a Sex Offense Fourth Degree Person in a Position of Authority, and Second Degree Assault. Mr. Martin was located in the early afternoon of January 20 at a school system administrative building. He was taken into custody without incident.

As the investigation continues the Anne Arundel County Police is urging any other victims or anyone with information on this incident to contact the Anne Arundel County Child Abuse Unit at 410-222-4733. One can also remain anonymous by calling the Anne Arundel County Tip Line 410-222-4700 or Metro Crime Stoppers.

Suspect: Nathan Lee Martin, 39 from Odenton, Maryland

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