



Mercy High School Statement November 30, 2018

Just before Thanksgiving, we received a report that a part-time coach had engaged in the sexual abuse of a student. We immediately reported this information to the civil authorities, and we have cooperated fully with them in their investigation.

We learned today that the authorities have criminally charged Ernest Jackson. Mr. Jackson served as a former part-time coach for indoor track, outdoor track, and soccer. He is no longer a coach for the school.

We routinely review our policies and procedures around child protection and we provide training to ensure that safeguards are in place to protect our students.

As always, anyone who has any knowledge of any child sexual abuse is urged to report it immediately to the appropriate authorities.

We ask for your prayers as we work carefully with the authorities through this difficult situation. Please know that we are available to address the concerns of our families and students. At the same time, we must respect student privacy.