

## **Press Release**

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### **Lawsuit Filed Against First Presbyterian Day School in Anderson, SC Alleging Neglect of Children's Safety**

ANDERSON, S.C. - The parents of a student at First Presbyterian Day School in Anderson, SC have filed a lawsuit against the institution, citing serious concerns regarding the safety and well-being of their child and others under the care of Janice Ruinard, a teacher at the school.

The lawsuit alleges that the day school failed to take appropriate steps to ensure the safety of the small children in Janice Ruinard's classroom. It further claims that there was an active disregard for the children's safety and well-being, as evidenced by sworn affidavits from credible sources.

According to these affidavits, the school administration had prior knowledge of mistreatment of children at the hands of Janice Ruinard but failed to take adequate action. The administration allegedly neglected the children by not reporting Janice's behavior to the appropriate authorities, failing to monitor her, and not removing the children from harm's way.

"It is our belief, based on extensive review and gathered information, that basic concern, care, and protocols were not established and followed, which would have prevented the abuse law enforcement has charged Janice Ruinard with," stated Attorney Thomas W. ("Field") Dunaway IV, the legal representative for the plaintiffs.

The parents are seeking justice for their child and accountability from the school administration for their alleged negligence. They aim to ensure that such incidents do not occur in the future and that proper measures are in place to safeguard the well-being of all students.

The plaintiffs are represented by Dunaway Law Firm, LLC and Pracht Injury Lawyers, LLP, both respected legal teams known for advocating for the rights of victims. The case is scheduled to proceed in the Court of Common Pleas for the Tenth Judicial Circuit in South Carolina.

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