



# Muncie Community Schools

## PRESS RELEASE

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### STATEMENT

**Muncie, IN** Muncie Community Schools contacted the Muncie Police Department SMART Team and Child Protective Services earlier this week due to allegations made by a female student against a former coach. The MPD SMART Team, consisting of a sergeant and investigator, investigate all aspects of sexual crimes against children.

The accused ended his employment on October 14, 2017, after being employed by MCS for two and a half months. When he was hired all required background checks were completed appropriately. At the time of his arrest, he was not employed with MCS.

“The safety and well-being of our students is always the highest priority in our schools. We are obviously shocked and dismayed by the allegations. We will continue to support all of our students and families while assisting investigators during their investigation,” said Ana Pichardo, spokesperson for MCS.

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