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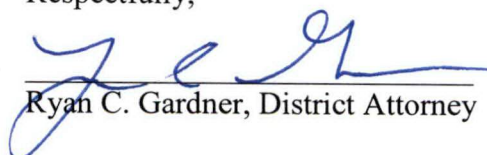
To: All media outlets  
Re: Arrest of WAHS Principal Roger Freed  
From: Ryan C. Gardner, District Attorney and PSP Troop F Captain, James C. Warner

On or about June 5, 2022 a Childline report was received by the Office of the District Attorney indicating that Williamsport Area High School Principal, Roger Freed, engaged in a sexual relationship with a teenage male student during and after school on various occasions. The Childline was immediately forwarded to the Pennsylvania State Police for investigation. The investigation revealed sexual abuse committed upon a male juvenile student by Roger Freed. The abuse began when the child was approximately sixteen years of age.

The charges filed today against Roger Freed are the direct result of the swift and thorough investigation conducted by the Pennsylvania State Police. Allegations of this nature are some of the most disconcerting received by law enforcement, especially when the Actor remains in a position of power with continued access to minor children. Alleged conduct of this nature is a personal affront to all of the hardworking and compassionate teachers dedicated to the betterment of our County's youth. Reports of this nature received by law enforcement will continue to be dealt with swiftly and aggressively in order to insulate prospective victims from this type of alleged predatory behavior. The arrest of Roger Freed should serve as a reminder that regardless of status or influence, the voices of abused children will not fall on deaf ears by any Lycoming County Law Enforcement Agency.

Due to the ongoing nature of this investigation, no further comment will be made at this time.

Respectfully,

  
Ryan C. Gardner, District Attorney