

FERGUS FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

INCIDENT NUMBER: 24028763
OFFENSE CATEGORY: Informational
LOCATION OF OFFENSE: 610 Hillcrest Drive
Fergus Falls, MN 56537
DATE/TIME REPORTED: 09/03/2024 1145 hours
OFFICER(S) ASSIGNED: Detective Matt Estep #105
ADDITIONAL OFFICERS: Lieutenant Andrew Miller #102

SUBJECT: Victim

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SUBJECT: Mentioned

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DETAILS:

On 10/8/2024, I reached out to [REDACTED] father to [REDACTED] I spoke with [REDACTED] about setting up an interview with [REDACTED] to speak with him regarding Ryan Garvin. [REDACTED] stated he would speak with [REDACTED] and get back to me. I spoke with [REDACTED] again who informed me that [REDACTED] did not want to speak with me regarding Ryan.

On 11/13/2024, at approximately 1730 hours, I, Detective Matthew Estep, met with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at the Fergus Falls Police Department for an interview. I had previously spoken with [REDACTED] about wanting to interview [REDACTED] regarding some allegations of inappropriate actions by Ryan Garvin at the Hillcrest Lutheran Academy. It should be noted that it was previously known that [REDACTED] had reported an incident between her and Ryan. I was asked to assist in conducting interviews on this case by Lieutenant Andrew Miller due to the volume of interviews needing to be done.

When interviewing [REDACTED] I left it up to her if she wanted her parents present in the interview or not. She chose to have them present. The interview was conducted in the public community room within the Fergus Falls Police Department. The interview was audio recorded and has been uploaded to the case file.

I began the interview by reminding [REDACTED] that she was in no trouble, and that I wanted to speak with her about things she has experienced or things she has heard at Hillcrest regarding Ryan Garvin. [REDACTED] informed me that when she was in 9th grade (2021), sometime during the winter months, she had walked into a classroom, a classroom which is now the library, and was wearing a sweatshirt and sweatpants and Ryan commented that he thought she looked nice and that they looked comfortable. After the end of class, Ryan asked [REDACTED] to stay after. [REDACTED] agreed. Ryan then asked [REDACTED] about one of her relationships with a friend. Ryan then asked if he could pray for [REDACTED] to which she agreed. Ryan then stood up from his desk and placed his hand on her shoulder and said a prayer out loud, for approximately 1 to 2 minutes. After the prayer, Ryan asked [REDACTED] if he could hug her. [REDACTED] said yes, to which Ryan placed his arms around [REDACTED] hugging her, began to rock her back and forth for a short time, and then released the hug. She added that they were alone in the classroom during this incident. [REDACTED] stated this interaction made her feel uncomfortable. [REDACTED] added that [REDACTED] told her about the incident immediately that day when she came home from school.

█████ then told me about an incident this past summer, summer of 2024, where █████ was playing piano at the school, positioned on a piano bench facing the piano. She stated that Ryan was somewhere behind doing something with equipment, when she had coughed. Ryan approached her and asked if she was ok and put his hand on her back. █████ added that she was wearing a tank top that revealed a portion of her back, and that Ryan placed his hand half on her skin and half on her shirt being the lower half of her back. █████ stated that she was ok, to which Ryan removed his hand and walked away. █████ added that this interaction made her uncomfortable also and felt that her wishes to not be touched, since the first incident in 9th grade with Ryan, were not being respected.

█████ brought up this incident allegedly being caught on camera. As of 11/20/2024, the footage from the incident no longer exists as it was not saved by investigating school staff. However, a still frame photo from the footage was saved which shows that Ryan is in fact standing behind █████ and did have his hand placed on her back. █████ also added that sometime in 9th grade, Ryan told her, "You look cute in that outfit," and also in 11th grade he had told her, "You look so beautiful today."

█████ stated that Ryan would often whisper in kids' ears during class, pertaining to test questions or school-related things, and would sometime touch her hair. She added that these things made her uncomfortable as well.

I also asked █████ what things or situations she has heard about Ryan. She stated that a male named █████ was in the locker room at Hillcrest. She was unsure if █████ was in a towel or not, but stated that Ryan had gone up to █████ and slapped him on the "rearend."

Another incident heard was a male named █████ was in the boys' locker room after a basketball or football game and had walked out of the shower in only a towel. Ryan was allegedly excited about the events of the game and had said something to █████ to the extent of, "Oh the things I could do to you!"

She stated another thing that had happened was with █████ She had heard that █████ was fanning her shirt as she was hot. She was in a classroom with other kids. Ryan allegedly came up and brushed his hands across █████ chest. This was allegedly witnessed by a student in class. █████ did not know the student and was not in the class when this incident occurred.

█████ also mentioned a time when a female student was asked to read a portion of a book out loud in front of a class. After reading the literature, Ryan told the female, "Your voice was so sexy." █████

was not present for this incident. [REDACTED] added that [REDACTED] had come home from school and told her about that incident right away also.

On 02/11/2025, I spoke with [REDACTED] regarding her time as a student at Hillcrest Lutheran Academy. My conversation with [REDACTED] was audio recorded and has since been added to the case file. Below is a synopsis of what I learned in my conversation with [REDACTED]. For exact details, please refer to the recorded conversation.

[REDACTED] transferred to Hillcrest from the east coast. When she transferred, she was not used to the teacher/student contact that she observed and experienced while at Hillcrest. I asked [REDACTED] if she ever experienced anything with Ryan Garvin. She described Ryan as being overly touchy with all of the students, boys and girls. She stated that Ryan would often hug students, rub their backs, and rub their shoulders. She found this to be uncomfortable and was often told throughout high school that "that was just Ryan." She stated that it was not something she was ok with happening at the time but appeared to be normalized by the school and its members. She also added that she didn't feel there was any malintent behind Ryan's actions.

Continuing to tell me about Hillcrest, she added that there was a time in approximately 2016 to 2017 there was an [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] named [REDACTED] who was terminated or let go from Hillcrest for having a relationship of some sort with a student, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] I later reviewed call history and located a report where the relationship was investigated, and no criminal violations were discovered. [REDACTED] also added that [REDACTED] spent a lot of time alone with Ryan. She was unaware of any issues or concerns that stemmed from [REDACTED] and Ryan's time alone.

She stated she had heard an accusation of Ryan touching the breasts of one female student, known to be [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] mother had reported the issue to the school board. [REDACTED] felt that this issue was not addressed appropriately by the school administration. She also believed that Ryan had been warned about being "too touchy" with students prior to the alleged assault. She stated that she has concerns about Ryan being on campus and still around students after all of the accusations and incidents. She believes the school did not hold Ryan accountable and that the problems were never addressed.

Continuing with the conversation, [REDACTED] added that she had concerns with staff member [REDACTED] being at the school. She added that while at Hillcrest, [REDACTED] was often overly

involved in students' lives; commenting to girls about their clothing and giving over-opiniated statements to them about their boyfriends. She stated that in the summer of her junior year she had received a breast reduction. When she returned for her senior year, [REDACTED] had made a comment to her about "not filling out her shirts as much." He would also tell female students that "they're just asking for attention" when commenting on their clothing. [REDACTED] stated that she felt as if she was being groomed while at Hillcrest. She also added that Ryan and [REDACTED] are good friends. [REDACTED] would text her after graduation trying to meet up with her for coffee somewhere, or would ask her to "stop by."

Additionally, she stated that [REDACTED] was allegedly terminated from Hillcrest in 2018 or 2019. A female, who was a mother of student in a different school, had allegedly come to staff and informed them that [REDACTED] was utilizing school cameras and filming equipment to film pornography in houses he was listing for sale. [REDACTED] was allegedly posting on porn sites or commenting on porn sites utilizing the work issued computer during work hours. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was fired shortly after the reports were made, but less than two years later, was back at Hillcrest employed in the same position.

She also added that while in Pennsylvania on a choir tour, [REDACTED] had pinned a male student against a tree and threatened to beat him up. Students on the bus observed [REDACTED] doing this and began to yell at [REDACTED] to let go of the student, [REDACTED] which [REDACTED] eventually did. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] at the time that he was "an ungrateful little bastard." [REDACTED] described the two staff members' behavior as "predatory and unsafe."

On 02/12/2025, I had spoken with [REDACTED]. My conversation with [REDACTED] was also audio recorded and has been uploaded to the case file. Below is a synopsis of our conversation.

[REDACTED] graduated from Hillcrest in 2024. During his junior year, he had heard of an incident between Ryan and [REDACTED] mom had reported the incident to the school board who didn't appear to do anything about the report and the problem "went away." Ryan continued to be touchy with students by rubbing their backs and shoulders. Ryan also shared a lot of personal information with students. Ryan had told a group of students about his trouble with addiction to porn and masturbating and even a "fantasy" he had with a past student.

[REDACTED] talked about two incidents that took place in Aberdeen, South Dakota, after a basketball game. On one occasion, the team was undressed and showering in the boys' locker room. Ryan

entered the locker room, had also gotten undressed, and showered in the same locker room as the boys' team. The showers were individual curtained stalls, but [REDACTED] described it as still being uncomfortable.

On the second occasion after another game, [REDACTED] stated that it was an open communal type shower and the boys had to wait turns to shower. Ryan had also gotten undressed in the locker room with the basketball team and showered as well. He described this as making him uneasy.

[REDACTED] also described a time where a male student had exited the shower in the locker room wrapped in a towel and Ryan had slapped the male student on the butt and said, "The things I could do to you."

Ryan was also overly touchy with [REDACTED]. He would often times rub his head, grab him by the bicep, and rub his back as well. [REDACTED] stated that these interactions made him very uncomfortable. [REDACTED] described a time when a student showed up late for morning practice. Ryan slapped the male student on the butt and stated, "That's your punishment." [REDACTED] also described a time where [REDACTED] had quit being Ryan's [REDACTED] as she was very uncomfortable with him. Ryan had allegedly stated, "Yeah that's a good idea, we don't want things to escalate further then they are." [REDACTED] also described how a lot of the female students were uncomfortable around Ryan as he would rub their thighs and backs as well.

[REDACTED] went on to say that he felt the concerns with Ryan were brushed over by the school staff. He does not feel it's appropriate for Ryan to be around students. He added that he's worried about Ryan's behavior escalating with students in the future.

On 02/13/2025, I spoke with [REDACTED]. My conversation with [REDACTED] was also audio recorded and has been uploaded to the case file. Below is a synopsis of my conversation with [REDACTED]. For exact details of the conversation had, refer to the audio recording in the case file.

[REDACTED] graduated from Hillcrest in 2024. During a summer basketball trip, he too was in the group of boys who were showering after a game when Ryan had entered the boys' locker room, removed his clothes, and showered at the same time as the boys. [REDACTED] believed this happened once in Aberdeen, South Dakota, and once in Minneapolis. [REDACTED] described this as being very uncomfortable and that he wanted out of the locker room. He added that no one wanted to talk about it at the time due to how uncomfortable it was.

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During [REDACTED] freshman year, Ryan shared to the class about his personal issues with addiction to pornography, as well as masturbation. [REDACTED] felt that this kind of information was unnecessary for a teacher to share with students. [REDACTED] felt that Ryan did not have the proper skill set to be a teacher at Hillcrest and added that Ryan focuses more on people and things in the classroom than he does on providing education.

[REDACTED] also added that Ryan was a very touchy person. He observed Ryan be overly touchy with members of the basketball team by holding their heads or pulling them in too close. [REDACTED] stated he would intentionally avoid any situation with contact with Ryan. He described Ryan as a “weird dude” and that he made a lot of male and female students uncomfortable. He too felt that Hillcrest did not listen to students’ concerns and that they should have dealt with it differently. He feels that things were never addressed with Ryan. He added that a lot of female students were uncomfortable with Ryan and concerns had been brought to school staff several times and nothing was ever addressed. He added that Ryan would always make strange comments, but couldn’t specifically recall anything.

[REDACTED] spoke of a time he had witnessed Ryan smack a male student on the butt who was wrapped in a towel in the locker room walking out of the shower. [REDACTED] thought this may have happened multiple times, and believed the individual was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] continued to state that Hillcrest just put their concerns away and felt it was “sad” that they responded the way they did to all the students’ concerns with Ryan. He also verified that at some point during his time at Hillcrest, Ryan had made a statement about how his wife had to watch him around other girls. [REDACTED] believed this to be directed at the female students and was concerned enough to talk to his mom about it after school.

On 02/27/2025, I reached out to more students whose names have been brought up in the course of the investigation. One of the names being [REDACTED] I made phone contact with [REDACTED] and informed him I was looking to speak with him regarding Ryan Garvin and concerns with things that happened at Hillcrest. [REDACTED] asked if he had to provide a statement to which I informed him he did not have to speak about it if he did not want to. [REDACTED] stated that he wished to not provide a statement as he didn’t want to get involved with the investigation.

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I then made contact with [REDACTED] who was willing to provide a statement. My conversation with [REDACTED] was audio recorded and has been uploaded to the case file. The below is a synopsis of my conversation with [REDACTED]. For exact details pertaining to the conversation had, refer to the uploaded audio recording.

[REDACTED] graduated from Hillcrest in 2024. During his freshman year at Hillcrest in an 8th hour class, Ryan disclosed to the classroom full of male students that he struggled with pornography addiction. [REDACTED] felt that this was inappropriate to be telling a group of students. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that there were multiple foreign female students who had attended the school who had made a report about Ryan's behavior and that it made them uncomfortable. He also stated that the reports went no where and nothing was done to stop Ryan's behavior at that time. Additionally, a female student named [REDACTED] had spent one-on-one time with Ryan. It was described that when Ryan would have meetings with students, he would bring them into his classroom and close the door, and then take them into what could be described as an equipment room in the back of his classroom, and then close the door to that room with just him and the student inside the small room. [REDACTED] was a friend of [REDACTED] and had told him that Ryan disclosed to her during a one-on-one meeting that he struggles with "student and teacher fantasies."

[REDACTED] and others later reached out to [REDACTED] via Instagram and informed her I was interested in speaking with her. [REDACTED] was very clear to them that she did not wish to speak with law enforcement and wanted to be left out of the situation. It is believed [REDACTED] is [REDACTED]

In his sophomore year, Ryan had been speaking with [REDACTED] about a female student [REDACTED] and told him that if she was older, he would date her. [REDACTED] had also heard that Ryan had looked down the shirt worn by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that this was observed by multiple students, one being [REDACTED]. Ryan was also known to be texting [REDACTED] outside of school hours. [REDACTED] expressed her concerns to Ryan about how it made her uncomfortable to which Ryan indicated it was a good time to stop before things escalated.

[REDACTED] described Ryan as a very touchy person and stated that he was often seen grabbing waists, rubbing backs, and placing hands on thighs of students. [REDACTED] talked about a time as a freshman while in class at a group table, Ryan had come to him and asked a question while [REDACTED] was

seated, and Ryan had placed his hand on the inner part of [REDACTED] thigh. This made [REDACTED] uncomfortable. [REDACTED] also described a time during his sophomore year when he was 16, where he was seated in a position near Ryan's desk for class. When leaving class, Ryan told him to have a nice day, or something similar, and then proceeded to "smack" or "pat" [REDACTED] on the butt while walking past him. [REDACTED] stated that it was uncomfortable and had happened two separate times. [REDACTED] was uncomfortable with it to the point where he had made a point to walk out of class a different way to avoid getting close to Ryan. [REDACTED] stated he was unsure if other students saw it but he knew that he had told friends about the incident at the time.

[REDACTED] felt that Ryan should have been removed from his position at the school with the volume of complaints and reports made against him. He knew of Ryan texting female students outside of school hours, and that the President, Brad Hoganson, had reached out to him in the fall of 2024 regarding the text messages. Brad informed [REDACTED] that the Principal, Jeff Isaac, was aware of the activity regarding the text messages also.

[REDACTED] stated that Ryan had disclosed to a student named [REDACTED] that he struggled with having student and teacher fantasies. [REDACTED] did not have any contact information for [REDACTED] as she was a foreign student [REDACTED] but was friends with her during high school.

[REDACTED] stated that he dislikes Ryan and Hillcrest with a strong passion after graduating. [REDACTED] felt that the board members do their job poorly and that the school is poorly run. He felt that the situation with Ryan was not handled how it should have been regarding the complaints made by students.

After speaking with [REDACTED] I then spoke with [REDACTED]. My conversation with [REDACTED] was audio recorded and has been uploaded to the case file. The following is a synopsis of my conversation with [REDACTED]. For exact details pertaining to the conversation had, refer to the audio recording uploaded to the case file.

While speaking with [REDACTED] he informed me that he had graduated in 2023 from Hillcrest. [REDACTED] spoke about a time in what he believed was Civic's class where he, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were sitting at a table in a classroom where Ryan Garvin was teaching. [REDACTED] stated that Ryan came over to their table, moved his hand over [REDACTED] breasts, crossing her breast with the palm of his hand, and proceeded to grab the sweatshirt between her breasts and began fanning her shirt back and forth. [REDACTED] described Ryan as a very touchy person and didn't believe this incident occurred with

good intention [REDACTED] added that [REDACTED] was always uncomfortable around Ryan and that she appeared scared of him. [REDACTED] stated that Ryan was "super weird" with [REDACTED] believed Ryan did it to "get off" in some type of way. [REDACTED] stated that Mr. Isaac, being the principal Jeff Isaac, was aware of the incident and had given Ryan a warning and "swept it under the rug."

[REDACTED] also talked about things he had heard about Ryan, but not directly experienced. [REDACTED] He also told a female student that he struggles with fantasies and told members of the basketball team that he has issues in bed with his wife and that he has a porn addiction. [REDACTED] also heard people talk about Ryan confessing to students that he used to watch females shop in Target and follow them around the store, and then proceed to go to the men's bathroom and masturbate.

[REDACTED] doesn't feel that Ryan should be allowed at the school. He stated Ryan is very touchy and very strange. He added that the school was aware of the issues with Ryan and pushed them off and feels they didn't handle it the best way they could have.

On 03/05/2025, I spoke with [REDACTED] at the Fergus Falls Police Department in person. The interaction was audio recorded and uploaded to the case file. Below is a synopsis of the statement collected. For exact conversations had, refer to the audio recording uploaded.

[REDACTED] graduated in 2024. [REDACTED] was interested in athletic department careers and had contacted Ryan Garvin about internships or job shadowing. While preparing for the position, Ryan made a comment that he wanted [REDACTED] in an office or room with cameras when establishing her workspace. [REDACTED] stated it was difficult to work the position in her schedule and wanted to be able to enjoy her senior year. [REDACTED] made contact with Ryan via text and asked to schedule a meeting to speak with him. She informed him that she was unable to make the position work and Ryan replied with, "I was going to tell you we need to be done for my safety." [REDACTED] found this to be a strange comment and told two of her friends, [REDACTED] Both friends found it to be a strange comment also. [REDACTED] told the Dean at the time about the comment, who told her she misunderstood the comment and brushed it off. She then told Mr. Isaac about the statement, who told them that wasn't his intentions. [REDACTED] stated that this didn't make her feel good. She stated that Ryan had sat her close to his desk in Econ class. She expressed her discomfort about this to which a seating arrangement was made and [REDACTED] was no longer positioned close to Ryan's desk.

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█████ talked about how she felt “weird vibes” from Ryan. She described how Ryan would often tell students about his sexual relationship with his wife and make strange comments around students. She recalled a time where Ryan told the boys in the classroom to not let their wives go to bed before them, so they wouldn’t have the urge to view pornography while their wife was asleep.

█████ felt that Ryan was referring to temptations he was feeling when he told her it was best to quit the internship for his safety. She also talked about hearing about the incident with █████ where Ryan had grabbed her breast(s). She stated that individuals had gone to Mr. Isaac with their concerns and felt that Mr. Isaac had gone out of his way to protect Ryan in the incident, even scheduling a dinner to meet with the █████ family regarding the incident.

She also heard about the incident with Ryan showering with the boys’ basketball team. She added that she doesn’t feel the school took the students’ concerns appropriately and that the school protected Ryan versus the students. She also added that she feels Ryan shouldn’t be at the school property.

On 3/6/2025, I spoke with █████ My conversation with █████ was audio recorded and has been uploaded to the case file. The below is a synopsis of my conversation with █████ For exact details, refer the audio recording of the conversation had.

█████ left Hillcrest as a sophomore in 2022. █████ immediately began speaking about a time in an 8th period class taught by Ryan where Ryan had disclosed to the small class of six or so male students that █████ stated that Ryan had spent the entire class period detailing █████ described it as being extremely uncomfortable and didn’t believe it was the proper place or environment for Ryan to be doing that. He added that Ryan would openly talk about his sex life, marital issues, and his porn addiction to students. █████ described a time where Ryan had rubbed his shoulders during class. Ryan would do this often █████ told Ryan he didn’t like it and to stop. He stated Ryan had then removed his hands and moved on.

█████ also talked about a female student named █████ stated that Ryan and she had spent a lot of one-on-one time together. During one of their meetings, Ryan told █████ that he had student and teacher fantasies. █████ told █████ this, as they were friends during school. █████ now lives in █████ reached out to her regarding the investigation and she wished to not get involved.

█████ stated that Ryan would often times speak about “temptations” to the students. He spoke about how Ryan was responsible for picking the Chaplains to lead Chapel. He described that these Chaplains were always better-looking female students who appeared to be easily manipulated. One of the Chaplains was ██████. She was described as traumatized and vulnerable. ██████ believed Ryan would pick these type of people in attempts to groom them.

█████ talked about Hillcrest being a very “dark” place where students report incidents, and faculty and staff sweep things under the rug, or keep them quiet. He added that the school is complacent in the situations regarding Ryan. ██████ also added that Jeffery Isaac “covered his ass” when speaking about Ryan and the incident with ██████.

█████ also stated that students who were suffering or reporting issues or concerns, were often told that they needed to pray more or need Vitamin C. He felt that the concerns of students were never properly addressed by staff. ██████ also stated that ██████ more specifically the ██████ would often flirt or prey on the female students. ██████ stated he would be able to get screenshots of an inappropriate conversation between ██████ and an exchange student at the time regarding a conversation of explicit nature of sometime and also added that ██████ unknown spelling, had a relationship with a student while he was ██████ at the school.

█████ also spoke about a time where an exchange student in the dorms had attempted to commit suicide while attending Hillcrest. It was unknown if the party, ██████ had attempted it on school property or not. ██████ stated that the school was very much aware of the incident and the school covered up the incident, and ██████ was sent home from the school.

█████ believed that Ryan needed to be held accountable for his actions and described him as a pained person with unresolved trauma. He believed that Jeffery Isaac allowed Ryan to get away with the things he had been doing. He stated that Hillcrest created blind and unhealthy Christians and it turns people away from their faith because of the way it is ran and the way students are treated by faculty and staff. He feels the school has “messed up” a lot of kids, especially the border kids. He added that the school is doing very little to mitigate the harm done to students by the faculty and staff. He believes it is repulsive and disgusting that Ryan is still allowed on school grounds. He believes it is atrocious and a safety risk to allow Ryan on school grounds. He added that the school prioritizes its image over students’ concerns.

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On 03/13/2025, I spoke with [REDACTED]. My conversation with [REDACTED] was audio recorded and has been uploaded to the case file. For exact details pertaining to the conversation had with [REDACTED] refer to the recording. The following is a synopsis of the conversation.

[REDACTED] graduated from Hillcrest in 2024. [REDACTED] was part of the basketball team during his time at Hillcrest. He described a time after a tournament in Minneapolis where Ryan had undressed in front of the students in the locker room and showered in the same locker room. The showers at this facility were described as individual stalls. [REDACTED] was very uncomfortable by this and had intentionally moved in the locker room to avoid any contact with Ryan. Ryan had also showered with part of the basketball team at a different sporting event [REDACTED] was in a separate locker room at that time. [REDACTED] also heard that after one of the games, Ryan slapped a male student, [REDACTED] on the butt in the locker room and made some inappropriate comments.

[REDACTED] stated that he was always uncomfortable around Ryan as Ryan would rub his hands on [REDACTED] chest and abs while complimenting him on his performance during or after a basketball game. He also talked about a time in the Freshman year in an all boys' class where Ryan openly talked about his porn addiction.

[REDACTED] also talked about a time during a basketball practice where Ryan had been teaching them a boxing out drill. During the drill, Ryan had made the comment(s) to [REDACTED] "I want you physically inside of me. Get up in me." [REDACTED] stated that many of the team members heard it, thought it was strange, and moved on. Ryan said nothing else to [REDACTED] or acknowledged what was said, but [REDACTED] felt that the comments were made of a sexual nature. [REDACTED] is not comfortable with the fact that Ryan is allowed at the school and doesn't feel right having him there.

On 03/13/2025, I also met with [REDACTED]. My interview with [REDACTED] was audio recorded and has been uploaded to the case file. For exact details pertaining to our conversation, refer to the audio recording. The below is a synopsis of the conversation had.

During my conversation with [REDACTED] they expressed concerns over the way the school board members are and have handled the situation with Ryan. They stated they were informed of a staffing change in July 2024 and that Ryan was no longer present as school staff. A short time later, they saw Ryan at a school picnic and observed him interact with students. They were concerned by this and reached out to the board to see how the situation was being handled. They stated that they were then questioned on where they received some of the information they were sharing. [REDACTED]

and [REDACTED] had two meetings with the board and believed neither meeting was of any value. They did not agree that Hillcrest's HR Department was suitable for an investigation into the allegations against Ryan. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] both expressed fear of retaliation from the school members. [REDACTED] plan to not re-enroll their children into Hillcrest for Fall of 2025 due to the allegations and reports not being handled appropriately by the school board members and staff.

On 03/21/2025, I spoke with Andrew Stender. My conversation with Andrew was audio recorded and has also been uploaded to the case file. Below is a synopsis of my conversation with Andrew.

Andrew was an assistant basketball coach of the Hillcrest boys' basketball team. He would travel with the team for practice and games. I spoke to Andrew regarding the allegations regarding Ryan showering with the boys' team. Andrew stated that the location where they were staying at that specific event did not have showers, so the team and staff utilized the locker room showers after practice. Andrew stated that most staff members would wait for all the boys to leave the locker rooms before showering. He stated that Ryan might have gone in and began to shower before all the student were out. Andrew didn't have much other detail pertaining to the situation(s).

Andrew stated that he's never seen anything concerning from Ryan. He stated that Ryan's love language is physical touch and believes it gets misunderstood on occasion. Any hug that Andrew has witnessed between a student and Ryan never seemed inappropriate to him. Andrew added that Ryan has a big heart and that not all of the students appreciated him. He did not believe that any of Ryan's actions were done with ill intent. For exact details pertaining to my conversation with Andrew, refer to the audio recording uploaded to the case file.

On 03/24/2025, I interviewed Samuel Nash. My interview with Samuel was audio recorded and has been uploaded to the case file. For exact details pertaining to the conversation had, refer to the audio recording uploaded. Below is a synopsis of the interview.

Samuel was an assistant coach on the coaching staff at Hillcrest when Ryan was coaching. He considers himself a close friend of Ryan's. Samuel had briefly heard about some reports that were made against Ryan from Ryan, without much detail provided. Samuel thought the investigation was handled by Hillcrest. Samuel felt that Ryan was overall positively viewed by school students and staff. Samuel was aware that some people described Ryan as "kind of a pervert," but stated that he has never experienced that from Ryan. He was surprised when he heard people describing Ryan's actions as "grooming." He described Ryan as being an emotional guy who is naive to his actions.

Ryan never spoke in detail of his allegations to Samuel. Samuel did not believe anything done by Ryan was ever done with ill intent. He described Ryan as being very open and relationship focused.

Samuel had heard of an incident where Ryan allegedly showered with the basketball team. He wasn't aware of the incident actually occurring and believed that if it did happen, it happened due to Ryan being naive to what he was actually doing.

Samuel stated that he trusts Hillcrest's leadership to protect the kids. He trusts the right thing was done by them and doesn't feel there is any issue having Ryan on school grounds.

On 04/07/25, I spoke with [REDACTED]. Below is a synopsis of my conversation with [REDACTED]. The conversation was audio recorded and has been uploaded to the case file. For exact details pertaining to the conversation had, refer to the audio recording uploaded.

While speaking with [REDACTED] I learned that he was a member of the basketball team when Ryan was the head coach. He stated that he had heard a lot of rumors regarding things that Ryan had done. He heard a lot about Ryan being a "touchy" person and that everyone knew him as such. [REDACTED] had heard about issues between the [REDACTED] family and Ryan, as well as people talking about Ryan showering with male students during or after a game. [REDACTED] did not witness either event. [REDACTED] added that Ryan had touched his butt multiple times. He described it as Ryan slapping him on the butt during games or practices and would do it while complimenting game play or something similar. [REDACTED] was uncomfortable by this and told Ryan to stop, which he did and never did it again. [REDACTED] did not believe that this was done for sexual gratification and added that other people on the team described the same behavior from Ryan.

[REDACTED] described Ryan as a good guy who did things that other people knew were not right. He described him as a physical touch kind of person and added that Hillcrest is not a good place for him if he is unable to control his touches. He felt that the school should have handled reports of Ryan's behavior at an earlier time and addressed the concerns right away.

Other people who were attempted to be spoken to were [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The parties mentioned either declined to provide a statement, or did not return calls or provide a statement when given the opportunity.

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For further details and details regarding charges on Ryan Garvin, refer to the report completed by Lieutenant Andrew Miller.

STOLEN PROPERTY/ESTIMATE OF DAMAGES:

N/A

DESCRIPTION/LOCATION OF EVIDENCE:

Audio recordings uploaded to the case file.

STATUS:

Clear and complete. Please forward this report to the assigned prosecutor at the Otter Tail County Attorney's Office.

Transcriber/bn

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FERGUS FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

INCIDENT NUMBER: 24028763

OFFENSE CATEGORY: Sex Assault

LOCATION OF OFFENSE: Hillcrest Lutheran Academy
610 Hillcrest Drive
Fergus Falls, MN 56537

DATE/TIME REPORTED: 09/03/2024

OFFICER(S) ASSIGNED: Lieutenant Andrew Miller, #102

ADDITIONAL OFFICERS: Detective Matthew Estep, #105
Chief Kile Bergren, #100

SUBJECT: Victim

DOB: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Suspect

Ryan Alan Garvin
DOB: [REDACTED]
610 South Oak Street
Fergus Falls, MN 56537
651-334-7703
[REDACTED] Adult/Male

SUBJECT: Witness

Amanda Kay Davison
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Fergus Falls, MN 56537
612-619-6587
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SUBJECT: Mentioned

Chad Earl Davison
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Fergus Falls, MN 56537
218-329-2128
[REDACTED] Adult/Male

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SUBJECT: Mentioned Jeffrey Sherman Langness - Hillcrest Board Chairman
DOB: [REDACTED]
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Moorhead, MN 56560
[REDACTED]/Adult/Male

SUBJECT: Mentioned Bradley Harris Hoganson - Hillcrest President
DOB: [REDACTED]
724 South Calvin Street
Fergus Falls, MN 56537
452-345-6010
[REDACTED] Adult/Male

SUBJECT: Mentioned Jeffrey David Isaac - Hillcrest Principal
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Fergus Falls, MN 56537
218-205-5395
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SUBJECT: Mentioned Lisa Marie Malmstrom-Hillcrest Board Member
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Battle Lake, MN 56515
218-862-5080
[REDACTED] Adult/Female

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SUBJECT: Juvenile Parent

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Witness

Tanya Louis Gronwold
DOB: [REDACTED]
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Fergus Falls, MN 56537
218-205-2462
[REDACTED]/Adult/Female

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Samuel Paul Nash - Hillcrest Basketball Coach
DOB: [REDACTED]
619 West Alcott Avenue
Fergus Falls, MN 56537
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[REDACTED] **Adult/Male**

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DETAILS:

On September 3rd, 2024, Chief Bergren briefed me, Lieutenant Andrew Miller, on an anonymous phone call he had received in regards to inappropriate touching and or comments made towards students at the Hillcrest Lutheran Academy in the City of Fergus Falls. Chief Bergren indicated the anonymous caller relayed a former teacher, coach, and athletic director of Hillcrest Lutheran Academy was alleged to have made inappropriate comments and contact with several students over multiple years. The name of this teacher was given to me as Ryan Garvin. Chief Bergren was informed by the anonymous caller Ryan Garvin had recently been terminated from his employment by Hillcrest Lutheran Academy. The anonymous caller indicated to Chief Bergren there were reports of Garvin showering in the nude with basketball student athletes and numerous inappropriate contact with students.

On September 5, 2024, I, Lieutenant Andrew Miller, contacted Hillcrest Lutheran Academy Principal Jeff Issac. Principal Isaac referred me to Hillcrest Lutheran Academy President Brad Hoganson. President Hoganson was informed that the Fergus Falls Police Department had received information of a possible sexual assault of student(s) and we were prepared to serve a search warrant for documents and/or evidence. President Hoganson confirmed Ryan Garvin had been terminated and Hillcrest Lutheran Academy conducted an internal investigation into reports of inappropriate touching and comments made by Garvin in his capacity as a teacher/coach. President Hoganson was cooperative and agreed to meet with me to discuss the internal investigation and provide me with documents of the internal investigation and Garvin's employee file.

On September 10, 2024, I had an opportunity to meet with Hillcrest Lutheran Academy President Brad Hoganson at the Fergus Falls Police Department. President Hoganson provided me with a spreadsheet outlining the Hillcrest Internal Investigation, the Ryan Garvin termination letter, and the Hillcrest Lutheran Academy Board of Director's Investigation Task Force Recommendation to the Hillcrest Lutheran Academy Board. These and other documents later received by President Hoganson are archived in the case file, Real Vision Software (RVI).

In speaking with President Hoganson, he indicated Hillcrest Academy developed a Task Force to conduct the internal investigation as it relayed to Ryan Garvin and inappropriate behavior. President Hoganson indicated that after receiving the complaints from Principal Isaac, he then informed the Chair of the Board, Jeff Langness, of the allegations. President Hoganson stated that at some point there was conferring with

an attorney, Sam Diehl, who indicated that a mandated report was not necessary. President Hoganson classified the allegations as poor boundaries and indicated that the Task Force did not find any predatory behavior in regards to actions of Ryan Garvin. President Hoganson stated the Task Force found that there were many rumors they found during the internal investigation. For example, when the Task Force looked into allegations of inappropriate touching of [REDACTED] during a point in time when [REDACTED] was playing piano and Ryan Garvin was alleged to have rubbed [REDACTED] lower back area. President Hoganson supplied me with a still shot of video surveillance in which the alleged incident would've taken place and indicated the allegations were unfounded and Garvin only touched the top shoulder area of [REDACTED]. Hoganson added that the video surveillance of this instance was purged and not available. The still shot will be kept in the case file.

Hoganson relayed his recollection of the timeline of events as they relate to the Ryan Garvin allegations. According to Hoganson, on September 9, 2022, he and/or Hillcrest Administration became aware of the allegations of inappropriate touching of student [REDACTED] lower back rubbing. Hoganson added he believed on November 28th is when the concerns regarding [REDACTED] occurred. Hoganson informed me that in September of 2023, another allegation of hugging by Ryan Garvin to [REDACTED] was made. Hoganson believed around July, 2024, a "parent review" was conducted with Hillcrest Administration and concerned parents.

In the following days, President Hoganson supplied me with further documents to include: emails/statements, a timeline of events and Garvin's previous warning letter. The emails are characterized as statements made by students, staff, and Garvin. The subject matter of these emails are in regards to allegations of Garvin's inappropriate touching or comments to students and one occasion with another staff member. Additionally obtained in the emails supplied by President Hoganson was an email sent to Hoganson by Garvin on August 1st, 2024, responding to allegations of inappropriate actions. The Garvin previous warning letter is titled Employee Disciplinary Action-Final Warning and is dated September 2, 2023. The warning was given as a result of the [REDACTED] allegation of rubbing on the shoulder area. These documents will be kept in the case file.

On September 10th, 2024, I had opportunity to speak to Tanya Gronwold, a concerned party. Gronwold was sharing concerns on behalf of a parent of a Hillcrest student. In speaking to Gronwold, she indicated that concerns were that Hillcrest Administration had not handled the Ryan Garvin situation and allegations properly and she believed there were 20 reports of inappropriate touching or comments by Ryan Garvin

to students, and Hillcrest Administration failed to report child abuse as mandated reporters. Gronwold had not witnessed any of the allegations, but indicated she had basic knowledge of the issues as they related to Ryan Garvin and Hillcrest Academy. Gronwold added that she was aware in or around August, 2024, some parents of Hillcrest students had encounters or confrontations with Ryan Garvin.

On September 10th, 2024, I had opportunity to speak with a concerned parent of Hillcrest students, Amanda Davison. Amanda shared information and concerns with me and provided historical context to Ryan Garvin's alleged inappropriate touching and comments to students during the past years while employed as a teacher and basketball coach for Hillcrest Lutheran Academy. Amanda Davison provided me with names of students who she believed I should speak to who are: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

Amanda Davison shared the same concerns as Gronewold indicating that Hillcrest Lutheran Academy Administration failed to report child abuse as mandated reporters and did not believe a thorough investigation was conducted into allegations of inappropriate touching and comments made by Ryan Garvin. Davison relayed her knowledge of the students and how she had learned of them. Davison provided me with phone numbers for certain students and/or their parents. Davison added that she believed there was "a lot of victim shaming and bullying" occurring during the entirety of when allegations began to arise of Ryan Garvin inappropriately touching or making comments towards students. Davison indicated that none of her children that attend Hillcrest Lutheran Academy were victims of Garvin's alleged behavior, but she believed the right course of action was to relay her concerns initially to Hillcrest Administration and eventually to the Fergus Falls Police Department after realizing what Davison characterized as inaction by Hillcrest Lutheran Academy.

Throughout this investigation, I, Lieutenant Andrew Miller, have had opportunity to speak to both Amanda Davison and her husband, Chad Davison. Both have shared their concerns and knowledge of the allegations of inappropriateness by Ryan Garvin. On March 6, 2024, I met with both of the Davisons and they shared a timeline document with me. This timeline document will be placed in the case file.

Both Davisons indicated that they have been subjected to bullying. In speaking to the Davisons and reviewing text messages sent to them by Hillcrest parties, I do not find that these comments reach the threshold of Tampering with a Witness or Harassment Criminal Statute. The comments are concerning

and are included in the case file. Some of the examples of the treatment of the Davisons for reporting the concerns about Ryan Garvin to Hillcrest Administration consist of others telling the Davisons or their children not to talk to them, or saying you better be careful who you talk to, and overall ostracization of certain Hillcrest activities. The Davisons believed their private information had been shared by Hillcrest Administration during the entirety of the time period revolving around the Ryan Garvin allegations and shared that when attending Hillcrest Board meeting, they believed their concerns were not being addressed properly.

In reviewing the Timeline Document provided to me by the Davisons, I read in summary:

- On July 15, 2024 while speaking with [REDACTED] mother to above mentioned student, [REDACTED] she learned of two alleged instances of inappropriate touching and/or incidents by Ryan Garvin that made [REDACTED] uncomfortable in 2021 and 2022. [REDACTED] was concerned that Garvin was still working as a teacher at Hillcrest Lutheran Academy. At some point it was agreed Amanda Davison would speak with Lisa Malmstrom, a Hillcrest Board member.
 - The same day a meeting was held with President Hoganson, Board Member Lisa Malmstrom, Amanda Davison, [REDACTED] (sister to [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Concerns about Garvin's continued employment after several allegations had been brought to Hillcrest Administrations staff attention were shared to both Hoganson and Malmstrom.
 - Later that evening according to Davison, Malmstrom indicated the Hillcrest Board would be opening an investigation.
- On August 1, 2024, a conversation between Hillcrest Board Member Malmstrom and Amanda Davison discusses a past teacher, [REDACTED] who was terminated/resigned previously and hired back after allegations of possible misconduct. Malmstrom informs Davison that Board Chair Jeff Langness is leading the fact-finding.
- On August 11, 2024, Davison received an email addressed to all upper school parents outlining the termination of Ryan Garvin. Despite the termination, Garvin is still seen on school grounds, which concerns Davison.
- On August 15th, 2024, in a meeting Davison and others had with Board Members Langness and Malmstrom, President Hoganson and Principal Isaac, Amanda Davison indicates President Hoganson states the reason Hillcrest Administration did not report as mandated was due to [REDACTED] reporting an incident involving her daughter, [REDACTED] to President Hoganson using the word chest and not breast.

- During the month of August to September, 2024, the Davisons and their children experience ostracization. In a meeting with Board members on September 26, 2024 the Davisons felt they were being manipulated and the Board refused any responsibility.
- During the month of October, 2024, Chad Davison is texted by [REDACTED] to “not gas light his wife”. In the coming months, the Davisons are excluded from Hillcrest and Nazarene activities and their children are exposed to whispers behind their back.
- On November 26th, 2024, Amanda Davison indicated that a meeting occurred between [REDACTED] and Principal Jeff Isaac to discuss Ryan Garvin seen on campus. [REDACTED] relayed the subject matter to [REDACTED]
 - According to the document [REDACTED] is told by Principal Isaac: “Mr. Garvin has not touched any child inappropriately in the past two years” and “It seems you’re on the wrong side of justice.”. [REDACTED] relays to [REDACTED], she felt vulnerable and confused.

On September 23rd, 2024, I, Lieutenant Andrew Miller, had an opportunity to speak with former parent of Hillcrest students, [REDACTED] indicated that his children [REDACTED] by Ryan Garvin, but he too shared concerns on how the Hillcrest Administration handled the allegations of inappropriate actions by Ryan Garvin. [REDACTED] suggested the Fergus Falls Police Department investigate Garvin’s history and speak to students that perhaps played sports for Hillcrest Academy. [REDACTED] believed [REDACTED] who was a student of Hillcrest, may have been targeted by Garvin, but there was no physical issue. It should be noted that [REDACTED] indicated that [REDACTED]

On October 22nd, 2024, at approximately 3:00 pm, I interviewed above mentioned victim, [REDACTED] at the Fergus Falls Police Department. This interview was audio recorded and the following is an account of the interview, but is not verbatim; for full details, see the audio interview. According to [REDACTED] in the fall of 2022 (August-September) while attending Hillcrest Lutheran Academy as a senior, she was in Ryan Garvin’s Civic’s class. Ryan Garvin was teaching and according to [REDACTED] she was seated at a circular table with other students, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] indicated at some point due to the classroom being extremely hot, she began to fan herself using her hoody. [REDACTED] recalled Ryan Garvin coming from behind her and “rubbing his hand across (her) boobs” [REDACTED] estimated the touching of her breast over her clothing to have occurred for 4 to 5 seconds and said it was not quick. [REDACTED] indicated that she felt violated and she had a sense of guilt. [REDACTED] described the event as so embarrassing and impulsive on the part of Garvin. After this occurrence, [REDACTED] was having difficulty processing if this was on purpose or sexual in nature, but later as time went on, she believes this to be on purpose due to

further instances of inappropriateness that happened to her. [REDACTED] informed me after the aforementioned incident, she told her parents and she told the Hillcrest Principal Jeff Isaac. [REDACTED] stated that after informing her parents about Garvin touching her breast, she told Principal Isaac and was told, "Don't tell anyone about this and he would handle and tell school board." [REDACTED] thought this was odd and not right. [REDACTED] was under the impression nothing was ever done by Hillcrest Administration.

[REDACTED] relayed another instance in November, 2022, when she had just returned from a tropical trip and she was in the hallway of Hillcrest talking with [REDACTED] when she heard Ryan Garvin say to her [REDACTED] "If I wasn't 42, I would make you feel as beautiful as you are every day." [REDACTED] also recounted feeling uncomfortable with Garvin watching the volleyball practices. While speaking to [REDACTED] she was at times emotional and it appeared these interactions with Garvin affected her. [REDACTED] relayed names of other students and knowledge pertaining to them. It should be noted that during this extensive investigation, certain student's names were given to Detective Estep to conduct further investigation due to the amount of names provided. Please see his report for further information.

On November 20th, 2024, at approximately 4:00 pm, I, Lieutenant Andrew Miller, had the opportunity to interview [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is the mother to [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] indicated her daughter [REDACTED] was having difficulty dealing with her negative interactions with Ryan Garvin and has been in therapy for over a year and a half. While speaking to [REDACTED] it was agreed that she would supply me an email detailing a timeline of events as she had unique knowledge as a parent of a victim, [REDACTED] and a [REDACTED]. This timeline/email will be placed in the case file. The following is an summary of the timeline supplied to me by [REDACTED]

- In September of 2022 [REDACTED] daughter, [REDACTED] came home from Hillcrest confused and uncomfortable. [REDACTED] informed her parents, [REDACTED], that it was hot in class and she started fanning herself. According to [REDACTED] relayed Garvin came into the classroom and noticed this, and reached around [REDACTED] grazing her chest (right above, over her breast area) and grabbed the collar of the front of her t-shirt and began to fan her t-shirt in and out, as if to cool [REDACTED] down.
 - [REDACTED] instructed her daughter, [REDACTED] to notify Principal Isaac the next day. According to [REDACTED] felt shame when she told Principal Isaac and was told by Principal Isaac not to tell anyone further about this, as it could damage Garvin's reputation.

- Feeling dissatisfied with Principal Isaac [REDACTED] indicated she and her husband, [REDACTED] reached out to President Hoganson. Both parents relayed their concerns about the above interaction. During this conversation, President Hoganson asked [REDACTED] how he felt about this and [REDACTED] stated he was very angry but also wanted to give benefit of doubt to Garvin as he's kind of "goofy and flamboyant". President Hoganson responded by saying if it was his daughter, it would be hard for his fist not to meet its face. The [REDACTED] felt that this would be handled appropriately and they never heard anything further.
- In November 2022, the day before Thanksgiving break, according to [REDACTED] approached Garvin from the hallway and stuck her head in Garvin's classroom to ask about an assignment. Garvin answered the question and then said to [REDACTED] "Hold on a second, I have to tell you how beautiful your hair and skin look; you have a good tan and look Puerto Rican. If I weren't a 42 year old man, and I were your age, I would tell you how beautiful you look every day."
- The above made [REDACTED] extremely uncomfortable and she came home to let her parents, [REDACTED] know what happened. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] opted to write the school as they believed their previous verbal concerns to Principal Isaac were not taken seriously. On September 29, 2022, [REDACTED] sent an email to President Brad Hoganson and Principal Jeff Isaac. This email will be placed in the case file.
- [REDACTED] indicates that after the email was sent, nothing came from their complaints. [REDACTED] began to hear of other students having similar issues with Garvin here and there, until the summer of 2024, where she heard an alarming amount of 16 to 20 students experience similar situations and Garvin showering with basketball players while naked. [REDACTED] states until the Hillcrest Administration was pushed by a few parents, they terminated Garvin, but administration never informed the police of the ongoing issues.

On February 17th, 2025, I, Lieutenant Andrew Miller, had the opportunity to interview [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is the [REDACTED] and daughter of [REDACTED]. In speaking with [REDACTED] she indicated she has had Ryan Garvin as a teacher during her 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th grades at Hillcrest Academy. [REDACTED] stated she always felt uncomfortable with Garvin and knew him to be "super touchy". [REDACTED] has seen Garvin hug a lot of female students. [REDACTED] relayed in 2022, [REDACTED] informed her that there had been an occasion in which Garvin was fanning and pulling [REDACTED] shirt in class and this had "shocked other students".

On February 26th, 2025, I had opportunity to interview [REDACTED]. This interview was audio recorded and downloaded into the case file. [REDACTED] indicated that he was a previous student at Hillcrest Academy. [REDACTED] stated he met Ryan Garvin as a junior sometime in 2022. [REDACTED] described Ryan as "very handsy, big hugger, and puts his hands on shoulders" [REDACTED] relayed that in some instances, he would go a little too far. [REDACTED] described the [REDACTED] instance in which he was sitting in the same classroom, when he observed Garvin make "a lot of contact with [REDACTED] chest area." [REDACTED] was unsure, but he believed this may have occurred in the Spring of 2023. [REDACTED] informed me that he felt uncomfortable when Garvin would tell classes during chapel that he (Garvin) had an addiction to pornography.

On February 26th, I had opportunity to speak to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] had indicated that [REDACTED] may have heard the comment Garvin made towards [REDACTED]. More specifically, "If I wasn't 42". In speaking to [REDACTED], she denied hearing this conversation. [REDACTED] was a student at Hillcrest and recalled hearing of other students uncomfortable with Garvin. [REDACTED] described Garvin as a great teacher and having good character. I asked [REDACTED] if she was asked not to lie or not speak to police and [REDACTED] stated no, but she did inform me that she had heard from President Hoganson a couple week before this conversation. It should be noted that I had contacted President Hoganson for [REDACTED] contact information and this would've been the same period of time as contact was made to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] characterized the contact made by President Hoganson as asking for permission to give her contact information to the police. The interview with [REDACTED] was audio recorded and downloaded into the case file.

On February 27th, 2025, I had the opportunity to speak with [REDACTED]. The conversation was audio recorded and downloaded into the case file. In speaking to [REDACTED], he indicated that he was a past student of Hillcrest Academy. [REDACTED] recalled in his freshman year at Hillcrest Academy (2021), in a class of all males taught by Ryan Garvin, that Garvin would over share in deep conversation with his struggles with pornography. [REDACTED] recalled seeing Garvin "groping" across the chest of [REDACTED] while [REDACTED] was sitting in the Government class being taught by Garvin. [REDACTED] later recalled in the interview that he wasn't in the classroom, but he had been walking by when he saw this interaction and believed it occurred for about 3 to 5 seconds.

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] may have information about inappropriateness. [REDACTED] added that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] may have been hugged from behind, [REDACTED] may have been slapped in the rear, [REDACTED] may have heard inappropriate comments, and [REDACTED] may have witnessed the [REDACTED] chest "groping" incident by Ryan

Garvin. [REDACTED] informed me that I should also speak to [REDACTED] boyfriend at the time. [REDACTED]

Finally, [REDACTED] stated that he and [REDACTED] shared their concerns of Ryan Garvin to Hillcrest Administration. This was supplied to me in an email I received from President Hoganson.

On February 27th, 2025 I spoke with [REDACTED]. This conversation was audio recorded and downloaded to the case file. In speaking with [REDACTED] he indicated that he was a past student at Hillcrest Academy and was aware of Ryan Garvin as a teacher. [REDACTED] recalled hearing of the [REDACTED] "swipe across the chest" incident in early 2024 from [REDACTED] but he did not witness the interaction. [REDACTED] heard about an interaction Garvin had with a student, but he was unable to recall the student's name, but he stated that they were in a locked office with Garvin. [REDACTED] did not have any further information of this incident, but he believed it strange and may have occurred in late 2024. Garvin was terminated in August of 2024. [REDACTED] added that Garvin would compliment females often saying they look pretty. [REDACTED] suggested I speak to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

On March 3rd, 2025, I had an opportunity to speak with [REDACTED]. This conversation was audio recorded and downloaded into the case file. In speaking with [REDACTED] he indicated that in the fall of 2022, he received a call from [REDACTED] who was crying. [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] relayed the fanning incident and said Garvin "rubbed his hand across" her chest/breast while she was a student in what [REDACTED] believed was Economics. [REDACTED] has seen and heard as a past student of Hillcrest, Ryan Garvin "rubbing lower back areas and hair of females." [REDACTED] believed this may have occurred to [REDACTED] at the end of 2022. [REDACTED] suggested I speak to [REDACTED].

On March 3rd, 2025, I had opportunity to speak with [REDACTED]. This conversation was audio recorded and downloaded to the case file. In speaking with [REDACTED] he indicated that he was a past student of Hillcrest Academy. [REDACTED] stated he never witnessed any inappropriate touching or comments, but he had heard from other students of incidents. [REDACTED] indicated after hearing from other students of inappropriate incidents involving Ryan Garvin, a teacher, he opted to write a letter to Hillcrest Administration. This letter is in the case file and was supplied by Hillcrest Administration. [REDACTED] recalled hearing from [REDACTED] around January of 2023, Ryan Garvin had inappropriately touched her across her chest during class. [REDACTED] suggested I speak to [REDACTED].

On March 6th, 2025, I had opportunity to speak to [REDACTED] who also goes by the name of [REDACTED]. This conversation was audio recorded and downloaded into the case file. In speaking to [REDACTED] she indicated that she was a former student of Hillcrest Academy. [REDACTED] recalled in the possible Spring of 2023, she was in Ryan Garvin's Economics class when she observed teacher Ryan Garvin touch student, [REDACTED] hoody and chest area for about 5 to 6 seconds "without her consent." [REDACTED] relayed that the context of this incident was due to [REDACTED] fanning herself because the classroom was warm. [REDACTED] believed seated at the table in the classroom at this time of the incident were [REDACTED] herself [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] added that she believed [REDACTED] may have been at an adjacent table in the same classroom.

In speaking further with [REDACTED] she relayed that often she felt uncomfortable around Garvin. [REDACTED] described on one occasion she found Garvin staring at her chest and began to stutter, stood up, touched her shoulder, and said she was beautiful. On this occasion, she was asked to have a private conversation with Garvin and believed this was during a Hillcrest sporting event on January 27th, 2022. [REDACTED] indicated that she was a [REDACTED]. Garvin was coaching for three years and on the aforementioned occasion in January, she had a picture with a friend that helped her remember the exact occasion of the incident. This picture is downloaded into the case file. [REDACTED] described Garvin as being known to have female student for more personal talks.

On March 10th, 2025, I had opportunity to speak to [REDACTED]. The conversation was audio recorded and downloaded into the case file. In speaking to [REDACTED] he indicated that he was a past student of Hillcrest Academy; having graduated two years ago. [REDACTED] described Garvin by saying, "Whenever he would approach someone, he would always give massages; he would tell females how good their hair would smell." [REDACTED] did not see the incident involving Garvin fanning and touching [REDACTED] in Economics class, but he recalled hearing about it the following year of 2023 possible by [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that the room in which Garvin taught was notoriously hot in temperature.

[REDACTED] recalled strange conversations with Garvin indicating that Garvin had an addiction to pornography. [REDACTED] added that recently in 2024, teacher Ryan Garvin chose to put a 7th grade picture of [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] profile picture for a volleyball group chat. [REDACTED] thought this was

extremely bizarre. [REDACTED] suggested I speak to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

On March 13th, 2025, I had opportunity to speak to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and parent of a student at Hillcrest Academy. This conversation was audio recorded and downloaded into the case file. In speaking to [REDACTED] she indicated that she was in a meeting with Hillcrest Administration around July of 2024 to discuss teacher Ryan Garvin and concerns of inappropriateness. [REDACTED] stated she was amongst concerned parents to include Amanda Davison, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] relayed that President Hoganson and Board Member Lisa Malmstrom were representing Hillcrest Administration. Concerns discussed during this meeting were Ryan Garvin's behavior and inappropriate touching while a teacher in the school system. The concerned parents wanted to be sure Hillcrest Administration was aware and doing something to protect the students. It was [REDACTED] opinion that few teachers were aware of Garvin's allegations and didn't believe that Hillcrest Administration did anything to stop the activity. [REDACTED] informed me that both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] relayed incidents that occurred to their respective daughters. [REDACTED]

On March 13th, 2023, I had an opportunity to speak to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] indicated she is a former student of Hillcrest Academy. This conversation was audio recorded and downloaded in the case file. [REDACTED] indicated that she never had any personal issues with Ryan Garvin and no classes with Garvin as a teacher. [REDACTED] explained that she was homeschooled, but she participated in athletics and would have to wait to get picked up by parents when she was told Garvin was "touchy". [REDACTED] stated during the Fall/Winter of 2023 volleyball season, she heard [REDACTED] had been accidentally grazed by Garvin from friends. According to [REDACTED] in 2024, [REDACTED] confided to her that [REDACTED] was going to quit an internship with Ryan Garvin as she felt uncomfortable with Garvin. According to [REDACTED] two other students from Garvin's Economics class and [REDACTED] met with Principal Isaac about inappropriate concerns. [REDACTED] stated that she had heard a rumor something happened to [REDACTED] but she didn't know details. [REDACTED] suggested I speak to Hillcrest basketball players [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], and [REDACTED].

On March 14, 2025, I had opportunity to speak to Hillcrest Academy Principal Jeff Isaac. This conversation was audio recorded and downloaded to the case file. In speaking with Principal Isaac, he stated that overall there were "no major issues" with Ryan Garvin's employment. Principal Isaac detailed about two years ago (Fall of 2022) a father of a student, [REDACTED] had indicated his daughter was

uncomfortable about a situation in Chapel in which Garvin was alleged to inappropriately touch [REDACTED] Principal Isaac indicated this was somewhat unfounded as the video watched by staff did not match what was reported by [REDACTED] This would be the screenshot I was provided by President Hoganson; however, the raw video is purged according to staff.

Principal Isaac indicated later on in the summer 2023, [REDACTED] father, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] father, [REDACTED] contacted President Hoganson with additional instances of inappropriate touching at the hands of teacher Ryan Garvin. Principal Isaac relayed that during this time period, he was notified by President Hoganson and it was his understanding the fathers wanted to speak to Garvin about the inappropriateness of the contact and not want anything else done. Principal Isaac indicated before the [REDACTED] incidents he was made aware of reports of Ryan Garvin showering naked with students during away Hillcrest Basketball Games/Tournaments. Principal Isaac stated Garvin was terminated as a result of an internal investigation and the findings essentially were a history of poor boundaries on behalf of Garvin.

Lastly, in speaking to Principal Isaac, we talked about intimidation. I shared that the Davisons may have been contacted by a staff member of Hillcrest recently and made to feel uncomfortable as a result of the Davisons sharing concerns of Ryan Garvin with Hillcrest Administration and the Fergus Falls Police Department. Principal Isaac agreed any intimidation would be unacceptable and indicated he would talk to his staff once more to reiterate that this is unacceptable behavior by staff.

On March 18th, 2025, I had an opportunity to speak with [REDACTED] indicated he was a former student at Hillcrest Academy. This conversation was audio recorded and downloaded into the case file. [REDACTED] informed me that Garvin was [REDACTED] coach for basketball and teacher from 2021 to 2024. [REDACTED] stated he didn't notice anything inappropriate done to students by Ryan Garvin. [REDACTED] stated while on basketball trips, he never shared a shower with Garvin and had no issues.

On March 18th, 2025, I had an opportunity to speak with [REDACTED] This conversation was audio recorded and downloaded into the case file. [REDACTED] indicated she was a past student of Hillcrest Academy. [REDACTED] indicated that Garvin showed care to students by physical touch. [REDACTED] indicated that she had nothing negative to say about Garvin.

On March 18th, 2025, at approximately 3:40 pm, I had an opportunity to interview former Hillcrest Academy Teacher, Coach, and Athletic Director Ryan Garvin. This interview took place in the Fergus Falls Police Department. The interview was both audio and video recorded. The recordings were downloaded into the case file. Present during the interview was Garvin's attorney, Anthony Bussa. With Bussa present, Garvin agreed to forgo reading of his rights and was advised he was free to leave the room at any time.

While speaking with Garvin, he would get emotional and had strong denials as far as intentions in inappropriately touching students. Garvin indicated that he had no recollection of many of the alleged incidents reported to include touching the thigh of [REDACTED] while wearing spandex, or the fanning incident involving student [REDACTED]. Garvin denied having sexual fantasies with students, and denied saying, "that was so sexy" to [REDACTED]. According to Garvin, the only time he would have made contact with a student's buttocks was slapping during/after basketball games with student athletes and denied snapping or slapping naked buttocks. It should be noted this is a common activity in sports.

Garvin recounted an occasion in 2022 in Aberdeen, SD, when he was a basketball coach for Hillcrest Academy. Garvin stated that after refereeing a basketball game, he did have a shower in one of the stalls and believed there were two other student athletes present while he and they were naked, but he denied any sexual contact or context during the occasion. Garvin drew a map of the bathroom/shower stalls that will be in the case file. I asked Garvin if he recalled ever saying to a student athlete anything to the effect of, "I want to be inside of you, or you don't know what I want to do to you". Garvin indicated that he has no recollection of saying this.

On March 28th, 2025, I had an opportunity to speak to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] indicated he was a past student and athlete for Hillcrest Academy. This conversation was audio recorded and downloaded to the case file. In speaking to [REDACTED], he indicated he attended Hillcrest Academy for four years and never had any negative interactions with Ryan Garvin. [REDACTED] informed me that Garvin was his basketball coach. [REDACTED] heard from [REDACTED] a teammate, that Garvin said during basketball practice, "I'd like to get physically inside you." [REDACTED] believed this was in a basketball context for positioning and added that he actually recalled hearing the words from Garvin directed to [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] described a basketball tournament trip in 2022 in Aberdeen, SD. According to [REDACTED] he and [REDACTED] were in a locker room area after showering and [REDACTED] observed Coach Garvin walk by the

two student athletes naked and take a shower. [REDACTED] indicated that there were no words, gestures, or anything negative associated to this shower incident.

[REDACTED] had heard Garvin may have inappropriately touched a student in class, but he did not have many details. [REDACTED] believed the student may be [REDACTED] suggested that I speak to [REDACTED]

On April 2nd, 2025, I had an opportunity to speak with [REDACTED]. This conversation was audio recorded and downloaded into the case file. In speaking to [REDACTED] he indicated that he was a student athlete at Hillcrest Academy. [REDACTED] stated that he was Garvin's "star basketball player and singer" while he attended Hillcrest between the years of 2019 to 2022. [REDACTED] stated he never observed any improper activity as it pertains to Garvin. [REDACTED] believed he may have been present during a locker room incident between Coach Garvin and a student athlete, [REDACTED]. According to [REDACTED] in 2022 [REDACTED] may have been in the locker room when Coach Garvin said something about [REDACTED] genitals. [REDACTED] added that he believes he may have heard this from his mother, [REDACTED] provide me his mother's, [REDACTED] phone number. [REDACTED] indicated that I may want to talk to a former basketball player by the name of [REDACTED], but he was unsure what information he would have to share.

On April 2nd, 2025, I had an opportunity to speak to [REDACTED]. This conversation was audio recorded and downloaded into the case file. [REDACTED] stated that she was a previous student athlete of Hillcrest Academy. [REDACTED] said she personally never witnessed any inappropriate behavior towards students by Ryan Garvin. [REDACTED] stated that in 2023 she had been told by [REDACTED] that Ryan Garvin had put his hand around [REDACTED] and touched her chest area. [REDACTED] added in either 2022 or 2023, she was in the hallway of Hillcrest talking with [REDACTED] and she observed [REDACTED] come out of Ryan Garvin's classroom and heard [REDACTED] tell [REDACTED] that Garvin had "swiped" her chest while she was seated at a table in the classroom. [REDACTED] indicated that several parents approached Hillcrest Administration with concerns about Ryan Garvin. [REDACTED] recalled hearing "2nd or 3rd hand" Garvin may have touched a student athlete on the buttocks while in a locker room setting. [REDACTED] did not have many details about this and did not know if the student athletes were naked. [REDACTED] believed the student athletes were [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED]

On April 2nd, 2025 I had an opportunity to speak to [REDACTED] Detective Estep and I had been trying for several days throughout the investigation to reach [REDACTED]. After texting [REDACTED] he returned my call as per my request. I audio recorded our conversation and it is downloaded into the case file.

In speaking to [REDACTED] he indicated he was a student and athlete at Hillcrest Academy from 2016 to 2022. [REDACTED] indicated that he played basketball and Garvin was his coach. [REDACTED] added that Garvin taught him in Economics and History. [REDACTED] stated that in 2022 [REDACTED] described an instance in 2022 when [REDACTED] was getting out of the shower after playing basketball game in Battle Lake when Coach Garvin came in and said to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] you don't know what I want to do to you right now." This comment made [REDACTED] and several other athletes uncomfortable. [REDACTED] denied Garvin saying anything about his genitals at this time or any other time.

[REDACTED] recalled another instance in either 2021 or 2022 in the Hillcrest showers, Coach Garvin showered with [REDACTED] and one or two other student athletes. [REDACTED] indicated that all in the shower were naked and Coach Garvin did not touch any of the student athletes. [REDACTED] thought this was odd as there was a Coach's shower in the Hillcrest facility. [REDACTED] did not relay any leering or comments made by Garvin during the shower instance and could not recall who the other students were that may have been showering.

On April 4th, 2025, I had opportunity to speak with [REDACTED] is a parent of former Hillcrest student athletes, [REDACTED] and Former Hillcrest Fundraiser. [REDACTED] indicated Ryan Garvin was a teacher, coach, and athletic director at Hillcrest for her children and the Academy. [REDACTED] stated that no reports were made directly to her in her capacity [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] recalled hearing 3rd or 4th hand that [REDACTED] had been subjected to inappropriate statements by Garvin while in a locker room setting. According to [REDACTED] she was informed that Garvin said something to the effect of, "Your girlfriend is really lucky because you're so big." [REDACTED] took the context of this statement to mean the size of [REDACTED]'s penis.

As a matter of this investigation, I ran a criminal history for Ryan Garvin and have not located any criminal violations. I have also discovered that Hillcrest is the first and only teaching job Ryan Garvin has held; therefore, no previous reports of inappropriateness have been located as a result of previous employment as a teacher. It should be noted that multiple attempts have been made to reach and/or interview several mentioned in both Detective Estep's and my reports to no avail. Furthermore, some mentioned in these investigation reports indicated that they did not wish to speak to police. The following students either

refused to interview, or did not return multiple phone calls and/or email: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Notations were made of the attempts or the declination of interview by Detective Estep and me in our records management system/computer information systems. Lastly, a Victim's Right Packet was mailed to [REDACTED] and explained via telephone call with her mother [REDACTED]

STOLEN PROPERTY/ESTIMATE OF DAMAGES:

N/A

DESCRIPTION/LOCATION OF EVIDENCE:

- Audio recording of interviews in case file.
- Hillcrest Academy Documents in case file.
- Photo of [REDACTED] downloaded in case file.
- Copies of email correspondence to Hillcrest Academy.
- Timeline document from Amanda Davison in case file.
- Timeline document from [REDACTED] in case file.
- Timeline document from Hillcrest Academy in case file
- Garvin handwritten map of showering stalls in case file.

STATUS:

Please forward a copy of this report and Detective Estep's report to Otter Tail County Prosecutor Michelle Eldien for Review of Charges for Criminal Sexual Conduct in the Fourth Degree, M.S.S 609.345 Subd. 1a(e).

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