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Sunday, Dec. 7  
1:00 – 4:00 pm

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## ESD Trial, Day 7 UPDATED

The court will open with continued testimony from Dr. Edward Dragan of [Education Management Consulting](#). Cyndy Goosen, one of the family's attorneys, has not yet finished questioning him but appears to be nearing a conclusion. After ESD cross-examines Dragan, I believe Father Stephen Swann will take the stand once again to resume his testimony.

And me? Well, seeing as how [I spent my 23rd birthday in jail](#), I guess spending my 26th in court is a step up.

**UPDATE 1:45 p.m.**

I just finished writing the article for the print edition of Preston Hollow People, so this update is a bit delayed. But better late than never, eh?

**9:50 a.m.**

Before court goes into session, Benson rules a bill from Westin Hotel will be admitted into evidence, despite objections from ESD. (The bill shows J. Nathan Campbell used his ESD-issued credit card for a hotel room to pay for the room that the plaintiff's say he had sex with Jane Doe II in).

**10 a.m.**

Dragan continues his expert witness testimony, echoing sentiments from yesterday's proceedings.

"My review indicates there was absolutely no monitoring whatsoever of the equipment," he said.

**10:25 a.m.**

Drama over the situation surround the departure of a former ESD math teacher unfolds. ESD lawyer Chrysta Castañeda objects to the use of any evidence related to this teacher as irrelevant and unfounded. The jury goes in and out of the courtroom four times during the next 30 minutes before Benson admits the evidence.

**11 a.m.**

Yet another piece of evidence concerning Erin Mayo comes up. This time its a series of emails and letters written to and from the person known only as "the math teacher" regarding inappropriate comments directed at a female student in 2007.

Allegedly, the teacher said, "I'm having a hard time keeping my pants up," to the student during the homecoming dance, and later. "My daughter says I shouldn't say things like that."

Reportedly, the student responded, "You should listen to your daughter."

In an unsigned, handwritten letter, someone from ESD agrees to comply with the math teacher's wishes to edit his personnel file in regard to this incident and others.

"Amend letter — no reference to past 'reprimand,'" the letter, dated Nov. 8, 2007, said.

**11:40 a.m.**

Cyndy Goosen asks Dragan if ESD committed "gross negligence" in regard to Jane Doe II's well-being, its monitoring of employees, and its implementation of poilices.

"In my opinion, the school really didn't care about what they were doing," he said. "They didn't care about [Jane Doe II], and they didn't act in her best interest."

Goosen asks if that was gross negligence.

“Absolutely,” he said. “That just rises above standard negligence ... It went over and above.”

**11:45 a.m.**

Plaintiffs pass witness. Castañeda takes over the cross-examination for ESD begins asking Dragan about his knowledge of Campbell’s grooming process of Jane Doe II.

“Did you know that Campbell only got an ESD issued cell phone 6 weeks before leaving the school?” Castañeda asks.

Dragan says he was not aware of the timing.

Castañeda goes on to say that ESD didn’t even receive the cell phone bill until after Campbell resigned.

**noon**

Castañeda asks Dragan if he’s aware Jane Doe II has been diagnosed with ADD. He says he is not aware of that.

Castañeda goes on to offer that there is a protocol for students with ADD to be given “different accommodations” such as meeting with teachers one-on-one, outside of class. Dragan agrees this protocol exists.

**12:05 p.m.**

Lunch recess until 1:30 p.m.

**2:15 p.m.**

Castañeda is going through the “Outline of Boundaries” talk for the umpteenth time.

**2:30 p.m.**

Castañeda reads an email from Mayo to Campbell dated Aug. 27, 2009 (several months into his sexual relationship with Jane Doe II). Mayo opens, “The context for this email is that I am your number one fan.” She goes on to address student complaints about the workload in his class and offers ways to make the assignments less demanding.

Castañeda says this shows that Campbell’s class is being monitored, but I was more intrigued by the opening line than anything else.

**UPDATE 6:15 p.m.**

The judge has recessed the court until Monday following a line of questioning by Charla Aldous regarding an alleged previous case of sexual assault at ESD. Aldous was questioning Father Stephen Swann, founder and headmaster, when Shonn Brown objected and requested to approach the bench. Here are the last lines of testimony:

“If ESD had kicked [Jane Doe II] out of the school because what happened between her and Nathan Campbell sullied the pristine reputation of

ESD, do you believe this would be a sin?" Aldous asks.

"I do," Swann says. "[Sexual abuse] is a horrible wrong and a sin ... I will remember it for the rest of my life."

Aldous then asks, "You don't know of another ESD student that's been sexually assaulted by a teacher, do you?"

Objection by Shonn Brown. Aldous offers to rephrase.

"You never recall another incident at ESD where a teacher had sex with a student?" Aldous asks.

Brown asks to approach the bench. Brief break in testimony. When the attorneys return, Aldous resumes her questioning, this time saying:

"You have no knowledge of any other student being sexually abused or having a sexual relationship with a teacher at ESD?" Aldous says.

"I do not," Swann says.

"Father Swann, that is a lie sir, is it not?" Aldous asks.

No answer, then Aldous names another student who stated she was sexually abused by a teacher at ESD in 2000 and told Swann about it. Swann says he remembers the student's name.

Brown calls to approach. The jury is sent home, and the counselors go into the judge's chambers.

The trial will resume on Monday, August 8.

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By [Claire St. Amant](#) Aug. 3, 2011 | 8:10 am | [54 Comments](#) | [Comments RSS](#)

## 54 comments to "ESD Trial, Day 7 UPDATED"

**casemom** @ August 3, 2011 at [10:14 am](#)

This Dragan is an idiot! Yesterday he said that daily office visits and late-night emails are red flags. I guess he's never had a last-minute question at night about his big English paper or needed extra help. Kids at all the private schools visit their teachers for extra help and email them at night all the time, especially at ESD.

Most ESD teachers actually care about their students. I guess Dragan wants them all to turn into robots.

**KR** @ August 3, 2011 at [11:11 am](#)

I agree that most teachers at ESD are caring for their students and want them to succeed. That said, most counselors at Kanakuk are caring and truly do care about the campers, yet the former head counselor is in prison for 2 life terms plus 30 yrs for sexual molestation of Kanakuk campers. Just because most teachers/counselors are caring and competent does not mean a that a few bad apples can't infiltrate their ranks. Just as Father Swann is being held responsible

so is Joe White the owner of Kanakuk. As the attached article shows, Joe White is much more of a problem than Swann. Swann respects the justice system and is not disrespecting the process.

<http://ozarkssentinel.com/family-requests-injunction-andor-restraining-order-against-kamp-kanukuk-an-p1494-1.htm>

**Mark in Austin** @ August 3, 2011 at [11:28 am](#)

@CaseMom

Don't know anything about the intelligence of Dragan, but I am unclear as to how many late night emails and office visits we are talking about here. I think that ESD has not done a good job of communicating openly and honestly with its families and the community about what it missed, what it got wrong, and what it is going to do differently moving forward. Cambell messed this up for everyone, and now there needs to be an over-reaction by the school to better monitor such activities. Obviously, pending litigation may not allow ESD to rewrite their policies and procedures at this time. But I hope it is soon. FYI - I am a former student from decades ago. I trust the hearts of the ESD staff, but mistakes were made. This trial is about clarifying and quantifying those mistakes. I am waiting and withholding judgement until the end. I appreciate greatly what Claire is reporting, but I understand that I am only getting one reporter's opinion.

**Avid Reader** @ August 3, 2011 at [11:49 am](#)

Can't wait to hear how Swann stumbles through trying to explain why the counselor was not consulted. Not to mention why anyone thought it was a good idea to force a minor sex crime victim out of the school.

**trial watcher** @ August 3, 2011 at [12:18 pm](#)

@casemom - Really? late-night emails? Teachers have many, many students. They would have no private life if they were answering emails all night. You've got to be kidding!

**Eagle Parent** @ August 3, 2011 at [1:29 pm](#)

to Avid Reader: The girl was asked by the administration to keep quiet about the situation. There was a lot of gossip going around about who the victim was... the problem is the victim told other students that it was her. She also began to stalk the perp's wife who also worked at there. You need to understand that there were 400 students in the upper school whose parents had also paid tuition for their education. The victim's parents should have pulled her out of the school immediately and Swann would not have had to do it for them.

**Eagle Parent** @ August 3, 2011 at [1:35 pm](#)

to trial watcher: Every teacher at ESD has their phone number and e-mail listed in the directory. At the beginning of the year each teacher lets the students and parents know how best to reach them, especially in an emergency situation.

**Lane** @ August 3, 2011 at [1:36 pm](#)

@eagleparent

I wonder who started the gossip.. only time will tell.

**casemom** @ August 3, 2011 at [1:36 pm](#)

No trial watcher, I'm not kidding. Most ESD teachers check their email multiple times each night before going to bed. Like I said, they are dedicated to helping their students.

Saying there's no reason for a student to email a teacher at night is like saying there's no reason for a corporate exec to email his boss at night: It happens all the time!

**Casper** @ August 3, 2011 at [1:46 pm](#)

This entire episode might be the most expensive mistake in the history of private schools in Dallas. What appears obvious to me is that on the day the school was informed that Nathan Campbell and Jane Doe II were discovered in a parked car, a small group of administrators made a deal with the Doe family. I'm sure all

parties believed it to be the best plan for everyone: fire Campbell and make everyone else shut up. That way, Mrs. Campbell could keep her job, Jane Doe II could continue at the school, and the school would not suffer negative publicity (that's irony). The nature of teenaged girls was an omitted variable. Because (in my opinion) a deal had been made among the aforesaid parties, ESD's administration felt that, when the "wedding ring" incident occurred, the gag agreement had been violated. That probably really scared the ESD administration because everyone, all parties involved, were aware that a coverup of a felony had taken place. In a panic, someone made the decision to get rid of the girl and stop the talk, thereby expelling a minor who was the victim of a felony at the school. Poor choice, I'll warrant. Even though an illegal coverup had taken place, the school still could have averted disaster and saved themselves a fortune by going to Plan B: arrange for the girl to go to a boarding school away from Dallas (paying for it, of course), and arranging for her to have the college recommendations she needed to get her athletic scholarship. There still would have been a coverup, but the Doe family would feel beholden for the school's generosity instead of outraged at its insensitivity.

**Uppercase Matt** @ August 3, 2011 at [2:16 pm](#)

"The girl was asked by the administration to keep quiet about the situation."

That would be funny if it weren't so sad. Of course they did. Just like the Catholic Church has done, and at least a couple other Dallas private schools have done based on what I've heard — quietly, in whispers — over the years.

I'm sure the administrations of all those organizations would love a way to make all victims keep quiet about little things like sexual abuse.

Silence is a symptom of the problem. It's even more appalling that someone would think that the real problem isn't a teacher allegedly victimizing a child, it's that the gild might be off the lily for the tuition-paying parents of the other students.

**trial watcher** @ August 3, 2011 at [2:56 pm](#)

@casemom - Do you live with an ESD teacher? How do you know they check their email multiple times before going to bed? There's no way any teacher at any school checks their emails that many times a day. Teachers aren't paid enough to respond to emails at all hours of the night, no matter how much they care!

**intheknow** @ August 3, 2011 at [3:53 pm](#)

CAN SOMEONE PLEASE GIVE ME A BREAK. I really think it is funny that people who did not even know this girl existed before this case are commenting about matters they are just now learning about. Before the relationship between the student and teacher began, the student would openly comment about how good looking she thought the teacher was, she would openly describe how much she loved him and how obsessed with was with him. And during the affair she totally knew she was doing because it went on through the summer, you can not tell me that a student who gets three months of the year to have zero affiliation with her high school and was a "victim" wouldn't use that opportunity to stop all contact with the teacher. I mean what is the worst that could happen? He shows up at her house? That will obviously raise some the red flags she would want to stop have the relationship stopped. She finally got to have the teacher of her dreams but when she gets caught her parents create this victim deal as a remedy to the problem as not to tarnish their name, as most other rich Dallas families would do. Yes, ESD expelled her but as a private school they can terminate the girl for any reason they want, her parents agreed to that when they enrolled her when she was 3 years old. After the scandal broke at ESD, ESD LET HER STAY FOR SOMETIME but most people assumed it was said student and she first quickly started spreading her own rumors that it was other girls to cover her tracks. When that did not work, she would start reaching out to people so they could hear "her" side of the story... that she was victimized blah, blah, blah. Someone who was a victim wouldn't want people to know...ESD isn't perfect but the fact that they took expelling her into their own hands should not be debated here... they have the power to expel a student if they come to school late for goodness sake. Her parents are just dragging this out for the money and hopes to clear their names in the ranks of Dallas high society and are doing nothing but ruining this girl's reputation even more by dragging this out. Do you think this girl will get into a sorority or be able to start over in her said "dream college." NOPE. I hope the judge just squashes this so we can all get on with our lives.

**casemom** @ August 3, 2011 at [4:12 pm](#)

No, trial watcher, I don't live with an ESD teacher. My kids have sent emails to their teachers at 8 or 9 (once even at eleven) and gotten a response that night. Email checking is now something that everyone does all the time. I'm not saying they're up at one or two looking for emails, but, yes, even teachers check their email.

**John** @ August 3, 2011 at [5:58 pm](#)

@trial watcher

I am a recent grad from esd and can tell you that's just not true at all. You obviously don't have very much knowledge about teachers at ESD. Teachers are constantly checking their emails to respond to problems and questions students have with homework. That's completely normal and expected that teacher's respond to emails late at night

**Former ESD Mother** @ August 3, 2011 at [6:04 pm](#)

Was there really an attempted cover up of a felony?

**@EagleParent** @ August 3, 2011 at [6:14 pm](#)

It never ceases to amaze me how parents at this Christian school, where their kids attend chapel daily – can express themselves using such venom, hostility and hatred directed at the victim of sexual abuse and manipulation.

Assuming what you said was correct, “Eagle Parent” – that the victim was asked not to discuss her abuser, and she subsequently did share what had happened with some friends and even asked another if her abuser’s wife was ‘still wearing her wedding ring” (what you kindly and charitably refer to as “stalking”) – then there are other options than forcing the victim out of the school.

There were teachers at ESD who gossiped about the case and who weren't “walked to the door”. One teacher, after being told not to say anything, asked the victim if she was the reason Campbell left ESD. This teacher got a letter in her personnel file. She wasn't asked to leave the school.

We can get some insight into what ESD was thinking at the time with comments like, “I dont want her sad story haunting these halls”... “There is no door number three” (as if the forced expulsion was a game show), etc.

You write as if the victim somehow inconvenienced or disturbed your child's educational experience at ESD, which I am sure is complete nonsense. Your apparent outrage is misdirected and your words are without the slightest bit of understanding or kindness.

There are countries in which girls who are victims of rape are buried in the sand with their heads exposed and men throw rocks at them until they are dead. I get the sense that this wouldn't bother a few ESD parents if the victim received that sort of treatment.

Finally – I have posted this information twice but it has not made it to online. So, whoever is approving these posts – yes, ESD is objecting to its OWN psychologist testifying in the case.

On 8/1 there was a motion filed, called, “ESD'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE MOTION TO STRIKE THE EXPERT TESTIMONY OF... , AND DR. ANDY MCGARRAHAN”

The title says it all, and I think that would be of great interest to many readers. Feel free to double check it in the records!

**Frank** @ August 3, 2011 at [6:32 pm](#)

I am not surprised that another incident with a math teacher surfaced. A sexual predator will continue to stalk their prey until they get what they want. Trying to protect the school is one thing, trying to attack the female child is a whole other ball game. I am amazed that both sides agreed to an all female jury. Women are very critical of women. This is a good tactic for ESD, but not real sure why you would want it. If it backfires on you, ESD will pay through the nose.

A child in the state of Texas cannot give consent until the age of 17. Therefore no matter what, Mr Campbell committed rape. The only question is, did ESD protect the child in question. As I said before, the rumor mill usually has some basis. The family does not need the money. Sometime making the public aware and trying to change a not so wholesome system needs to be brought out. Again, no one wins. Tuition is \$25,000 a year, add uniforms, books, trips, fees, transportation—you have paid for something you may not have wanted.

**Private school parent** @ August 3, 2011 at [7:15 pm](#)

@EagleParent

How else do you think a teenage girl processes this kind of experience except by talking about it with her friends? Do you, like the administration, really expect a teenager not to talk about something like this? Do you also really think her talking about her experience compromises the learning experience of the other 400 kids in the US? How about this trial? Is that not a distraction for the other US students?

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**marie anderson** @ August 3, 2011 at [8:23 pm](#)

As a former insurance defense attorney, I assure you that ESD would have settled this long ago if not for the insurance companies. Once the insurance company gets involved, they take over the bulk of the settlement decisions and ESD doesn't have much say in that decision. The insurance company is likely taking the position that they will win, and if not, they will deal with an appeal, however long it takes. ESD doesn't need the distraction of this any more than the family does, but once the lawsuit gets filed and the parties are so far apart on what they think is a reasonable settlement, it drags on forever. It is too bad that the family is holding out for millions. In my experience with cases like this, the insurance probably offered the family a couple million and they turned it down.

**ESDparent** @ August 3, 2011 at [9:17 pm](#)

Frank, how do you know the family doesn't need the money? That's all that this is about. If they really wanted their daughter to heal and move on, they wouldn't be dragging her through this again (another victimization?).

And how do you know that the ESD system is "not so wholesome"?

**Jim Van De Hey** @ August 3, 2011 at [9:44 pm](#)

I'm a parent at the Episcopal School north of ESD on Midway. I have a 16 year old boy and a 13 year old girl. If a teacher/coach/administrator did this to my son/daughter I would also seek major compensatory action against the school and the individual. The school is responsible for the actions of their employees just like the organizations I volunteer for are responsible for my actions. I fill out an online questionnaire with my drivers license/social security info to hopefully check my reliability for the organization. These are normal checks & balances for "most reputable organizations" in Texas. The organizations I volunteer with are non-profit (youth organizations) and don't require 20K+ investment from parents like ESD or my kids school. I'm not aware of all of the info in this case but after reading the information in the Preston Hollow People about the case and reading the Court exhibits in public documentation I think 10 million dollars is a steal - I'm sure numerous famous Dallas Cowboys (sarcastically) will be able to write this donation off to the school for their participation without raising the ticket prices in Arlington.

**episcopal parent** @ August 3, 2011 at [9:46 pm](#)

Wow. I had heard that Swann virtually fled the courtroom this afternoon, even leaving his bible behind, but — wow. If Aldous can prove that there have been others and he lied about it, then the school is in a world of hurt. How frequently do perjury charges come out of civil cases? I mean, if that's what actually happened, is there a chance he'd get criminally charged?

**Trial watcher** @ August 3, 2011 at [10:19 pm](#)

Thanks for the updates Clair! Happy birthday! I am speechless.

Where did they find the student from 2000?

Caspar- where do you get your information?

**currentteacher** @ August 3, 2011 at [10:58 pm](#)

As a current teacher in a Dallas private school, I check my e-mail at least 3 times a night and when I wake up in the morning to see if the students have issues or questions. My students also have my home and cell number. They can text me or facebook message me. I have taught for over 25 years and education is very different today. We are in contact with our students constantly.

**EagleParent** @ August 3, 2011 at [11:23 pm](#)

I think the 2000 incident is “heresay”– would like the name published by Preston Hollow People. . I had a student there and never heard about it.

**Trial spotter** @ August 3, 2011 at [11:25 pm](#)

Wonder if the rev brings in a criminal atty to advise him next week.  
Maybe the senator can help him find one

**Jim Van De Hey** @ August 3, 2011 at [11:32 pm](#)

currentteacher

I’m glad you are so diligent in checking your email/facebook. I tell my 16 & 13 year old that they need to respect their teachers space and get their homework/questions finished in a reasonable time frame – 4pm–9pm at night and 7–9AM in the morning even with today’s electronic age. All people have their limitations and they need to know what that is for everyone. I’m glad you are in contact with your students constantly

**ESD Student** @ August 3, 2011 at [11:39 pm](#)

As a student who was in school last year when all of this happened, it offends me that all of these people bashing ESD don’t consider the other 399 students that ESD was protecting. The girl’s actions were extremely distracting after Mr. Campbell left and while she was still at school.

Does ESD’s attempt to protect the other 399 from her gossiping and disruptive attitude not matter? ESD has 400 upper school students to serve and care for, and when the one girl started talking, it made more sense to make her leave in order to restore normalcy for the rest of the students. All of our parents pay for a great education in a wholesome environment, and the girl was disrupting that just as much as Mr. Campbell had. Even after ESD attempted to let her stay, it was obvious that she needed to be removed in order to let everyone else move past it.

It bothers me that no one sees that ESD’s actions were actually for the best of the ESD community and decides to dwell on what happened to one girl instead of seeing it’s benefit to the other 399 students.

**Trial watcher** @ August 4, 2011 at [5:40 am](#)

Current teacher...that’s great! I hope you get a raise!

**Private school parent** @ August 4, 2011 at [8:14 am](#)

@intheknow

There is a reason why the law states a minor cannot give consent to have sex until the age of 17. I think your expectation of her being able to break off the relationship over the summer is extremely unrealistic.

There is also another law that prohibits a teacher from having a physical relationship with any student, regardless of age, and with good reason.

By definition Jane Doe II is a victim under both laws. These laws are on the books because they reflect our values as a society and are intended to protect our children. Her parents did not manufacture a victim. Your suggestion to the contrary is offensive and shows a true lack of understanding for why our society legislates the boundaries between adults/teachers and minors/students.

Sounds like perhaps you were a classmate of Jane Doe II. I am certain if Jane had been your daughter, you would see things in a different light.

Also, the suggestion that a private school can summarily dismiss a student at any time for any reason may well be challenged in this case. Although the relationship between a private school and the student/family is contractual, I suspect students still must be afforded some rights and due process. Stay tuned, and we shall see . . .

**Eagle Parent** @ August 4, 2011 at [8:18 am](#)

to Caspar: Nathan Campbell resigned–he was not fired. He was arrested by the police so there was no felony cover–up by ESD.

to Private School Parent: The victim agreed to not talk about the situation. I have teenagers and understand their need to talk, but that is what a therapist is for, especially in this case. Read”Intheknow”...totally true and I suspect had a child in the 2011 class. I am not being insensitive to her situation, but still maintain that her parents should have taken her out of the school immediately, gotten her therapy, and moved on. And, I don’t believe this trial is a distraction to any

student at ESD anymore.

**Casper** @ August 4, 2011 at [8:32 am](#)

Trial watcher:  
Just connect the dots.

**Aldous: Was There Another Sexual Assault at ESD? | Preston Hollow People** @ August 4, 2011 at [8:33 am](#)

[...] trial proceedings ended on quite the cliff-hanger. In case you missed the final portion of my Day 7 post, I've recreated it [...]

**TrialObserver** @ August 4, 2011 at [10:00 am](#)

@EagleParent -

You wrote, "I think the 2000 incident is "heresy"- would like the name published by Preston Hollow People."

How lovely and sensitive of you. You'd like the names of someone accused of sexual abuse and the alleged victim published to satisfy some morbid curiosity of yours? While you hide behind the name "Eagle Parent."

Post your own name before asking that the name of a potential teen victim of sexual abuse and her accused molester are published. How about that?  
ESD really has some "interesting" parents out there...

**Former ESD Mother** @ August 4, 2011 at [10:24 am](#)

Could someone explain to me why the trial is suspended for 2 days? I don't understand all of the stops and starts.

**Claire St. Amant** @ August 4, 2011 at [10:29 am](#)

@Former ESD Mother: As I understand it, even though Judge Benson is presiding over this trial, she still has a full docket of civil hearings. She is using these days to catch up on other court matters.

**Private school parent** @ August 4, 2011 at [11:06 am](#)

@EagleParent

I think asking a teenage girl not to talk about her experience is egregious. It's not her fault! The administration is operating like a dysfunctional family. Why not get ahead of the gossip mill and be transparent about what happened and let everyone learn from it - students, faculty, staff, trustees and the community at large? What are we teaching our kids by the way this was and is being handled? Demanding silence from the victim doesn't solve anything. In fact silence enables abusive situations to continue and reoccur.

If in fact there were other molestations in the past, as Aldous has asserted there was at least one, how did the victim keeping quiet benefit the school now?

**EagleParent** @ August 4, 2011 at [3:28 pm](#)

To trial watcher: I didn't know that half of my message would be censored out. The trial will be interesting on Monday with Father Swann. What i meant was that either the 2000 incident was very very hush hush or it did not exist.

**EDS is being framed!** @ August 4, 2011 at [4:26 pm](#)

How do we know that Aldous isn't relying on heresy and exaggeration for this 2000 incident? I'm not sure I believe it. Maybe it was brought out because they realize that they are losing....

**intheknow** @ August 4, 2011 at [4:40 pm](#)

@private school parent everything you say sounds great in theory but seeing as I saw this entire situation play out, before they got caught, the time she stayed at

ESD after, and after she left, this is not a black and white case.

Also, I think it is funny that parents and students associated with the school are quick to defend ESD as they also saw, first hand, how this all played out. Yet it is the people who know nothing about this girl's history are the ones creating the idea of this poor defenseless child. I mean shouldn't more people who saw the situation be coming to her defense? Regardless of school ties, what's right is right.

Of course, Campbell is a creep for doing what he did and deserves to be in jail but ESD kept her in school for weeks after it happened, let's not forget that.

**clueless** @ August 4, 2011 at [9:37 pm](#)

I have kids at the upper school and I have never seen so many teachers sacrifice so much of their time after school to help their students. The schoolwork is hard. Kids can go in after school and meet with the teachers and the teachers spend as much time as a tutor would in helping them succeed. Messages and emails are returned during the weekend and at night all the time. The kids, especially in honors and AP classes have a ton of homework. If they are making A's, they spend most of their time outside of school either on homework or studying. I don't understand how the school is supposed to monitor teachers and students during the summer. I also don't understand why anyone would file a civil suit before the criminal prosecution of Campbell has taken place. The biggest thing I don't understand is why the parents would think that a trial is in any possible way in the best interest of their daughter. Did she not benefit from PreK through grade 10 at all? I wish the school would have settled to not have their name dragged through the dirt but it is such a ridiculous suit, they probably felt they needed to fight it. It is sad that the parents wanted a payday instead of what was best for their daughter. Maybe they should have paid attention to what she was doing all summer. I have a student in that grade and none of them are following the trial to my knowledge. She stayed for quite some time after and I really don't see how it was in her best interest to stay. I'm sure Father Swann thought it was in her best interest to not hear the rumors and gossip all the time and try to put it behind her and move on with her life. If the parents thought the school was so negligent, why would they want her to stay? Father Swann lie, Really? Really Charla? Have you met the man?

**sadobserver** @ August 5, 2011 at [11:18 am](#)

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**Another parent** @ August 5, 2011 at [2:20 pm](#)

Re: resolving least messy. That ship sailed months ago. This thing is going to drag on for weeks. College starts in less than 2 weeks.

**Makes Sense To Me** @ August 5, 2011 at [2:26 pm](#)

I think those of you who insist on blaming the victim or assigning some amount of blame on a 16-year old virgin for her own sexual assault at the hands of a 36-year old married ESD teacher REALLY need to step away from the keyboard and speak directly to Father Swann.

Ask him if he shares your views.

I'll save you the trouble: He does not share your views. He has said that the girl has NO blame in this. Read that again please. NO BLAME.

I think that Father Swann is basically a decent man with some issues. And I'm sure that most ESD parents would agree.

And I also am sure that he and most parents would agree that your posts on this blog are doing more to tarnish the reputation of ESD and Father Swann than to help it.

Your words and suggestions are insensitive and vulgar.

These comments are stored online indefinitely and are searchable. Your words will almost certainly be read by parents looking into ESD for their child's education. And they'll come across your comments. And run for the hills. I don't see anyone at ESD appreciating this input of yours. You've made your point - we know how you and your aliases feel - so please give it a rest. For everyone's benefit.

**Former ESD dad** @ August 5, 2011 at [4:44 pm](#)

I have known the father of Jane Doe II for several years and I can vouch for his character. He is a decent, upstanding guy and a loving husband and father. He gives a lot of his time back to the community and is really a salt of the earth kind of guy. I really don't think this is about the money for him. I think he is motivated by a father's love for his daughter and a righteous sense of anger.

Also, @intheknow, if it were your daughter, I am sure you wouldn't be blaming the victim.

**parent of 2 teens** @ August 5, 2011 at [6:44 pm](#)

sadobserver @ August 5, 2011 at 11:18 am

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Sadobserver

If you and your fellow ESD/Private School classmates are "badmouthing" this girl in her new college environment before she arrives for the fall semester then you obviously did not gain anything from your "Christian Education." ESD definitely has more problems than this lawsuit with students attitudes like yours.

**EagleParent** @ August 5, 2011 at [10:32 pm](#)

I do not think sadobserver was a classmate of the victim and and am tired of criticisms about ESD students and parents. We all lived through this! Honestly, not many students in the 2011 class ever talked about her once she left. I doubt that she will have a bad reputation at her "dream school" since only one person from ESD has even attended there in the past 5 years! Hopefully, she will have a fresh start.

**sadobserver** @ August 6, 2011 at [10:47 am](#)

@parents of 2 teens.. I never said that I 1) attend ESD or 2) was the one badmouthing her. I am sure you understand that news travels fast. I am just merely stating what I have observed. This is a case between the girl and ESD I don't see why bashing ESD, its students, and values have anything to do with this. I'm sorry you feel like kids her age are being harsh but no need to pass so much judgement on people you don't know. The girl's reputation prior to this incident plays a big role in this.

**sadobserver** @ August 6, 2011 at [11:09 am](#)

Also, no one is denying that wrong was done. Cambpell should never have done what he did and deserves being in jail, that's understood. I just don't understand why the family is going after ESD, if they had no clue what was going on either. ESD did not expel the girl for being a victim. She stayed at ESD for weeks after they were found out they did because she was becoming a distraction to daily life at school and they do have 400 other students to think about. I just don't comprehend all this hate and attacks that come out of people's comments. Everyone is subject to their opinion. But we shall wait and see what happens in the coming weeks, I don't wish any malice against Jane Doe or her family, I just hope this all can be concludud as peaceful as possible.

**sane parent** @ August 7, 2011 at [12:27 pm](#)

@sadobserver - actually her reputation prior to this incident will not play a roll in the court case and it shouldn't play a role in the public opinion of educated people. It doesn't matter what she did or didn't do before, during or after. All that matters for the criminal case is what the teacher did. And all that matters for the civil case is whether ESD was negligent in monitoring their staff and whether they acted improperly by kicking her out. That is what the jury will decide. They will not be allowed to consider her behavior because it is completely irrelevant when a teacher/adult has sex with a 16 year old. Even assuming that the girl ruthlessly and aggressively stalked her teacher -teachers are supposed to know how to handle those situations. Being molested by an adult can happen to the "nicest" girl or boy - unfortunately this is not a discriminating crime. I haven't heard anyone say that the boys who were molested at Kanukuk brought it on to themselves but somehow in this situation they are blaming a minor girl. This looks like an attempt to cover it up and the school and the parents who wanted to "cover it up" whether for good reasons (protecting other students) or for bad reasons (protecting the reputation of the school or protecting Nathan Campbell's wife who was still working at the school) may find out that it was wrong to try to do that. It sounds like there is a lot of education that still needs to happen regarding the handling of victims of sex crimes. The fact that so many posters are claiming that she was not a victim and brought this on to herself is an incredibly disturbing statement regarding the intelligence of some members of our community.

**Observer** @ August 7, 2011 at [1:57 pm](#)

Sane parent - Thanks for the sane comments.

I think that the people posting here as parents and students with the theme "sure, it's bad but she shares the blame. We know the real story..." are actually one or two people. Witness the spelling errors ("heresay", problems with "your" and "you're", and name-calling "punk," "idiot." I think its one or two people. In one of my first comments on this blog, I talked about how some ESD parents and students feel so wrapped up in the ESD community - they've invested at least 1/4 million dollar per child in the school, not to mention annual fundraising, countless social gatherings, countless playdates and get togethers with other families - a decade of self-identifying as an ESD parent/student and essentially having their lives revolve around the school - that the slightest negative comment about the school goes straight to their core and they aren't able see any alternative to blaming the victim/accuser. Your words were spot on. And I think 99% of those reading this blog would agree with you.

**Wade Douglas** @ August 7, 2011 at [9:47 pm](#)

The reaction to this case and the blogging associated with it is a pristine example of the polar extremes of this country. While it seems all can agree that an adult having sex with a minor is criminally wrong, the question of whether or not the victim has any culpability after the crime has both sides calling each other names. Sadly, this crime happens daily at all schools all over the country. The questions that come to mind are: (1) Why has there not been a criminal trial yet? (2) If the victim chose to stay at ESD for several weeks after the departure of the teacher, did the parents of the victim initially believe that the school acted properly and that ESD represented a safe environment? (3) Has the teacher been sued civilly? If not, why? (4) Aside of ethical or moral ideals, did the school break the law and act in a negligent manner? (5) Once again, without regard to whether or not it was nice or even decent, was a law broken when the victim was forced to leave?

Disclaimer: I have a relationship to all three schools in question and I have daughters.

