

EXCLUSIVE: Oak Creek High School Teacher Who Is Subject Of Criminal Investigation Was Initially Cleared By School District
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Oak Creek Police have referred the case of an Oak Creek High School teacher to the Milwaukee County District Attorney's office for possible criminal charges in connection with her relationship with a student. But I have learned the teacher continued to work in the school for months after the Oak Creek-Franklin school district was notified of concerns. Further, the school district never notified police until last month.

Superintendent Daniel Unertl says the initial investigation into whether the teacher was having an inappropriate relationship with a student did not produce evidence of criminal activity and therefore was never referred to police. But Unertl says in mid-May the district received new information and within a day referred the case to the Oak Creek Police Department.

Oak Creek Police Chief David Stecker tells me his department investigated the actions of the female teacher and the alleged victim, who is a minor, and has referred the case to the Milwaukee County District Attorney's office for possible charges. No charging decision has been made and, as such, I am not naming the teacher.

Superintendent Unertl says the teacher was removed from the classroom immediately after the district received the new information and since then has had no contact with students. Unertl declined to state what the new information consists of. The investigation by police is into whether there was an inappropriate relationship that has a sexual component to it.

Unertl also did not say what the original investigation dealt with but states the first investigation did not deal with criminal matters. It was only after new information in May that the district realized criminal conduct may be involved and that's when Unertl said police were contacted.

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