



**Severna Park Elementary School**

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May 16, 2024

Below is information released today by the Anne Arundel County Police Department detailing criminal charges placed against one of our teachers, Matthew Schlegel. As the acting principal at Severna Park Elementary School while Principal Kyle Butler is on prearranged family leave as he and his wife welcome their newborn son, it is my goal to help students be able to access available resources in the wake of this difficult news and to ensure a continuity of instruction.

It is important for you to understand, if you do not already, that Mr. Schlegel was reassigned as soon as our school system received the first allegation in this case. AACPS promptly turned the matter over to the appropriate law enforcement agencies and have been working with them since that time. Mr. Schlegel has not been working in a position in which he has had contact with students since his reassignment.

As has been the situation since this case began, our school also has resources available to support any students who have been impacted by this matter or who have a need to discuss their feelings. Should your student need these resources, please ask them to speak to any staff member and we can direct them appropriately. Our school system is ready to support the school's needs as necessary.

As you will see below, police are asking anyone with more information about this case or potential other cases to contact them at 410-222-4733 or 410-222-4700.

Sincerely,

Sharon Hansen  
Acting Principal

16 de mayo de 2024

A continuación se muestra la información publicada hoy por el Departamento de Policía del Condado de Anne Arundel que detalla los cargos penales presentados contra uno de nuestros maestros, Matthew Schlegel. Como director interino de la Escuela Primaria Severna Park, mientras que el director Kyle Butler está de licencia familiar preestablecida mientras él y su esposa dan la bienvenida a su hijo recién nacido, mi objetivo es ayudar a los estudiantes a poder acceder a los recursos disponibles a raíz de esta difícil noticia y garantizar la continuidad de la instrucción.

Es importante que entienda, si aún no lo ha hecho, que el Sr. Schlegel fue reasignado tan pronto como nuestro sistema escolar recibió la primera acusación en este caso. La AACPS remitió rápidamente el asunto a los organismos encargados de hacer cumplir la ley correspondientes y ha estado trabajando con ellos desde entonces. El Sr. Schlegel no ha estado trabajando en un puesto en el que haya tenido contacto con los estudiantes desde su reasignación.

Como ha sido la situación desde que comenzó este caso, nuestra escuela también tiene recursos disponibles para apoyar a cualquier estudiante que se haya visto afectado por este asunto o que tenga la necesidad de discutir sus sentimientos. Si su estudiante necesita estos recursos, pídale que hable con cualquier miembro del personal y podemos dirigirlo adecuadamente. Nuestro sistema escolar está listo para apoyar las necesidades de la escuela según sea necesario.

Como verá a continuación, la policía pide a cualquier persona que tenga más información sobre este caso u otros posibles casos que se comuniquen con ellos al 410-222-4733 o al 410-222-4700.

Sinceramente

Sharon Hansen  
Directora interino



**Anne Arundel County Police Department**  
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**Criminal Investigation Division**  
**Child Abuse Unit**  
**Child Sex Abuse Arrest - Severna Park**  
**24-709235**

In March 2024, detectives assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division Child Abuse Unit opened an investigation into allegations of sexual abuse involving a teacher and several students at Severna Park Elementary School. The teacher was identified by students and school administration as 44-year-old Matthew Scott Banks Schlegel of Severna Park. Immediately upon being notified of the allegations, the school system removed the teacher from the school.

Throughout the investigation, Child Protective Services conducted forensic interviews of multiple child victims. On May 15, 2024, after consultation with the Office of the State's Attorney, Matthew Scott Banks Schlegel was charged with criminal charges ranging from 2nd-degree assault to sex abuse of a minor. Schlegel was located at his home on May 16, 2024, where he was taken into custody.

In the interest of the safety, security, and mental well-being of the children who are victims of this traumatic incident, as well as the integrity of the investigative and prosecutorial process, we are urging the public and media to be respectful and use discretion while commenting or reporting on this sensitive case.

Although an arrest has been made, Child Abuse Unit detectives are asking anyone with any information on this or other potential cases to call the TipLine at 410-222-4733. Individuals wishing to remain anonymous are encouraged to call the Anne Arundel County Police Tip Line at 410-222-4700.

**Arrested:**

Matthew Scott Banks Schlegel  
44-year-old  
Severna Park, Maryland