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EXHIBIT I – Took Responsibility and No Coercion

Note: The purpose of this evidence was neither to point fingers nor revive the now long-ago case but solely to illustrate that the public narrative at the time was not accurate.

Overview: Contrary to the sensationalized public narrative at the time, Justin was not the “mastermind,” and he took responsibility long before the court got involved. All interactions and conduct between the girls involved and him were mutual, and he did not continue with any physical aspects beyond the singular events. It is also important to note that Justin apologized and took responsibility for failing to uphold moral propriety, but he never admitted guilt to any untrue, sensationalized narratives (see [Exhibit G](#))

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The evidence herein is from 2016 unless noted otherwise. It was reviewed by a private investigator and filed with the 2022 legal action: Wisconsin Circuit Court – Walworth County (2022CV000728), and Wisconsin Appellate Court – District II (2023AP000644). It was used objectively in court filings and was/is not meant to be a spectacle.



All identifiable information has been redacted out of respect for the privacy of individuals and their current lives. This includes utilizing generic pseudonyms in place of names (e.g., “Girl 1”). All the original, unredacted evidence has been stored away indefinitely.



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“Girl 1” and Justin’s Conversation After Hanging Out in 2016

- a) This portion of this conversation in 2016 occurred after “Girl 1” and Justin hung out and kissed, which is what the charges stemmed from. Justin apologized, took responsibility for his actions with her, put a stop to any further inappropriate activity in their relationship, and told her he would be a better example moving forward. Contrary to the sensationalized public narrative at the time, Justin took responsibility long before anyone even knew about their relationship.

Most interesting, however, is “Girl 1’s” response. She states, “It’s not like I didn’t want to do stuff too. I know what I’m doing, I don’t need you to be an example to me. I wanted to do that stuff, so I did it. It wasn’t like you made me or anything...” It is important to note that including this evidence isn’t meant to point fingers because there was mutual interest, but it’s included to display that the public narrative at the time that painted Justin as the “mastermind” was untrue and sensationalized.

Conversation (SMS Message)

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Participants (1)

[REDACTED] 262 [REDACTED]

Conversation

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From: [REDACTED]

It's not like I didn't want to do stuff too. I know what I'm doing I don't need you to be an example to me. I wanted to do that stuff so I did it. It wasn't

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From: [REDACTED]

like you made me or anything. It just makes me feel bad now, cause it seems like you regret it and that kinda sucks.

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- b) In the same conversation, Justin went on to clarify that he regretted the make-out that occurred as he didn't want her to get the idea that that was all he appreciated about her in addition to it not being appropriate. He told her that he valued her more than that and that he needed to protect her. Most interesting, once again, is her response. She says, "You honestly didn't make me feel any less valued or anything like that, I was happy either way. I appreciate you worrying about stuff like that, it's sweet."

Contrary to the sensationalized public narrative at the time, it is clear that there was a genuine, mutual interest, and this was not a nonmutual "predatory" situation whatsoever. It is obvious to all, especially Justin himself, that it was his responsibility not to get involved in a relationship like this, but that doesn't automatically mean it was non-mutually "predatory." Also contrary to the sensationalized public narrative at the time, "Girl 1" was not adversely affected by their encounter. On the contrary, she was upset *only* when Justin apologized because she had made an informed decision, and his apology was received by her as disrespectful. The trouble with these cases is they're investigated in a way that portrays the girl by default as a "helpless victim," which is typically highly disrespectful to her intellect. Saying that insinuates that she's too dumb or naive to make an informed decision, and that is the same reason why she reacts indignantly to Justin.

Imagine how different the story would have been if the factual narrative had been reported. She is not a "child"—a child would not understand and would genuinely be a victim. This is precisely why the judge in the case referred to all girls involved as "young women," and an officer Justin later spoke to told him, "Don't worry, we know this isn't a "child" thing."

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From: [REDACTED]

Oh, I'm sorry I just kinda understood it wrong. But you honestly didn't make me feel any less valued or anything like that, I was happy either way. I app

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From: [REDACTED]

reciate you worrying about stuff like that, it's sweet. And I'm glad you did, I don't know I just got worried when you said that cause it made me think y

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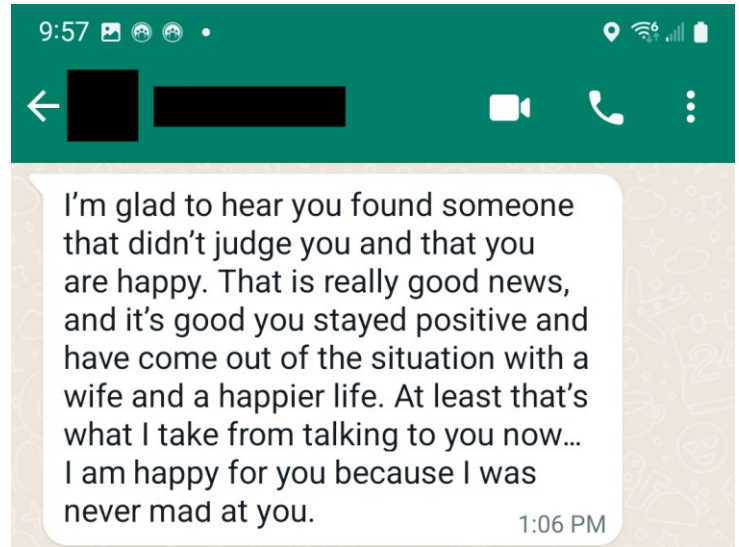
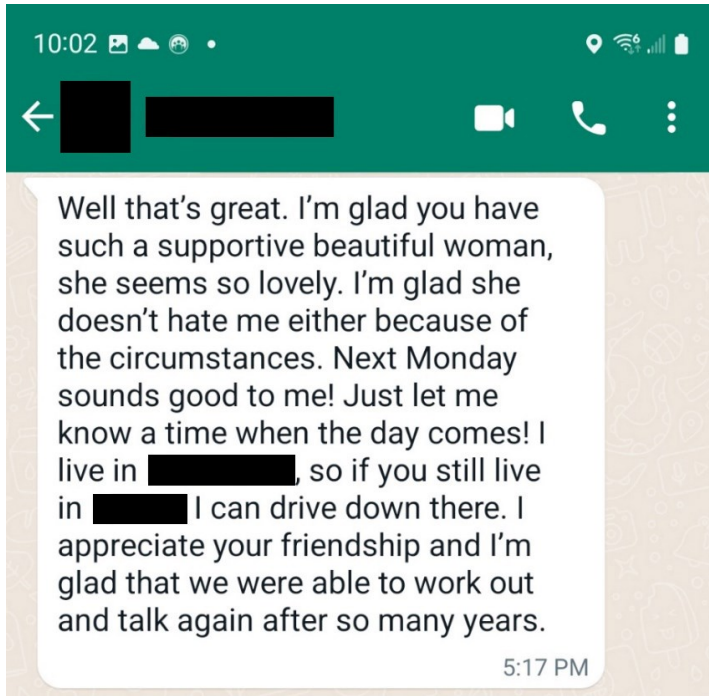
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“Girl 1” and Justin Discussing the Case Years Later

- c) Justin and “Girl 1” have always been cordial with one another, no animosity ever existed between them, and here they are several years later catching up. They were both very positive and encouraging in their conversation with each other with her stating, “I appreciate your friendship...” and “...I was never mad at you.”



Conclusion: Justin’s interactions with “Girl 2” and “Girl 3” are covered more in detail in both [Exhibit F](#) and [Exhibit H](#), but these conversations with “Girl 1” are a good example of Justin’s motives. Contrary to the sensationalized public narrative at the time, he was not at school with ill intent. He was a young, single guy potentially considering a career in education, and he ended up becoming friends with a lot of staff and students—most specifically with “Girl 1” and “Girl 2,” with the peak of those friendships occurring at separate times. Their mutual interest in one another (they could have theoretically dated had they waited just a few months)—and being in the same generation years-wise—are clearly relevant factors that led to poor judgment being used.

It is also relevant to note that Justin experienced a traumatic breakup experience from a young, long-term high school relationship, and the effects of that heartbreak lasted for years. Because of this, he was likely not emotionally prepared for heading into the situations at the high schools and what he would encounter. While still being young himself when subbing, there was likely a subconscious factor at play of “redeeming” that past traumatic time. Subconscious, deep-rooted emotional damage and the lingering effects of a broken heart most likely influenced the circumstances.