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EXHIBIT J – How It Really Was at School

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 at school with ill intent and has never been a danger to anyone. He was well-liked, was friends with many staff and students, was commended by the administration for doing a good job, he genuinely cared about and went out of his way to make the outcast students feel included, and he always sought to help disadvantaged students however he could by borrowing money, giving rides, giving haircuts, or giving encouragement, etc. He genuinely enjoyed subbing, and he did his best to bring joy and laughter to anyone he encountered at school. There are also character support letters from that time from those who know him best.

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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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Girls at the School Said Justin Was Not Inappropriate with Them

- a) Other girls were interviewed for the police report, but unincorporated in the public narrative at the time was that none said that Justin was inappropriate with them. One girl even said, “he is a good person and would never hurt anyone and is not that type of guy.” Another girl also had only kind things to say, but the police report states that “it was obvious” that they were friends and “she wouldn’t provide any further information,” which seems to mean that the information she provided did not fit the narrative desired for the police report, so she was dismissed.

[REDACTED] advised that one day she had an extra coffee and offered it to him and he returned the favor. I asked if BEATON tried to contact her outside of school and she stated that they have never contacted each other outside of school. I asked if BEATON has ever been inappropriate with her and she advised that he never has, and that he is a good person and would never hurt anyone and is not that type of guy.

families are close. I asked if he has ever sent anything inappropriate to her and she advised he never has. I asked if he talked to any high school students and she stated not to her knowledge. It was obvious that [REDACTED] was friends with BEATON and she wouldn’t provide any further information. [REDACTED] was sent back to class.

BEATON does speak to a [REDACTED] a significant amount. I know from previous conversations with [REDACTED] and BEATON, [REDACTED] and her family are close friends with the BEATONS. She is a student at [REDACTED] High School as well. I did not see and discussion that deemed to be inappropriate

- b) This was a different girl who was 18 years old and one of many of Justin’s male and female friends at school at the time (in addition to being young at the time, he is an outgoing, friendly person and was friends with many staff and students at the school). She was not Justin’s girlfriend (see screenshot of her comment in [Section C](#)), but the police report insinuates that she potentially was. The police report states that she likely “would not provide any further information against him due to their relationship.” This again seems to mean that the information she would have provided would not fit the narrative desired for the police report, so she was never interviewed.

I decided at this point I was not going to call his “girlfriend” [REDACTED] down to the office to speak with her because we are still in the primary stages of the investigation and I feel that she would not provide any further information against him due to their relationship. I did look

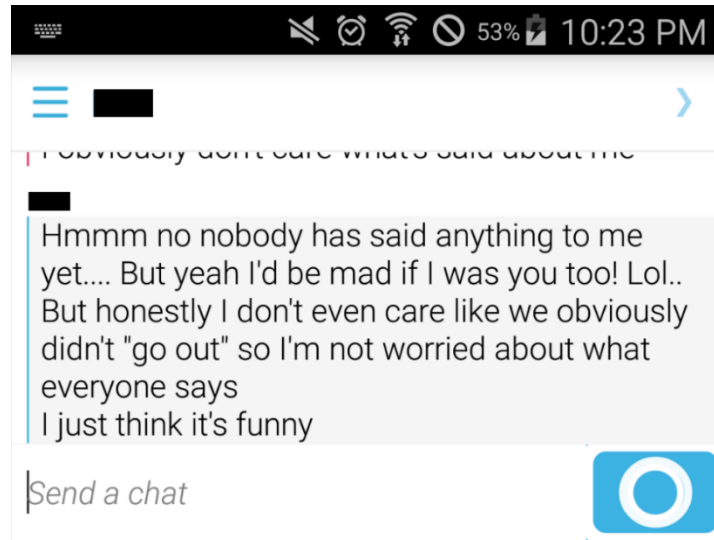


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Justin Was the Subject of Continual Serious Comments and Propositions from Girls

d) Justin was the recipient of inappropriate comments every time he subbed, many of which had serious undertones and were not playful or innocent. This is likely because many more girls in the high school age range nowadays are much older in appearance, behavior, maturity level, and life and relationship experience level than girls in the same age range were in earlier decades. It is also imperative to note that these few examples of many are not included to point fingers, but merely to illustrate that the public narrative at the time that suggested Justin was the “mastermind” or sole initiator was not accurate.

- One girl had an older boyfriend away in the military and stated to Justin that she “had needs” while he was gone.
- Another girl asked him if she thought she had the body to become a stripper while doing squats in front of him in weightlifting class.
- Some told him once that they purposefully wear revealing/tight clothes to school just for him.
- He walked into class once and a boy, out loud, said that a girl had just told him that she “wanted to have ### with him.” (*Justin mentions this to “Girl 1” [below](#)*)
- Yet another stated how she wanted to “get with a teacher” before graduating, and that “30 was her limit.”
- When he subbed once in middle school, an 8th-grade girl seriously asked if he had a girlfriend, and when he replied that he didn’t, she inconspicuously and seriously asked if he wanted one.
- He was even told once by a girl that she would let him perform an unmentionable act on her if they got married.
- A teacher he knew told him once that the girls in her class requested that she take



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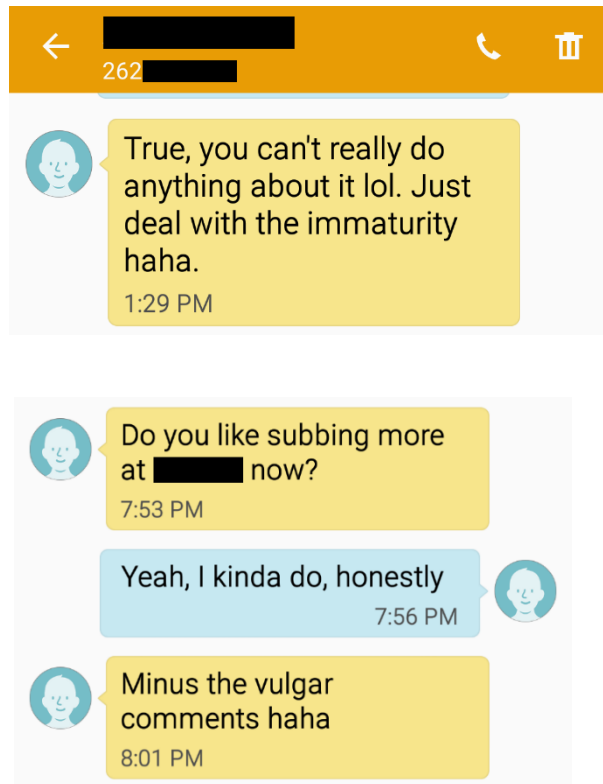
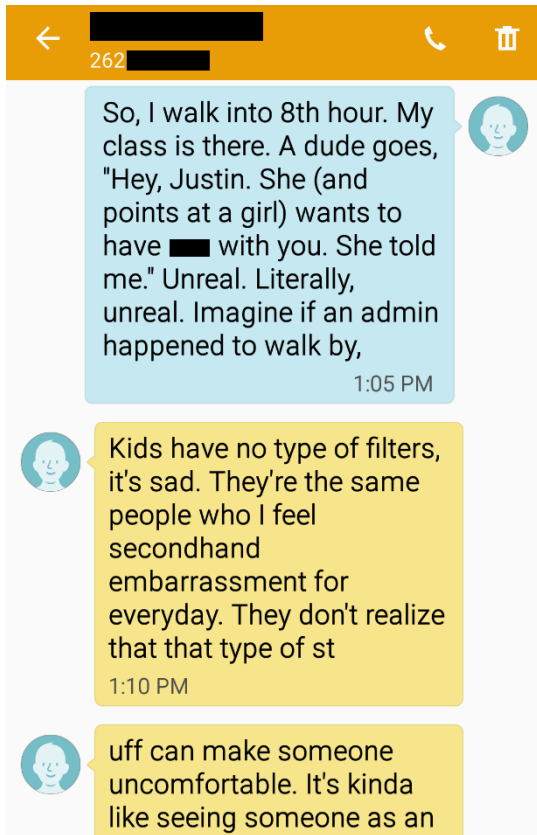
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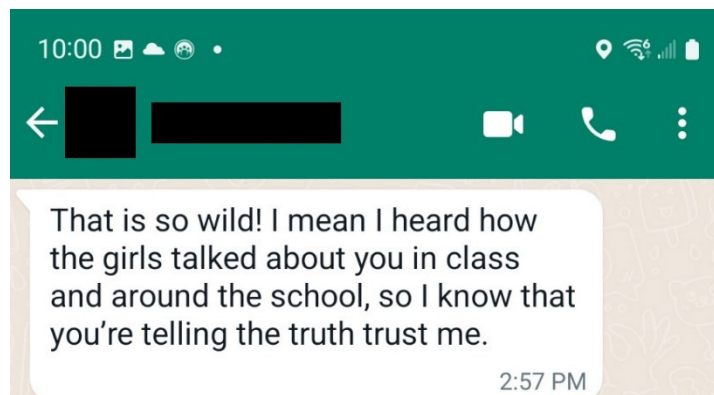
a day off so that he could be their substitute.

- And ironically, a boy once told him, “The girls here love you, bro. *You* ‘bout to go to jail.”

Here “Girl 1” refers to the commenters as “kids” and tells Justin that he must “deal with the immaturity,” further signifying “Girl 1’s” maturity level. “Girl 1” asks him if he likes subbing at her high school now “minus the vulgar comments.” Contrary to prevailing public narratives, high schools nowadays are not “innocent establishments of learning,” yet the way cases like these are typically handled does not genuinely consider that reality.



- e) Justin and “Girl 1” have always been cordial with one another. During this conversation between them several years later, Justin told her some stories about things girls said and did around him back then that she wasn’t previously aware of. She confirms that she “heard how the girls talked about [Justin] in class and around school” back when he subbed.



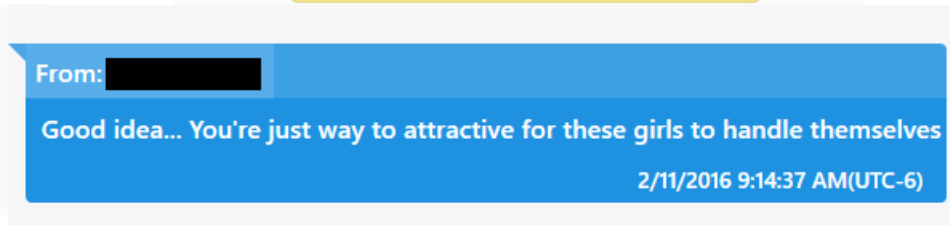
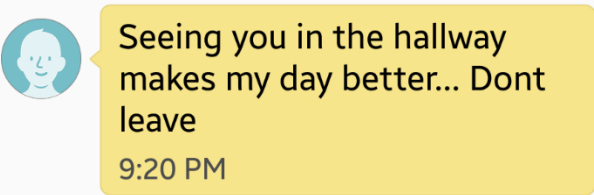
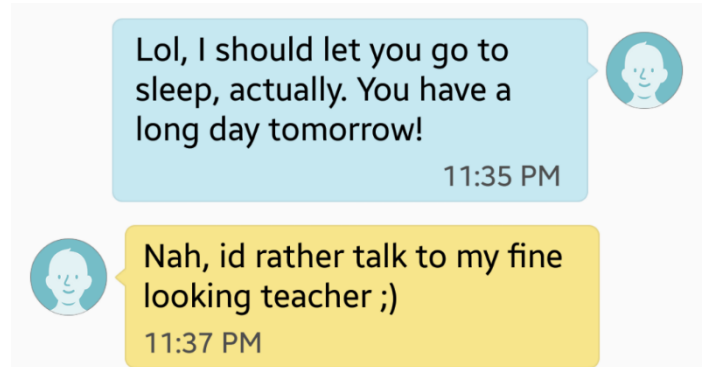
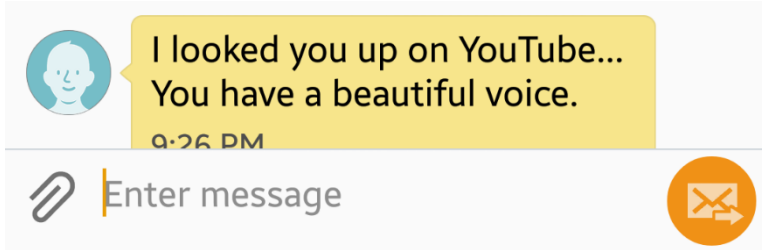


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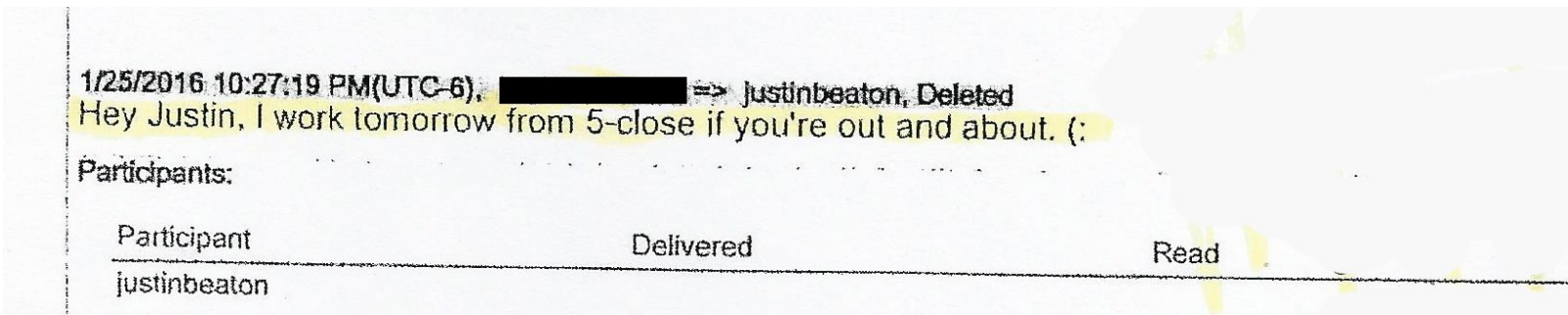
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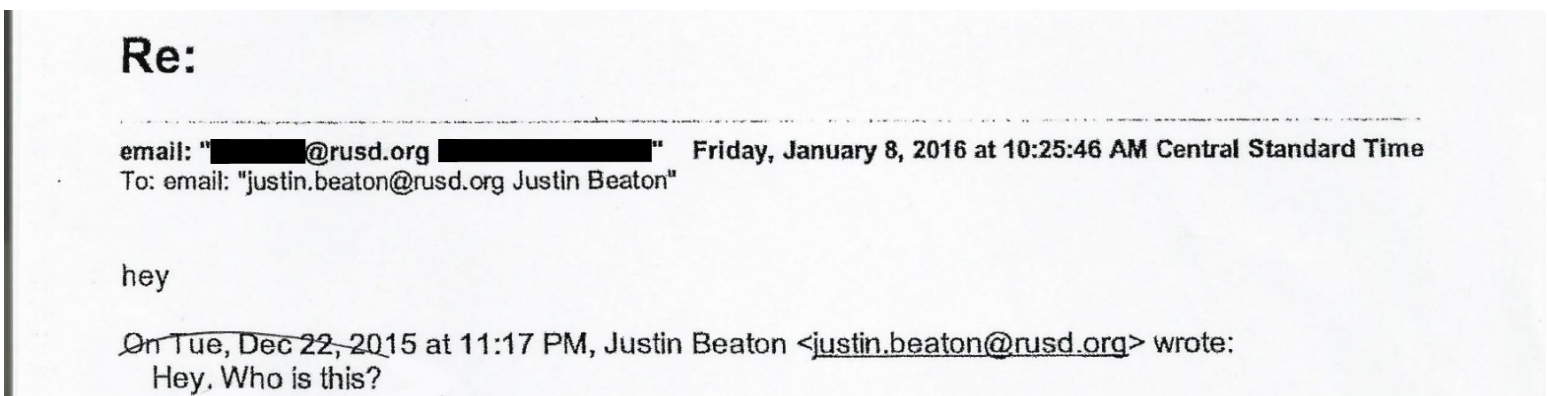
f) Here are some examples of other comments:



g) Contrary to the sensationalized public narrative at the time, Justin was not “predatorily” reaching out to girls on social media. For example, here’s a girl messaging him and inviting him to visit her while she’s at work.



h) And here’s an example of a random email from a female student:



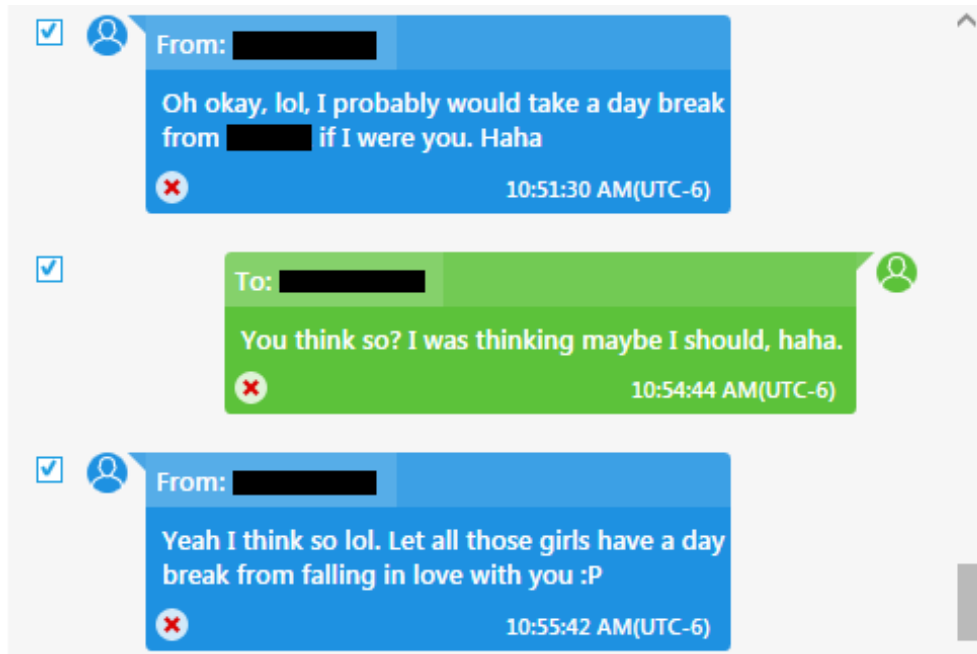


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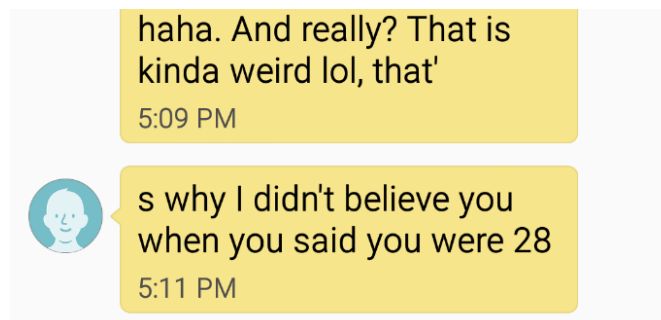
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i) Here again is “Girl 1” in 2016 confirming the attention and comments.



Justin Was Young, Looked Even Younger, and Was Mistaken for a Student

j) Here, “Girl 1” (like a lot of other staff and students) initially didn’t believe Justin was 28. He was even mistaken for a student on several occasions by both students and staff. The most interesting example of this was when an onsite police officer reprimanded him for not having his hall pass. Justin was walking in the hallway on his way to the field house while classes were in session. Being only a sub, he didn’t have keys to the gym area. He stopped and asked the officer if he had keys to get into that area. The officer sternly asked why he needed keys and why he was in the hall without a pass. The officer was confused when Justin presented his staff ID and told him he was a sub.





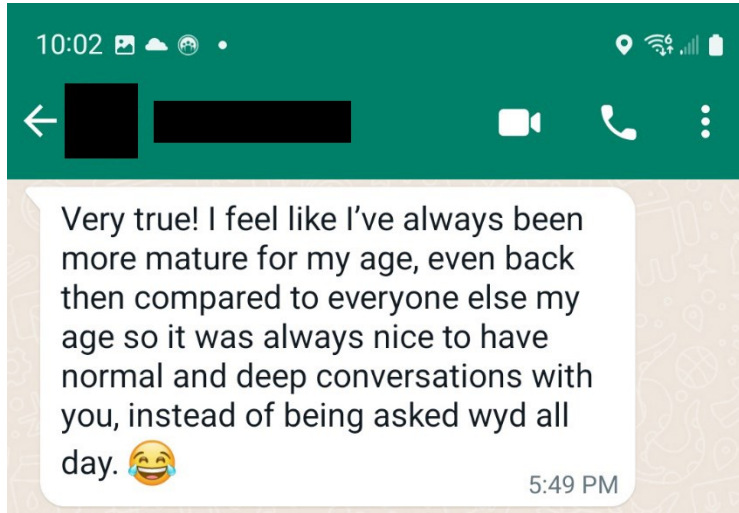
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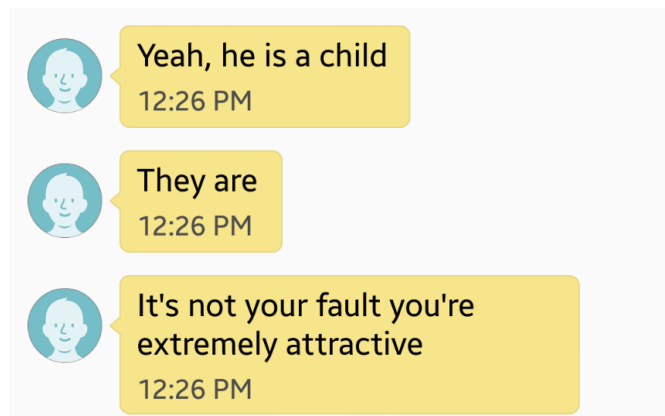
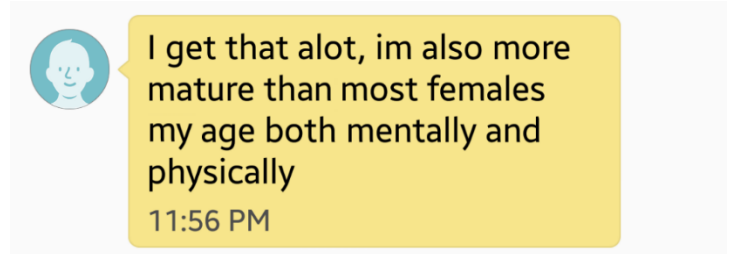
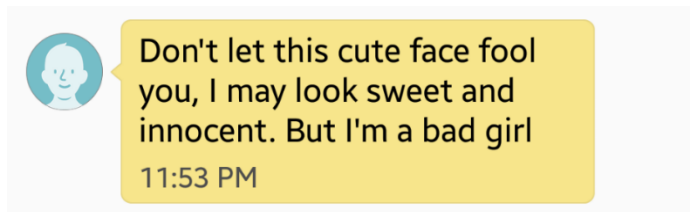
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These Girls at School Were Not “Children”

- k) In this conversation that occurred several years later, “Girl 1” confirmed that her maturity has always been much higher compared to others her age. She even jokes about how guys her age back then didn’t know how to hold a conversation and how that is one reason why she appreciated her friendship with Justin at the time.



- l) Here are some other examples of comments from a different girl Justin was friends with when he was subbing. She refers to another guy her age as a “child.”





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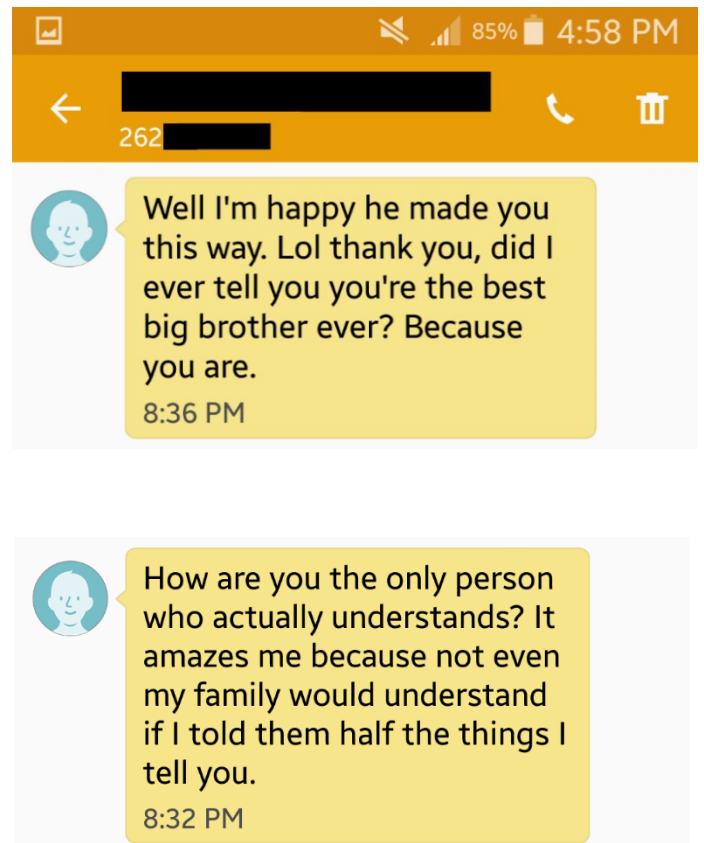
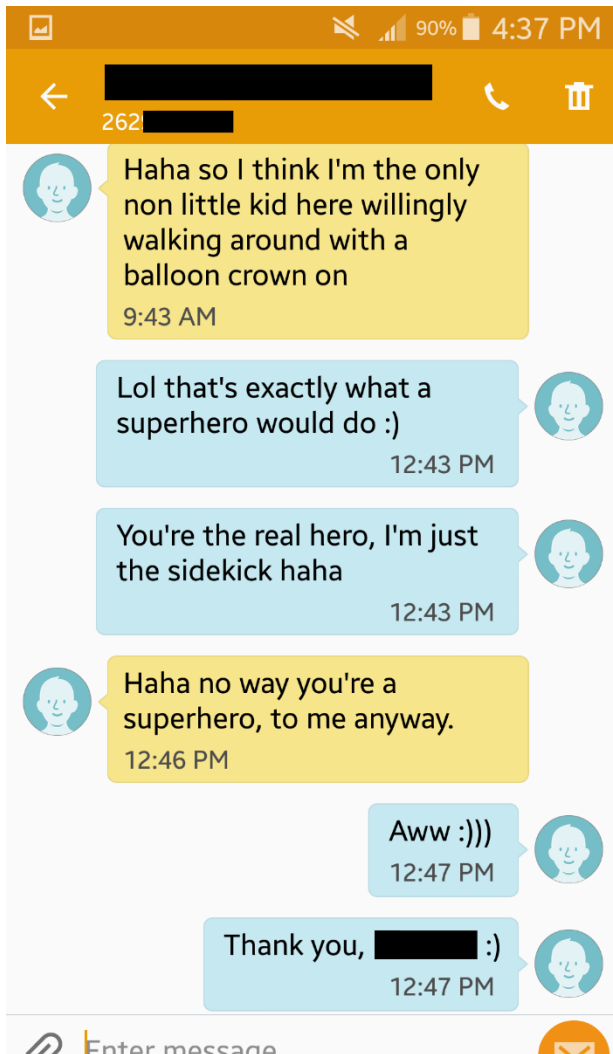
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Justin's Actual Motives at School

m) Justin was very well connected at the schools he subbed at. He helped coach basketball and was involved in a separate inner-city ministry that involved many of the boys and staff members from the schools, he knew many of the staff and students through various community endeavors, and his mom even worked at one of the schools. Contrary to the public narrative at the time, he was not at school engaging in nonmutual “predatory” behavior. He was [well-liked](#), was friendly with the staff, was commended by the administration for doing a good job, he genuinely cared about and went out of his way to make the outcast students feel included, and he always sought to [help students](#) however he could by borrowing money, giving rides, giving haircuts, or giving encouragement, etc.

“Big Brother” – There was one girl in particular who was a friend of the family of whom she and Justin had an older brother-younger sister relationship and he cared about her very much. A few of his interactions with her have been included, and they provide an accurate representation of who Justin really is.





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Staff Members Had Positive Things to Say About Justin

n) As recounted here by fellow staff members in excerpts from their letters of support to the judge at sentencing in 2017, Justin was well-liked at school. Justin was very friendly and would go out of his way to help an outcast feel included. He was not there behaving in a “criminal” manner.

I believe Mr. Beaton has subbed for my classes in the past. I have never heard anything negative about him from my students. I also have never heard anything negative about him subbing for other staff members. When I have seen him he has always been with his classes (usually in the library if I have seen him) and he has appeared kind, friendly and helpful.

I believe Justin is greatly concerned about who he is as a man of God. He is a genuine, immature young man who is innately friendly and he appears to relate very well to young people. I believe Justin has learned from his past mistakes and he wishes for another chance to prove his integrity.

Justin openly shared some of his thoughts with me. He is a proclaimed Christian and has a strong background in his faith. He enjoyed substituting. We talked about education and how the need for male teachers is high especially at the elementary level. I shared with Justin regarding my son being in his fourth year of teaching. I am always excited to speak with young people and hear their thoughts about education. Justin was no exception and it thrilled me to hear the enthusiasm he held in wanting to become a teacher. I wished him the best and hoped to see him around the building working.

I enjoyed working and conversing with Justin as he was young and I felt he had a great attitude regarding his future. He seemed to be ready to take on the world representing himself as a good role model for students.

I am completing my thirty third year in teaching. I have taught at all levels in education from elementary through high school as a [REDACTED] Teacher. My experience afforded me the opportunity in working with a diverse population of students, their parents and coworkers. I have always prided myself on having the ability to judge an individual who is compassionate and has good character. I believe this is no different for Justin.

I feel compelled to include some information that may be pertinent before closing this letter. About two months ago I ran into Justin at a restaurant. He seemed hesitant at first glance and when I recognized him we walked over to each other. I gave Justin a hug and asked how he was doing. We had a nice conversation. Justin appeared to speak with such heartfelt words and very much at peace. He seemed to hold a positive attitude towards his future and I believe his heart was in a good place. Justin was genuine and it was so nice to see him in this manner.



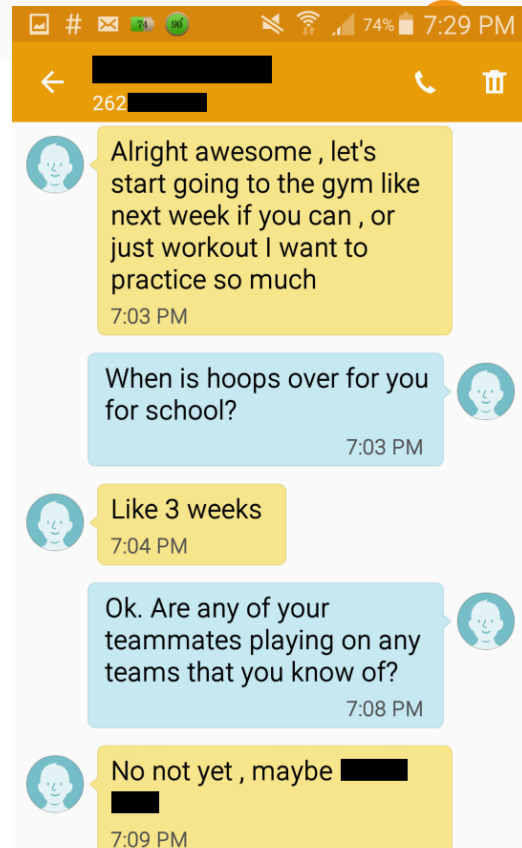
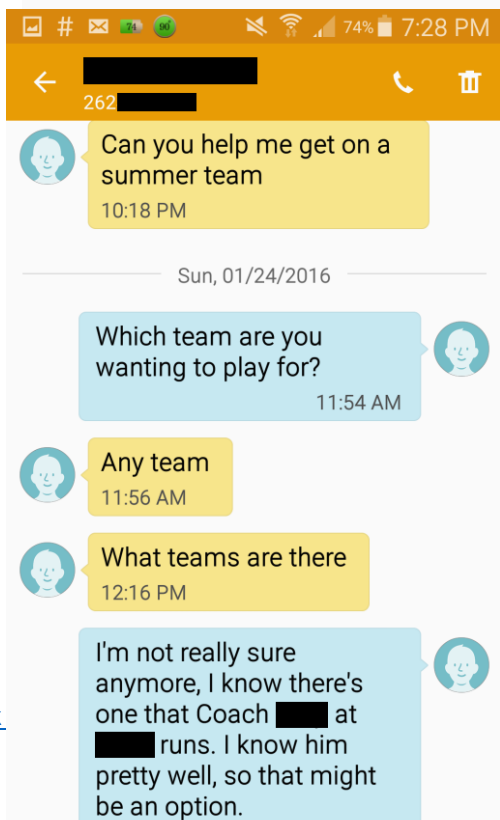
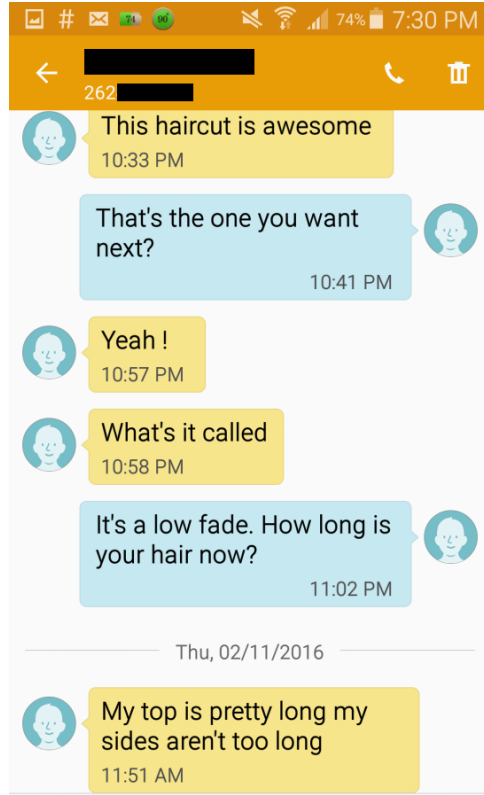
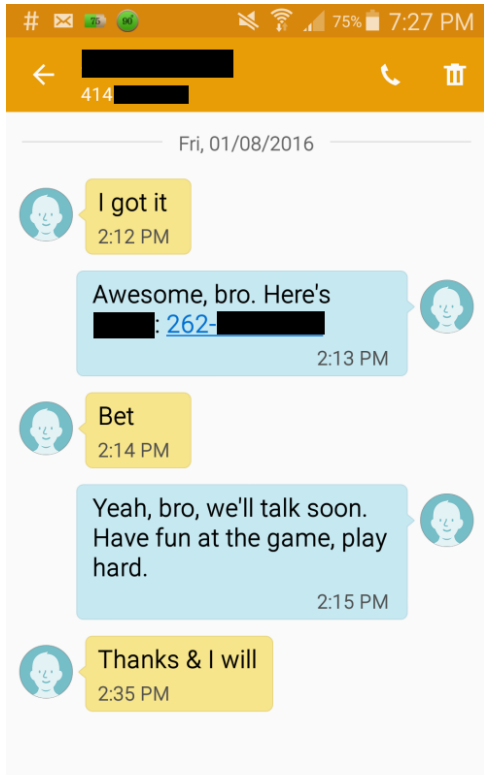
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Justin Was Also Friends with and Helped out Male Students

- o) Contrary to the public narrative at the time, Justin wasn't just friends with female students. Justin had friendships with male students as well. He helped with the basketball program and even gave free haircuts to boys who didn't have much money. Here are some examples of those correspondences:



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“Girl 1” Contrasts Justin with Some Other Staff Members

- q) Ironically, [other staff/student situations](#) did occur around the same timeframe of Justin’s involvement at the high schools. Also, below is “Girl 1” years later mentioning other staff members who have tried to be friends with her on social media in the years after she graduated. “Girl 1” specifically made this comment in a conversation with Justin to contrast him apart from what she considered to be “creepy” because she did not think of him as that.

some teachers are actually pretty creepy and sick. I’ve had some add me on Facebook now that I’m older and like my pics that aren’t the most appropriate lol.

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