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**Ex-Teacher and Coach Enters Plea Agreement Admitting Criminal Contact
With Female Student**

Today, May 15, 2023, former Teton High School teacher and coach Jeffrey Wilkes entered a plea agreement with the State of Idaho in Teton County criminal case CR41-22-1141 stemming from alleged misconduct toward a female student in 2017.¹

Pursuant to the Plea Agreement, Wilkes will plead guilty to the charges of Injury to Child, a felony offense under Idaho Code § 18-1501(1), and Sexual Battery, a misdemeanor offense under Idaho Code § 18-924. The maximum penalty for felony Injury to Child is 10 years in prison and a \$50,000 fine. The maximum penalty for misdemeanor Sexual Battery is 1 year incarceration and a \$2,000 fine. Per the terms of the plea agreement, Wilkes agrees to refrain from working or volunteering as a coach or teacher or otherwise having any unsupervised contact with juveniles. He agrees that the Court's no-contact order prohibiting him from having any contact with his victim shall remain in place, and he agrees to complete all treatment recommended in a psychosexual examination conducted in April 2023.

Counsel for the State and the Defendant have asked the court to set a change-of-plea hearing at the next possible District Court date, which is anticipated to be in early June of 2023. An amended criminal information will be filed following Wilkes's guilty pleas.

Links:

The full text of the Plea Agreement is available [here](#).

Additional case information and documents can be found on the iCourt Portal [here](#).

¹ As the term "alleged" implies, the entirety of the Indictment and other charging documents filed against the Defendant, as well as the description of these charging documents as set forth herein, constitute only allegations, and every fact described should be treated as an allegation. The charges are merely accusations, and the Defendant is presumed innocent unless and until the Defendant pleads guilty or is proven guilty.