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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Swimming Coach Arrested for Sexual Assault of a Minor**

Chester County District Attorney Tom Hogan announced the arrest of Coach Kenneth Fuller for engaging in sexual intercourse with a minor. The defendant is a swimming coach at Bayard Rustin High School. The defendant has been removed from his position by the school administration.

Fuller is charged with having sexual intercourse with a minor on three separate occasions between April 27, 2012 and May 2, 2012. He faces charges of Institutional Sexual Assault, Corruption of a Minor, and related charges. Fuller is 47 years old. He resides in West Goshen Township.

Chester County District Attorney Tom Hogan stated, "This was a despicable violation of trust. Rule No. 1 for every high school teacher and coach is: Do not have sex with a student. Anybody who breaks this rule will be arrested, fired, lose any professional license, and eventually go to jail. The parents of Chester County trust teachers and coaches to protect children, not to endanger children."

A summary of the allegations from the criminal complaint are as follows:<sup>1</sup>

The defendant is a coach for the swim team at Bayard Rustin High School. The victim is a student-athlete on the swim team. The identity of the student-athlete will not be disclosed by the District Attorney's Office. Between April 27, 2012 and May 2, 2012, the defendant met with the victim on three occasions at locations away from the school and had sex with the student. On all three occasions that the defendant had sex with the victim, he provided the victim with alcohol. On one of these occasions, the defendant called the school pretending to be the victim's father

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<sup>1</sup> A criminal defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty at trial.

and had the victim excused from school for a doctor's appointment. The defendant then provided a fake doctor's note for the victim to take back to the school.

Fuller was arrested on May 16, 2012, by Chester County Detectives.

District Attorney Hogan added, "This defendant also coached other teams. If there are any other victims, the parents should report the issue to the Chester County Detectives immediately."

Anybody with information should contact Chester County Detective Matthew Gordon at 610-344-6866. Deputy District Attorney Beth Pitts has been assigned to prosecute this matter.

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Approved for release:

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