

Hello Mr. Cruz. I recently ran for office of the Mayor last year in a very small community of Kress Texas. I am NOT a politician but I knew I had to stand up to a good ol' boy system that existed in our community. Since I was elected I have conducted a forensic audit that is being referred to legal authorities by the forensic audit group that conducted the audit. There were finding. The community elected for 100% flip of open seats of city Council and Mayor. The community also replaced both seats on the School Board last election. There is so much to my story that it has been documented on Facebook over the last year. <https://www.facebook.com/kress2022> You have authored a safety bill for our children's safety recently. SB7 known as Pass the Trash seems very easy to read and understand the law. I think TEA investigators may need some help. It seems very simple that an administrator must report ALLIGATIONS within 7 days to TEA and Texas Education Commissioner.

Response from TEA investigator:

Franks, Michael

5:31 AM (15 hours ago)

To Me

Mr. Taylor,

As previously discussed, the individual is not-certified and not charged with a criminal offense. The individual was a substitute that did not result in a resignation or termination, he was removed from the substitute list. While the communication between the student and educator is inappropriate it does not rise to the level that a romantic relationship was established or solicited with the student. The purchasing of vaping products alone would be an issue that would be handled at the local level and not rise to the level needed for SBEC because the individual is not certified. The incident and your concerns have been documented and would be used if there were future incidents. There is no appeal of the decision to open a case on the Superintendent. If local law enforcement decides to reopen their investigation and file charges, then complaint can be reevaluated.

I sent a request for help to the Governor's office and got a reply that states:

Dear Mr. Taylor,

Thank you for taking the time to contact the Office of the Governor. We understand that you are concerned. I am asking Commissioner of Education, Mike Morath, for his staff's assistance in reviewing and responding both to you and this office on the information shared.

Please let us know whenever we may be of service in the future.

Sincerely,

Marie Dahlmann

Deputy Director

Constituent Communication Division

Office of the Governor

I have not received communication from his office. I also requested help from the Attorney General to get open records request from Tulia Texas Police Department where an officer worked that was also a substitute teacher for Kress ISD. This Officer was accused of requesting nude photos from a student and admitted to taking her VAPE pens at school when she declined. Nude photos were requested twice by use of snapchat according to student complaint. Since it was a crime to give a minor under 21 vape products I should also fall under TEC, §21.006. REQUIREMENT TO REPORT MISCONDUCT. (b) In addition to the reporting requirement under Section 261.101, Family Code, and except as

provided by Subsection (c-2), the superintendent or director of a school district, district of innovation, open-enrollment charter school, other charter entity, regional education service

center, or shared services arrangement shall notify the State Board for Educator Certification if:(2) an educator's employment at the school district, district of innovation, charter school,

other charter entity, service center, or shared services arrangement was terminated and

there is evidence that the educator: (E) committed a criminal offense or any part of a criminal offense on school property or at a school-sponsored event;

The City of Tulia documented this incident very well. I also requested open records from County attorney. His response was:

Mike Criswell <swisherca@swisher-tx.org>

Tue, Jan 10, 2:18 PM

To me, Amy

Instead of a date range, you just said while he was at the PD. I do not know those dates and your request is not specific. Requesting all documents is also not specific. However, I have asked the Sheriff and he has informed me that he has no documents that are responsive to your request. It is my understanding that any documentation was probably sent to the TPD because there did not appear to be a crime and it might be relevant to the PD but not to the Swisher County Sheriff.

The initial report was made by the Sheriff to the Tulia Police Department. Statement on Incident was written by Chief Brandon Franco on 11-10-2022. That is about 2 months before open records request.

The superintendent never reported these crimes to TEA nor Texas Education Commissioner. TEC, §21.006. REQUIREMENT TO REPORT MISCONDUCT.

(a) In this section:

(1) "Abuse" has the meaning assigned by Section 261.001, Family Code, and includes any sexual conduct involving an educator and a student or minor. Section 261.001 of Family Code Defines Abuse as

Sec. 261.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Abuse" includes the following acts or omissions by a person:

(E) sexual conduct harmful to a child's mental, emotional, or physical welfare, including conduct that constitutes the offense of continuous sexual abuse of young child or disabled individual under Section 21.02, Penal Code, indecency with a child under Section 21.11, Penal Code, sexual assault under Section 22.011, Penal Code, or aggravated sexual assault under Section 22.021, Penal Code;

(F) failure to make a reasonable effort to prevent sexual conduct harmful to a child;

In the Write up from Assistant Chief Brown, He concluded that:

"Based on previous documentation for violating Chapter Three of department policy (officer conduct) and for being dishonest, I do not feel Officer Rojas can not continue to represent the department in any manner. Purchasing a vape for a minor is a criminal offense. By Officer Rojas choosing to purchase the vape for (redacted name of student) a minor under the age of 21, he has deteriorated the trust given to us by the public to conduct himself in a professional and legal manor. By Officer Rojas initially denying the purchase of the vape, after being cautioned about being dishonest, I fell that Officer Rojas is no longer credible. This will impact his standing with the County Attorney's Office, the Department, and the public. For these reasons, it is my recommendation that Officer Rojas be terminated from the Tulia Police Department immediately. Due to the reason behind my recommendation, I also recommend that Officer Rojas receive a dishonorable discharge for his TCOLE F-5 statement."

This world is crazy right now. Children should be protected and parents should be aware of the issues that arise. I contacted the school board many times and shared the law with them to also make a public statement. This substitute was never held accountable and could end up in another school district. I have the full statements and complaints i can forward to you if you like to see the of the story. Most of them are posted on my personal Facebook Blog. <https://www.facebook.com/kress2022>

I feel you will take this more seriously. The Children of our Community is our Future leaders. They should be protected. Please help me accomplish that.

Johnny Taylor

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