



Henry Leavenworth Elementary at 1925 Vilas Street in Leavenworth, Kansas, captured by Google Streetview in November 2024.

Leavenworth elementary school teacher accused of indecency with a child arrested, police say

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A Leavenworth United School District employee was arrested Thursday on charges of aggravated indecent civil liberties with a child, according to the Leavenworth Police Department.

Jerome Charles Riscovallez, 54, was taken into custody around 1 p.m. after being accused of "inappropriate conduct with a minor," according to LPD Chief Pat Kitchens. Police began investigating Riscovallez on Tuesday after allegations against him were brought to the department, Kitchens said.

Leavenworth USD 453 could not be reached immediately Thursday for comment. However, in an email to district staff and families, district officials confirmed that Riscovallez had been a STEM teacher at Henry Leavenworth Elementary School.

Riscovallez was placed on administrative leave on Feb. 14 and banned from all USD 453 properties as a human resources investigation began, district officials wrote in the email. After his arrest Thursday, the USD 453 school board held two special meetings and officially terminated Riscovallez' employment, according to the email.

Riscovallez was hired by USD 453 in August 2018, according to the email. As of Thursday afternoon,

Riscovallez was not listed on the public USD 453 staff directory.

Several Henry Leavenworth parents have taken to social media this week with allegations that their children have had unsafe interactions with Riscovallez. USD 453 asks that anyone with additional information or further allegations reach out directly to the Leavenworth Police Department at 913-651-2260.

The Leavenworth Atchison Child Advocacy Center recommends that parents speak to their children about "body safety," including how to identify boundaries, say "no" to inappropriate touch and find safe adults to notify if needed, Kitchens said in a statement Thursday.

The CAC does not recommend parents share details about allegations against Riscovallez directly with young children, but asks that they respond calmly and notify law enforcement if children bring up similar interactions or allegations on their own.

"Parents should ask simple, open-ended questions like, 'Has anything made you feel unsafe or uncomfortable at school?' and allow their child to do the talking," the CAC wrote Thursday. "It is important to reassure children that they are not in trouble and will never be in trouble for sharing their feelings or experiences."

Riscovallez is being held

in the Leavenworth County Jail, where he is not eligible for bond. His first appearance in Leavenworth County Court is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 28.

This is a developing story. Check back for updates.

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Former Grain Valley cop pleads guilty to federal child sex crime charges, court documents show

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A disgraced former Grain Valley police officer pleaded guilty to two child sex crimes charges after sexually exploiting a 15-year-old girl he met on social media.

August P. Gildehaus, 29, pleaded guilty Tuesday before U.S. District Judge Greg Kaysin to enticement of a minor to engage in illegal sexual activity, as well as to production of child pornography. He could face a maximum sentence of life in prison, or a minimum sentence of 10 years in prison on the first charge and 15 years in prison on the second charge.

Gildehaus, of Blue Springs, was originally charged in Jackson County court with nine felonies, including statutory rape and sodomy, according to court documents.

Gildehaus' former colleagues in the Grain Valley Police Department were first called to investigate a missing

15-year-old girl in the early hours of March 5, 2023, according to court documents. She came home later that morning and told police she had been in a "sexual relationship" with a man she later identified as Gildehaus, court documents read.

The Grain Valley Police Department placed Gildehaus on administrative leave, and subsequently fired him, in April 2023.

The Highway Patrol's sexual exploitation investigation into Gildehaus' of the 15-year-old

also led to sex crime charges against two other men. Antoine Richardson, 24, of Leavenworth, is accused in Jackson County of statutory rape and possession of child sexual abuse images.

Tryston Michael Hastings, 24, of Kansas City, faces four felony charges in Clay County of statutory rape and sodomy.

Regardless of the length of his sentence, Gildehaus will be required upon release to register as a sex offender both federally and in Missouri, according to court documents.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Shawnee Mission School District invites proposals from qualified vendors for the following products/services: RFP 25-003 Milk Products, due 3:00 pm, March 31, 2025. For more details, please email purchasing@smssd.org or visit website www.smssd.org.

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Mar 4 2025

Invitation to Bid

Frontier Schools is seeking a company to provide services for the Central Office - Shelter Amenity & Parking Lot Improvements project. A pre-proposal conference will be held on Friday, February 28, 2025, at 2:00 PM at 6800 Corporate Drive, Kansas City, MO 64120. Sealed proposals are to be returned to Frontier Schools, Inc., 6800 Corporate Drive, Kansas City, MO 64120, Attention: Matt Mercer. Bid packages can be obtained from [www.frontierschools.org/bids/](http://frontierschools.org/bids/).

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Feb 25, Mar 4 2025

Invitation to Bid

The Grandview C-4 School District is accepting bids for the ROOF RECOVER project at Grandview High School. Bid documents may be obtained from Drexel Technologies, Inc. (<http://planroom.drexeltech.com>) on or after February 28, 2025. A MANDATORY pre-bid conference & project walk-thru will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. meeting near the stadium entrance at 2300 High Grove Road, Grandview, MO 64030. This will be the only opportunity for bidders to access the project areas prior to bidding. Bids will be opened publicly on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. at 13015 10th Street, Grandview, MO 64030. All questions regarding this project shall be directed to Daren Carney, AIA - Alinea Architects, P.A. (913) 908-9577 or via email: dcarney@alinea-arch.com.

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GRANDVIEW C-4 SCHOOL DISTRICT INVITATION TO BID ROOF RECOVER AT GRANDVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

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NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Title XXVI Chapter 415 Section, 415.405, Neighbor Storage will hold a Public Sale of Property to satisfy Landlord's lien on March 12, 2025 at 02:00 PM online through StorageTreasures.com. Tenant is Robert Malka and the storage space is located at 500 Gladstone Blvd, KCMO, Missouri, 64124.

Property will be sold to the highest bidder (credit card payment). Property must be removed within 72 hours and space broom swept. Seller reserves the right to reject any bid and withdraw property from a sale.

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