



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 Missouri State Highway Patrol ultimately took over the investigation into Gildehaus’ conduct. When interviewed by investigators in April, Gildehaus admitted to meeting up with the teen on four other occasions and recording sexual encounters with her in his truck — once in a middle school parking lot, according to court documents.

Gildehaus told investigators that he had been communicating with the teen online since August 2022, mostly on the social media platforms Discord and Omegle, according to court documents. His laptop was confiscated during court proceedings and a search warrant for his Discord profile was obtained, leading to the child pornography charge,

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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Bids for Crossroads & Esperanza Group Homes-Remodel Shower & Restroom, Group Home Buildings, Project No. M2412-01 will be received by FMDC, State of MO. **UNTIL 1:30 PM, March 27, 2025.** Project information available at: <http://oa.mo.gov/facilities> IFL0218078 Feb 21,23-28,Mar 2-4 2025

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

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.drexelttech.com>) on or after February 28, 2025. A MANDATORY pre-bid conference & project walk-thru will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 10:00 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. IFL0218721 Feb 25,Mar 4 2025

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The Grandview C-4 School District is accepting bids for the PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE & SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT project at Grandview High School. Bid documents may be obtained from Drexel Technologies, Inc. (<http://planroom.drexelttech.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 at the building main 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 9:00 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. IFL0218752 Feb 25,Mar 4 2025

Invitation to Bid

Frontier Schools is seeking a company to provide service 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. IFL0219154 Feb 25,27,Mar 4 2025

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@smsd.org or visit website www.smsd.org. IFL0220101 Mar 4 2025

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Notice

To whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that by an order of the Circuit Court of the County of Jackson, Missouri, Division No. 30, Case No. 2516-FC00608 made entered on the record on February 13, 2025, the name of Lauren N Herrera was changed to Lorenza N Herrera. IFL0220497 Mar 4,11,18 2025

INVITATION TO BID

Invitation To Bid On: **BVRC North Field & Facility Service Building – Phase 2 & 3** Closing Time: **8 April 2025, 10:00 A.M. CST**

Blue Valley Recreation Commission (BVRC) is accepting sealed bids for the North Field & Facility Service Building – Phase 2 & 3 project. Bids will be received by the BVRC Facilities Manager at the Sports Complex (9701 W. 137th Street, Overland Park, KS 66221), until 10:00 A.M. CDT, on **Tuesday, 8 April 2025**. The bids will then be publicly opened and read aloud at the Sports Complex at 10:05 A.M. Sealed bids should be addressed to Jim Hook, Facility Manager, at the address above and marked "North Field & Facility Service Building: Phase 2 & 3." The Owner will consider the bids received for the furnishing of said labor, materials and equipment necessary for the proper construction of the aforesaid project. **There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting held on-site at the North Field Main Entry 9100 W. 137th Street, Overland Park, KS at 10:00 AM CDT on Wednesday, 19 March 2025.**

The Project will consist of the construction of four (4) softball fields, concessions building, north fields maintenance building, field lighting, field fencing, bleachers, dugouts, accessible walking pathways, stormwater utility adjustments, irrigation, and all related site improvements at the North Fields Complex on the north side of 137th Street in Overland Park, Kansas. These new improvements will include, but are not limited to, erosion and sediment control, site demolition, storm drainage improvement, concrete paving, unit masonry, fencing, landscape plantings, irrigation, carpentry, and electrical work.

Bid documents will be available **3 March 2025** Copies of plans and specifications can be seen or purchased for a Non-Refundable fee on-line at www.drexelttech.com in their eDistribution plan room, additional assistance is available at distribution@drexelttech.com. Information regarding this project can be found in the "Public Jobs" link on the website. Contractors desiring the Contract Documents for use in preparing bids may also obtain a set of such documents from Drexel Technologies (314-872-0900). Bidding documents will be shipped only if the requesting party assumes responsibility for all related charges. Corporate, certified, or cashier's checks shall be made payable to Drexel Technologies, Inc..

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Biker killed when motorcycle runs off road and hits light pole in Kansas City

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A biker died after they ran off a road and were ejected from their motorcycle in Kansas City, police said in a crash report.

Officers responded just after midnight to a fatal crash at Northeast Chouteau Trafficway and Northeast Russell Road, police said. A preliminary investigation shows that an orange Harley Davidson motorcycle drove north on Chouteau Trafficway.

Just north of Northeast Russel Road, the Harley ran off the road to the right, traveled up over the

curb and struck a metal light pole, according to the crash report.

The Harley driver was completely ejected off the motorcycle, police said. Paramedics pronounced them dead at the scene.

An investigation into the crash is ongoing.

The crash is Kansas City’s ninth traffic fatality of 2025, said Capt. Jake Becchina, a spokesman with the Kansas City Police Department, said in an email. At this time last year, the city had recorded 20 traffic deaths, Becchina said.

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