## **Blake Anderson**

CURRENT JOB: Arkansas State University football head coach

- RECRUIT: KIRK MERRITT, ex-Texas A&M WR
  - -2017: Pleaded no contest to criminal indecent exposure after exposing his genitals to two female tutors. 2018: Transferred to Arkansas State after season at East Mississippi C.C.
- RECRUIT: DARREON JACKSON, ex-Boise State DB
  - -2016: Suspended for sexual misconduct at Boise State. 2017: Transferred to Arkansas State after season at Coffeyville C.C.
- RECRUIT: KENDALL SANDERS, ex-Texas WR
  - 2014: One of two players arrested for sexual assault. 2015: Found not guilty at trial. 2016: Transferred to Arkansas State, played one season

### **GateHouse Media inquiry**

Jerry Scott <jscott@astate.edu>
To: "Jacoby, Kenny" <kjacoby@gatehousemedia.com>

Wed, Nov 13, 2019 at 9:37 PM

Mr. Jacoby,

You'll find comments and responses from the Arkansas State University Athletics Department highlighted below as part of your initial communication. We acknowledge this is a highly sensitive national topic, so thank you for taking the time ensure that all facts are accurate.

Thank You,

Jerry



### Jerry Scott

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From: Jacoby, Kenny <kjacoby@gatehousemedia.com>

Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2019 9:01 AM

To: Jerry Scott <jscott@astate.edu>
Cc: Mark Taylor <martaylor@astate.edu>
Subject: GateHouse Media inquiry

Dear Mr. Scott,

I am a reporter for GateHouse Media. We are working on a multi-part investigative series into NCAA athletes who transfer schools after being found responsible for sexual misconduct.

It is our understanding that Coach Anderson brought Darreon Jackson and Kirk Merritt onto his football team after Jackson was found responsible for sexual misconduct at Boise State and Merritt was convicted of indecent exposure at Texas A&M.

Darreon Jackson chose to leave Boise State although he was eligible to return and enrolled at Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College, where he played the 2016 football season before transferring to Arkansas State.

Kirk Merritt pleaded 'no contest' to indecent exposure and was not expelled from Texas A&M University. He transferred to Arkansas State from East Mississippi Community College, where he played the 2017 season.

We also understand Coach Anderson recruited Kendall Sanders shortly after he was dismissed from Texas and tried and acquitted for a gang-rape. The transfers happened in 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Kendall Sanders was found 'not guilty' of any charges in a court of law in Texas. He was dismissed from the Texas football team in 2014 prior to that verdict, but did not sign with Arkansas State until 2016 (two years later).

We will be mentioning that in our series, and as such we are reaching out to Arkansas State for comment. We would like to request interviews with Coach Anderson, Jackson and Merritt. We also are requesting answers to the following questions by 2 p.m. ET Monday, Nov. 11:

This is a collective vetting process by campus leadership, thus we are responding to your request with a unified response.

- Why does Coach Anderson exhibit a pattern of recruiting players from top schools shortly after they've been accused of and disciplined for sexual assault?

Darreon Jackson and Kirk Merritt were not accused or disciplined for sexual assault.

Coach Anderson does not exhibit such a pattern. Any potential student-athlete with a history of alleged or confirmed sexual misconduct who displays interest in attending Arkansas State University is first highly vetted and approved or unapproved collectively by campus leadership, who then communicates to Coach Anderson if it is permissible is to recruit that student-athlete. Every case is unique, and thus evaluated on a case-by-case basis to determine if a second chance is warranted.

When we learn of potential student-athletes who have accusations of sexual misconduct in their past, the vast majority are not recruited by Coach Anderson in consultation with campus leadership. Additionally, he recruits exponentially more potential student-athletes with an impeccable record compared to those with alleged or confirmed misconduct of any type in their background.

- Was Arkansas State aware of Darreon Jackson's past disciplinary action at the time of his transfer? Merritt's? Sanders'?

Yes, in all three instances. They have all three earned their bachelor's degree and have lived up to the expectations we hold all our student-athletes to.

#### If not:

- What steps did Arkansas State take to check Jackson's background? Merritt's? Sanders?

#### If so:

- What factors were taken into consideration in accepting them to campus?

In all three instances, all information available was highly vetted by Athletics Department and University administrative officials and legal counsel before Coach Anderson was given permission to recruit them. Multiple interviews were conducted when vetting each individual.

See answer to the question directly above this one.

- What specific measures were taken to ensure student safety?

There are clear expectations set for all students that sexual misconduct will not be tolerated.

Thank you and let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

Kenny Jacoby

National Public Safety Data Reporter I GateHouse Media

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- What made Arkansas State confident they wouldn't reoffend?

## Roman Banks

CURRENT JOB: Southern University athletic director

- RECRUIT: SIDNEY UMUDE, ex-Youngstown State forward
  - -2016: Expelled from Youngstown State for sexual assault. Accused of raping and sexual assaulting same female student in separate incidents. 2017: Transferred to Southern under Banks, played two seasons.

### GateHouse Media inquiry re: Roman Banks // Sidney Umude

Janene Tate <janene\_tate@sus.edu>

Thu, Nov 21, 2019 at 12:49 PM

To: "Jacoby, Kenny" <kjacoby@gatehousemedia.com>, "Roman\_banks@subr.edu" <Roman\_banks@subr.edu>

AD Banks will not be commenting.

Best, J. Tate



#### **Janene Tate, Communications Director**

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From: Jacoby, Kenny <kjacoby@gatehousemedia.com>

Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 2:48 PM

To: Janene Tate <janene\_tate@sus.edu>; Roman\_banks@subr.edu <Roman\_banks@subr.edu>

Subject: GateHouse Media inquiry re: Roman Banks // Sidney Umude

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## Tim Beck

## Former Pittsburg State football head coach

- RECRUIT: KIANTE HARDIN, ex-Minnesota DB
  - -2017: One of four players expelled from Minnesota for sexual assault. 2018:
     Transferred to Pittsburg State.

### re: Pittsburg State University Statement

**Dan Wilkes** <dwilkes@pittstate.edu>
To: "kjacoby@gatehousemedia.com" <kjacoby@gatehousemedia.com>

Mon, Nov 25, 2019 at 1:50 PM

Pittsburg State University Statement:

It's common for student athletes to change schools for a variety of reasons. With each transfer student athlete we accept, we review their reasons for leaving their previous institutions. We talk to their former coaches or members of our network who know them before making decisions. We have a strong track record of transfer student athletes helping our athletics program and positively contributing to our campus community.

## Nick Bobeck

CURRENT JOB: University of Central Oklahoma football head coach

- RECRUIT: ALEX FIGUEROA, ex-Miami LB
  - -2014: Expelled from Miami. Accepted deferred prosecution agreement for felony sexual battery with multiple perpetrators, sentenced to sex offender treatment. 2017: Transferred to Central Oklahoma after two seasons at Garden City C.C. Played two seasons.

### **GateHouse Media inquiry**

Adrienne Nobles <ANobles@uco.edu>

Fri, Nov 22, 2019 at 12:12 PM

To: "kjacoby@gatehousemedia.com" <kjacoby@gatehousemedia.com>

Hello Kenny,

Below is a statement from Coach Bobeck in response to your inquiry. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Thanks,

Adrienne

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Alex Figueroa was recruited two years after he was expelled from Miami University. The decision to bring him to the University of Central Oklahoma was made after I examined the court records regarding the case in question from Florida. I found that the Florida case was closed without prosecution in early 2016 after Alex successfully completed a deferred prosecution plan approved by the Miami-Dade County court. Additionally, Alex graduated Garden City Community College in Kansas with an associate's degree before coming to UCO. We followed all of our review procedures and determined he was not a threat to the campus community. All student athletes at UCO are required to abide by a strict set of standards set forth by the university and the athletic department that require a high level of integrity in their personal and academic conduct. While at UCO he was an exemplary student and team member.

· Coach Nick Bobeck

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Adrienne Nobles, APR

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From: "Jacoby, Kenny" <kjacoby@gatehousemedia.com>

Date: 11/20/19 8:46 AM (GMT-06:00)

To: Chris Brannick <cbrannick@uco.edu>

# Terry Bowden

### **CURRENT JOB: Clemson University football intern**

- RECRUIT: LOGAN TULEY-TILLMAN, ex-Michigan OL
  - 2016: Accepted deferred prosecution agreement for illegally capturing/distributing an image of an unclothed person. 2016: Transferred to Akron, played one season under Bowden. 2017: Transferred to Texas at El Paso, played one season.
- RECRUIT: SE'VON PITTMAN, ex-Ohio State DL
  - -2013: Found responsible for rape at Ohio State. 2013: Transferred to Akron,
     played three seasons under Bowden.

Did not respond to requests for comment.

# Kirby Cannon

# CURRENT JOB: Northern Michigan University football defensive coordinator

- RECRUIT: MALIK HARRIS, ex-Illinois State TE
  - -2014: Arrested for sexual assault, charges later dropped. 2015: Dismissed for sexual misconduct at Illinois State after female student accused him of rape.
     Appeared on Austin Peay State roster under Cannon, did not play. 2017: Transferred to Incarnate Word after season at Pima C.C. Played two seasons.

Did not respond to requests for comment.

# **Eric Dooley**

CURRENT JOB: Prairie View A&M University football head coach

- RECRUIT: TRISTEN WALLACE, ex-Oregon WR
  - o -2017: Expelled for rape twice in two cases involving different women at Oregon.

2018: Transferred to Prairie View A&M after season at Trinity Valley C.C.

### GateHouse Media inquiry re: Tristen Wallace

Thirston, LaTonia < ldthirston@pvamu.edu>

Fri, Nov 15, 2019 at 12:11 AM

To: "Jacoby, Kenny" <kjacoby@gatehousemedia.com>

Cc: Public Relations <publicrelations@pvamu.edu>, "Pete, Alicia" <alpete@pvamu.edu>, "Bailey, Robert" <rlbailey@pvamu.edu>, "Jackson,Ricky" <rijackson@pvamu.edu>, "Frederick, Mark" <mafrederick@pvamu.edu>

Kenny,

#### Please see statement:

"In accordance with federal and state privacy laws, Prairie View A&M University cannot comment on a student's disciplinary history, if any, or admissions process."

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From: Jacoby, Kenny <kjacoby@gatehousemedia.com> Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2019 12:29 PM

To: Thirston, LaTonia <a href="mailto:LaTonia">LaTonia</a> <a href="mailto:LaTonia">LaTonia</a href=

Cc: Public Relations <publicrelations@PVAMU.EDU>; Pete, Alicia <alpete@pvamu.edu>; Bailey, Robert

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# Tim Floyd

Former University of Texas at El Paso basketball head coach

- RECRUIT: DOMINIC ARTIS, ex-Oregon guard
  - o -2014: One of three players suspended 4-10 years for sexual assault at Oregon.
    - 2015: Transferred to Texas at El Paso under Floyd, played two seasons.

### **GateHouse Media inquiry**

Darby, Jeff <jdarby@utep.edu>

Mon, Nov 11, 2019 at 2:10 PM

To: "Jacoby, Kenny" <kjacoby@gatehousemedia.com> Co: "Thomas, Anna C" <acthomas1@utep.edu>

### Kenny:

Here is a link to a press release distributed by the athletic department on May 2, 2015 after Dominic Artis signed with us. It outlines the background check that was conducted on Dominic and the thought process behind bringing him in.

https://utepminers.com/news/2015/5/2/UTEP\_Basketball\_Lands\_Backcourt\_Ace\_Dominic\_Artis.aspx?path=mbball

On the floor, Dominic was one of our best players in his two years here (2015-17) and had no off-court issues.

We will have to gather more information on Logan Tuley-Tillman. Please note that he was brought in under an Athletic Director and Head Football Coach who are no longer here.

Thank you,

Jeff



#### Jeff Darby

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From: Jacoby, Kenny <kjacoby@gatehousemedia.com>

Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2019 10:48 AM

To: Darby, Jeff

## John Grass

CURRENT JOB: Jacksonville State University football head coach

- RECRUIT: LANDON RICE, ex-Auburn TE
  - -2016: Suspended eight years for violating sexual and gender-based misconduct policy at Auburn. Sanction reduced to one year. 2018: Transferred to Jacksonville State after season at Mississippi Gulf Coast C.C.

A Jacksonville State attorney said Rice was vetted carefully.

## Jon Harris

Former Southern Illinois University Edwardsville basketball head coach

- RECRUIT: YEMI MAKANJUOLA, ex-Tennessee center
  - -2013: Suspended from Tennessee for sexual assault. 2013: Transferred to University of North Carolina Wilmington, did not play in two seasons. 2015: Transferred to SIUE, played one season under Harris, who coached him at Tennessee.

### GateHouse Media inquiry

McIlhagga, Douglas <dmcilha@siue.edu>

Thu, Nov 7, 2019 at 5:24 PM

To: "kjacoby@gatehousemedia.com" <kjacoby@gatehousemedia.com>

Kenny,

Your inquiry was forwarded to me. Yemi was a model citizen during his time at SIUE and is no longer associated with the University. Head Coach Jon Harris, who coached Yemi at Tennessee, is no longer with the University after his contract was not renewed at the conclusion of the 2018-19 season.

Thank you,

Doug McIlhagga

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# Doc Holliday

CURRENT JOB: Marshall University football head coach

- RECRUIT: TAMARION "TJ" JOHNSON, ex-Minnesota DL
  - -2017: One of four players expelled from Minnesota for sexual assault. 2019:
     Transferred to Marshall after two seasons at Independence C.C.

### **GateHouse Media inquiry**

Corriher, Jason < corriher@marshall.edu>
To: "Jacoby, Kenny" < kjacoby@gatehousemedia.com>

Mon, Nov 11, 2019 at 1:20 PM

Kenny: Here is our statement. It can be attributed to Marshall Athletics. Thanks, Jason

"We were fully aware of TJ's situation at Minnesota, a matter for which he was never charged, prior to his arrival from Independence Community College. We have reviewed all available information, as we do with any student-athlete who enters our program. We are comfortable with the information we have gathered and all of the individuals with whom we have spoken were confident that TJ would represent Marshall Athletics and this university with class. Thus far, that has proven to be the case."

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# Jay Hopson

CURRENT JOB: University of Southern Mississippi football head coach

- RECRUIT: JAMIL COOKS, ex-Air Force LB
  - -2013: Convicted of abusive sexual contact, sentenced to sex offender registry and confinement. 2014: Transferred to Alcorn State, played one season under Hopson.
- RECRUIT: JABORIAN MCKENZIE, ex-Vanderbilt WR
  - -2013: One of four Vanderbilt players arrested for gang rape. 2013: Transferred to Alcorn State, played one game under Hopson. 2018: Pleaded guilty to facilitating aggravated rape, sentenced to sex offender registry.

Did not respond to requests for comment.

# Larry Kennan

Former University of the Incarnate Word football head coach

- RECRUIT: MALIK HARRIS, ex-Illinois State TE
  - -2014: Arrested for sexual assault, charges later dropped. 2015: Dismissed for sexual misconduct at Illinois State after female student accused him of rape.
     Appeared on Austin Peay State roster under Cannon, did not play. 2017: Transferred to Incarnate Word after season at Pima C.C. Played two seasons.

Did not respond to requests for comment.

# Wes Kittley

CURRENT JOB: Texas Tech University track & field head coach

- RECRUIT: DERRIUS RODGERS, ex-Illinois State sprinter
  - 2018: Found responsible for sexual harassment and "sexual misconduct/violence" at Illinois State. 2018: Transferred to Texas Tech, helped team win national championship his first season.

### RE: GateHouse Media inquiry re: Derrius Rodgers

Giovannetti, Robert < Robert. Giovannetti@ttu.edu>

Thu, Nov 14, 2019 at 12:40 PM

To: "Jacoby, Kenny" <kjacoby@gatehousemedia.com>

Cc: "Dowdy, Matthew" <Matthew.Dowdy@ttu.edu>, "Ingraham, Drew W" <Drew.W.Ingraham@ttu.edu>, "OBrien, Jeremy" <Jeremy.OBrien@ttu.edu>

Kenny:

Attached is our statement regarding Derrius.

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Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2019 5:29 PM

To: Giovannetti, Robert < Robert. Giovannetti @ttu.edu>

Cc: Dowdy, Matthew <Matthew.Dowdy@ttu.edu>; Ingraham, Drew W <Drew.W.Ingraham@ttu.edu>;

OBrien, Jeremy < Jeremy. OBrien@ttu.edu>

Subject: Re: GateHouse Media inquiry re: Derrius Rodgers

Mr. Giovanetti, do you have an update for me?

In the spring of 2018, Texas Tech Track and Field recruited Derrius Rodgers as a potential transfer from Illinois State University. Per Texas Tech athletics department policy, the Texas Tech coaching staff conducted a social media search and reviewed information received from Illinois State, including his academic transcript. Neither the social media findings nor the Illinois State transcript identified anything problematic that would impact his being an active participant on the team. In addition, Illinois State completed a transfer tracer form in which they indicated that the student-athlete was never disqualified or suspended for disciplinary reasons.

During the recruiting process, a Texas Tech assistant coach had a conversation with Rodgers' previous sprint coach at Illinois State and was told that, while there had been problems within the team, they were "handled internally." There was no indication of a Title IX complaint or adjudication against Rodgers. Prior to him enrolling at Texas Tech, he was an active participant with the Illinois State team and continued to be enrolled as a student until he later declared his intent to transfer.

Rodgers enrolled at Texas Tech in the fall of 2018 and is a current student-athlete in the men's track and field program.

# Sean Kugler

CURRENT JOB: Arizona Cardinals (NFL) offensive line coach

- RECRUIT: LOGAN TULEY-TILLMAN, ex-Michigan OL
  - -2016: Accepted deferred prosecution agreement for illegally capturing/distributing an image of an unclothed person. 2016: Transferred to Akron, played one season. 2017: Transferred to Texas at El Paso under Kugler, played one season under Kugler.

Did not respond to requests for comment.

# Seth Littrell

CURRENT JOB: University of North Texas football head coach

- RECRUIT: TIM FAISON, ex-Purdue DE
  - -2017: Found responsible for inappropriately touching female student at Purdue.
     Investigated but not found responsible for raping same student. 2018:
     Transferred to North Texas after season at Independence C.C.
- RECRUIT: DARIUS TURNER, ex-Arizona Western DB
  - 2014: Found responsible for sexual harassment at Arizona Western. 2016:
     Transferred to North Texas, played one season.

### GateHouse Media inquiry re: Tim Faison

Capper, Eric <Eric.Capper@unt.edu> Wed, Oct 16, 2019 at 3:29 PM To: "Jacoby, Kenny" <kjacoby@gatehousemedia.com>, "Peck, Ryan" <Ryan.Peck@unt.edu>, "Stepp, Jordan" <Jordan.Stepp@unt.edu>

Kenny,

Here is our statement that answers all of your written questions below:

We are unaware of any violations of university policies at previous institutions involving this student-athlete. He did not transfer to UNT directly from Purdue. He came to UNT from Independence Community College. The academic records and official transcripts from his previous institutions do not indicate any discipline or dismissal for disciplinary reasons. In addition, the NCAA transfer tracer form specifically indicated he was in good academic standing at Purdue and was not dismissed from the institution for disciplinary reasons.

Wren, Coach Littrell and Tim have respectfully declined to be interviewed for this story.

Thanks.

**Eric Capper** 

Sr. Associate Director of Athletics

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### GateHouse Media inquiry re: Tim Faison

Capper, Eric < Eric. Capper@unt.edu>

Wed, Nov 13, 2019 at 10:10 PM

To: "Jacoby, Kenny" <kjacoby@gatehousemedia.com>

Cc: "Peck, Ryan" <Ryan.Peck@unt.edu>, "Stepp, Jordan" <Jordan.Stepp@unt.edu>

Kenny,

Please see below in red our response to your questions.

Eric.

We are writing again to request comment from UNT. In addition to Faison, our investigation found Coach Littrell recruited Darius Turner after he was found responsible for sexual harassment at Arizona Western.

We will be highlighting these two cases in our story. As such, we are again requesting an interview with Coach Litrell and answers to the following questions:

- What steps did UNT take to check Turner's background?
- Was UNT aware of the past disciplinary action taken against Turner before admitting him to campus?
- If so: What factors were taken into consideration in admitting him to campus? What specific measures were taken to ensure student safety?
- Why was Turner released from the team?

We are unaware of any violations of university policies at a previous institution involving this student-athlete. He left the UNT football program in January of 2017 and is no longer part of the campus community.

UNT recruiting policies and procedures are developed to provide oversight in our recruiting process that reflect our commitment to compliance with NCAA and institutional rules. We review these policies annually and have made modifications over the past two years. We have attached some of the forms we use to collect information. With the creation of the NCAA portal, the questions that potential transfers answer have been standardized. It is important to note, some student records are protected under FERPA, the federal student record privacy law, and are not shared between institutions without written consent from the student. Absent any evidence of misconduct, those records normally would not be requested. Any time we receive information of misconduct, it is reviewed in coordination with campus resources.

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#### 4 attachments









# **Rocky Long**

CURRENT JOB: San Diego State University football head coach

- RECRUIT: TANNER BLAIN, ex-Kentucky kicker
  - 2014: Suspended two years for rape at Kentucky. 2015: Transferred to San Diego
     State after season at El Camino College. Played two seasons.

### (no subject)

**Mike May** <mmay@sdsu.edu>
To: kjacoby@gatehousemedia.com

Sat, Nov 23, 2019 at 1:46 AM

A statement from San Diego State head football coach Rocky Long in response to your request:

I take any allegation of wrongdoing regarding anyone affiliated with the San Diego State Football program seriously.

While recruiting individuals to join our University, we work diligently to obtain as much background information on the individual as possible. When I am aware of a prospective student-athletes prior conduct that does not align with our institutions mission and values, I consult with the appropriate members of our athletic and University administration to determine if we believe the student-athlete is a correct fit for our University environment.

Both during the recruitment process and while at the University, we hold the students in our program to a high standard.



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# Shawn Lutz

CURRENT JOB: Slippery Rock University football head coach

- RECRUIT: ERIC GLOVER-WILLIAMS, ex-Ohio State WR/DB
  - o -2016: Suspended from Ohio State for rape. 2018: Transferred to Slippery Rock.

### **GateHouse Media inquiry**

**Holtz, Jonathan F.** <jonathan.holtz@sru.edu>
To: "Jacoby, Kenny" <kjacoby@gatehousemedia.com>

Fri, Nov 22, 2019 at 3:00 PM

Kenny,

Thank you again for inviting Slippery Rock University to respond to your questions. As noted in my first email, the University was not aware of any issues of a sexual or violent nature regarding the student-athlete in question. Although we are unable to schedule an interview with Coach Lutz at this time, we are providing his direct response to your questions. Please feel free to attribute these responses to him. If you have further questions or I can provide any clarification, please let me know.

Jon

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My name is Shawn Lutz and I am the head football coach at Slippery Rock University. I declare that I have first-hand knowledge of the recruitment and transfer of Eric Glover-Williams from The Ohio State University to Slippery Rock University, and that the following responses represents my recollection of the manner of recruitment of Eric Glover-Williams.

#### STORY CONTEXT PRESENTED BY GATEHOUSE MEDIA:

It is GateHouse Media's understanding that Slippery Rock brought Eric Glover-Williams onto its football team after he was found responsible for rape at Ohio State.

QUESTION: Was Slippery Rock aware of Eric Glover-Williams's past disciplinary action at the time of his transfer?

NO. Slippery Rock University was not aware of any allegations that Eric Glover-Williams was found responsible for rape at Ohio State.

YES. SRU was aware that there was an issue that was dealt with internally by student conduct at OSU. SRU was also aware of a violation of team rules issue that was dealt with by the coaching staff at OSU.

"The first step in our process before accepting a transfer student-athlete is for our coaching staff to speak directly with the staff at the transfer university. Our coaching staff spoke directly with members of the OSU staff. No issues of sexual misconduct or violent misconduct were disclosed. We were informed by the OSU staff during our evaluation that there was an issue that was dealt with internally by the OSU Student Conduct Office. When we asked for more information, we were told the incident in question was not a legal issue and that Eric was never charged or held responsible for any wrongdoing. No additional information was provided. OSU staff also informed SRU that Eric was allowed to remain a student at OSU and a member of the OSU football team as the issue was resolved. It was our understanding that Eric would not have been afforded those privileges if he was charged with any form of serious misconduct and he played in every game in 2016 for OSU. Eric was presented by the coaches as a positive addition to our program."

QUESTION: If not, what steps did Slippery Rock take to check Eric Glover-Williams' background?

"Step One: Extensive conversations with staff at the transfer university. See above. Step Two: Our second step in the process is to conduct an extensive Internet and Social Media search for any information relating to the student-athlete. That search returned no information of any criminal activity or any sort of misconduct as it relates to Eric. To this day, an online search still reveals no information that would imply he was involved in any type of serious misconduct.

Step Three: Our third step is to meet with the student and their family. We met with Eric and his family to discuss his departure from Ohio State and his desire to join our football program.

After meeting with the family, hearing from the OSU staff that he was a 'good kid that would be a good addition to our program' and doing online research, we felt comfortable with Eric and recommended that he apply for admission."

QUESTION: What factors were taken into consideration in accepting him to campus?

"Step Four in the process is a review of the student application. There were no flags presented by OSU and no criminal activity reported. Eric was admitted to the University via transfer. No issues were discovered during his admission process that would prohibit Eric from being enrolled at SRU and nothing was discovered by our coaching staff or administration that would prohibit him from joining our football team."

QUESTION: What specific measures were taken to ensure student safety?

"All football student-athletes sign a code of conduct and go through a mandatory sexual assault training and awareness program. Eric has completed that each year he has been here and we have seen no issues with him as it relates to any University disciplinary conduct. Since he has been here, Eric has been a model student-athlete that has maintained above a 2.8 GPA and is on track to graduate this December."

# Doug Martin

CURRENT JOB: New Mexico State University football head coach

- RECRUIT: RAY BUFORD, ex-Minnesota DB
  - -2017: One of four players expelled from Minnesota for sexual assault. 2018:
     Transferred to New Mexico State after season at Independence C.C.

Martin said NMSU protocols intentionally excluded him from the decision-making process and that schools should be more open to providing second chances when appropriate. NMSU athletic director Mario Moccia said Buford was vetted carefully by him, campus administrators and the Office of Institutional Equity.

# Clarence McKinney

CURRENT JOB: Texas Southern University football head coach

- RECRUIT: DONNIE CORLEY, ex-Michigan State WR
  - -2017: One of three players dismissed for violating sexual misconduct policy at Michigan State. 2018: Accepted plea deal for "seduction," sentenced to sex offender treatment. 2019: Transferred to Texas Southern after season at Coahoma C.C.

Did not respond to requests for comment.

## **Buzz Peterson**

CURRENT JOB: Charlotte Hornets (NBA) assistant general manager

- RECRUIT: YEMI MAKANJUOLA, ex-Tennessee center
  - -2013: Suspended from Tennessee for sexual assault. 2013: Transferred to
    University of North Carolina Wilmington under Peterson, did not play in two
    seasons. 2015: Transferred to Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, played
    one season.

Did not respond to requests for comment.

## **Donald Pittman**

Former Benedict College football assistant coach

- RECRUIT: JUSTIN WRAY, ex-Appalachian State LB
  - -2012: One of three players suspended for sexual misconduct at Appalachian State. 2014: Transferred to Fort Valley State University under Pittman, played one season.

Pittman declined to comment.

# **Chuck Priore**

CURRENT JOB: Stony Brook University football head coach

- RECRUIT: JAHRIE LEVEL, ex-Idaho WR
  - -2013: Transferred to Stony Brook while under investigation for sexual assault at Idaho. Expelled from Idaho months later.

#### **GateHouse Media inquiry**

Brian Miller <bri>drian.j.miller@stonybrook.edu>

Wed, Dec 4, 2019 at 11:33 PM

To: "Jacoby, Kenny" <kjacoby@gatehousemedia.com>

Cc: Cameron.boon@stonybrook.edu, Lauren.Sheprow@stonybrook.edu, joan.behan-duncan@stonybrook.edu, joshua.heinrich@stonybrook.edu, kassidy.franz@stonybrook.edu

Kenny,

Here is a statement from stony Brook Athletics Department.

At Stony Brook, we speak with coaches and administrators at the former institution(s) of all transfer student athletes. In accordance with our process, these conversations occurred prior to Jahrie Level transferring to Stony Brook and no disciplinary history was reported.

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## Rod Reed

CURRENT JOB: Tennessee State University football head coach

- RECRUIT: LADARRIUS JACKSON, ex-South Florida DL
  - -2017: Expelled for rape. Arrested in two sexual battery/false imprisonment cases involving different women, both ongoing as of December 2019. 2018:
     Transferred to Tennessee State, played one season after year of residence.
- RECRUIT: TREON HARRIS, ex-Florida QB
  - -2016: Agreed to leave Florida amid sexual assault allegations involving two women. Not ultimately found responsible. 2017: Transferred to Tennessee State, played two seasons.

#### Re: GateHouse Media inquiry

Below is TSU's response to your request.

Freeman, Emmanuel <efreema1@tnstate.edu>
To: "kjacoby@gatehousemedia.com" <kjacoby@gatehousemedia.com>

Mr. Jacoby,

Fri, Oct 4, 2019 at 5:08 PM

Emmanuel Freeman

#### **STATEMENT**

Thanks,

Due to federal and state student privacy laws, Tennessee State University is prohibited from disclosing individual student educational record information to third parties. For this reason, the University cannot provide the information requested in your email. However, please know that TSU takes seriously any threat to the safety of the campus community. Students, including student athletes, transfer to TSU for a variety of reasons. A student's transfer to TSU does not necessarily mean that TSU recruited the student to attend TSU. In addition, the University is not always made aware of matters in which a student may have been involved at a previous institution. TSU does not conduct criminal background checks on its general student body; nor does it treat its student athletes differently with respect to background checks than its general student body.

Also, as a general matter, in instances when TSU receives or discovers information about a prospective student, the institution evaluates the risks associated with an individual's presence on campus. In all instances, the institution's paramount interest rests with ensuring the safety of its students and campus community. Additionally, if a currently enrolled student engages in criminal activity or other wrongdoing, the student is subject to the institution's disciplinary process, which may result in suspension or expulsion from the institution.

Tennessee State University

From: TSU Public Relations < communications@Tnstate.edu>

Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 9:33 AM

**To:** "Cross, John ' <jcross@Tnstate.edu>, "DelaHaya, Richard", "Holly, Joshua" <jholly1@Tnstate.edu>, "Freeman, Emmanuel" <efreema1@Tnstate.edu>

Subject: FW: GateHouse Media inquiry

# Kelvin Sampson

CURRENT JOB: University of Houston basketball head coach

- RECRUIT: DAMYEAN DOTSON, ex-Oregon guard
  - $\circ\quad$  -2014: One of three players suspended 4-10 years for sexual assault at Oregon.

2015: Transferred to Houston, played two seasons.

#### GateHouse Media inquiry

Pigg, Tyler E <tepigg@central.uh.edu>
To: "Jacoby, Kenny" <kjacoby@gatehousemedia.com>
Co: "Conrad, Jeff" <jaconrad@central.uh.edu>

Mon, Nov 11, 2019 at 1:36 PM

Kenny -

We will not be making Coach Sampson available for an interview, but we have provided a statement below in response to your questions.

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"During his time at the University of Houston, Damyean Dotson was a student-athlete in good standing with our men's basketball program."

"Prior to joining the Houston's men's basketball program in April 2015, University and Athletics Department leadership spoke with Damyean, his family and former coaches and felt confident in his ability to continue as a student-athlete in good standing at the University of Houston campus." – University of Houston Athletics Department

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#### Tyler Pigg | University of Houston

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## Mike Sanford Sr.

## Former Indiana State University football head coach

- RECRUIT: JORDAN GOLDENBERG, ex-Kansas long snapper
  - -2016: Found responsible for rape and sexual harassment in cases involving two women, "effectively expelled." 2016: Transferred to Indiana State, dismissed from team after news broke of the circumstances of his transfer.

#### Response to question

Mark Alesia < Mark. Alesia@indstate.edu>
To: "Jacoby, Kenny" < kjacoby@gatehousemedia.com>

Fri, Oct 4, 2019 at 10:34 AM

Kenny,

Here is Indiana State University's response to your question:

"Except for an assistant football coach, we know of nobody at Indiana State University who was aware of Jordan Goldenberg's student conduct background when he was admitted to the institution. The assistant football coach received a suspension. We are including the coach's suspension letter, which is a public document, in this reply.

"As indicated previously, after the athlete was dismissed from the football team more than three years ago, ISU began asking all applicants for admission whether they have been expelled or suspended from an institution of higher education. This also followed national trends in assessing prior misconduct. If an applicant has been expelled or suspended, a personal statement explaining why is required. The information is evaluated to make a determination about admission. Every coach in ISU's athletic department who recruits prospective student-athletes vets those students carefully."

See attachment for suspension letter.

Thanks.

--Mark

#### Mark Alesia

**Director of University Communication** 

Office of the President and Provost

Indiana State University

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## INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

## Intercollegiate Athletics

August 31, 2016

Dear Gary:

This letter shall serve as a written reprimand for your failure to provide contemporaneous information during our conversation on August 25, 2016 concerning Jordan Goldenberg. On August 18, 2016, you allowed a student manager to use your assigned parking permit contrary to university policy. Together, these two occurrences suggest a pattern of poor decision-making on your part. Consequently, you will be suspended with pay for two days — Friday, September 2, 2016 and Saturday, September 3, 2016 (including the game versus Butler University).

If your judgement does not improve, this office will be compelled to implement progressive disciplinary action that may lead to termination.

I hope this official reprimand serves as sufficient motivation for you to exercise the level of leadership and prudence that is expected of an Indiana State University staff member and a Division I coach.

Your signature below acknowledges that you had the opportunity to ask questions regarding this matter and that you received a copy of this letter of reprimand.

CC: Human Resources

Signed:

Sherard Clinkscales, Director of Athletics

Date

Gary Hyman, Employee Signature

Date

Below is the statement from Gary Hyman, who is now the special teams coordinator for University of Texas at San Antonio football. When I arrived at KU in 2015, Jordan Goldenberg was already enrolled there and a member of the football team. When he was subsequently suspended from the team, the coaching staff was informed of the suspension but we were not provided with any information or details as to why the action had been taken.

In 2016, after I accepted a position at Indiana State to further pursue my career, Goldenberg and his parents contacted me saying he was potentially transferring there. When I asked him why he was leaving Kansas, they told me he was was looking for a fresh state and an opportunity to continue playing football. They did not disclose the allegations against him or his expulsion from KU.

He was admitted to Indiana State through the university's regular application process and was then given walk-on status in football. I never pursued or recruited Goldenberg.

The day that the civil suit against KU became public was the first time I became aware of the magnitude of the allegations and that Goldenberg had been found responsible for sexual misconduct.

Following that disclosure, I met with the Indiana State Athletic Director and the head coach. They asked me why I had not previously mentioned there were issues with Goldenberg. I told them that I had been unaware of the severity of the allegations and that, as I had looked into the possibility of him joining the team -- including reaching out to assistant coaches who were still at Kansas – the matter had not come up. Nor was it flagged by Indiana State's admissions office. The university felt I should have been more aware of the student's background and, as a result, I received a two-day suspension.

I deeply regret that I was not more communicative with the limited information I had about Goldenberg. At no time, though, was there any deception or ill intent on my part.

This matter has been the toughest of learning experiences for me and I recognize that I have an obligation to go beyond basic information when considering a student to be a member of the team. I need to ask tough questions and demand the highest standards both from the student-athletes and from myself.

Since 2017, I have been hired by two other Athletics Departments that scrutinized, and ultimately felt comfortable with, my background. They recognized the contributions I could make to their teams, and to being a responsible leader – both on and off the field.

I hope past failings on my part will not reflect negatively on the deep commitment and demonstrated leadership of UTSA to confronting the issue of sexual misconduct in college sports and creating a zero-tolerance environment. It is something I strongly believe in as a coach, as a husband and as a father-to-be.

# **Craig Schurig**

CURRENT JOB: Washburn University football head coach

- RECRUIT: ANTHONY DANIELS, ex-Air Force WR
  - -2013: Convicted of attempted forcible sodomy and wrongful sexual contact, sentenced to sex offender registry and confinement. 2015: Transferred to Washburn, played two seasons.

#### **GateHouse Media inquiry**

Gene Cassell <gene.cassell@washburn.edu>

Wed, Nov 20, 2019 at 3:03 PM

To: "Jacoby, Kenny" <kjacoby@gatehousemedia.com>

Cc: Joy Smith <joy.smith@washburn.edu>, Patrick Early <patrick.early@washburn.edu>

Mr. Jacoby ... Washburn already been asked and have answered these questions (in the Topeka Capital Journal – a GateHouse paper) and we will have no further comment on the matter. I've included the link for your convenience.

https://www.cjonline.com/news/2015-09-25/washburn-university-football-player-anthony-daniels-jr-convicted-sex-crimes-air

Thank you.

Gene

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# **Terry Sims**

CURRENT JOB: Bethune-Cookman University football head coach

- RECRUIT: MARQUIS HENDRIX, ex-Boise State LB
  - -2016: Expelled from Boise State for sexual misconduct. 2017: Transferred to Bethune-Cookman after season at Coffeyville C.C.



#### BETHUNE-COOKMAN UNIVERSITY

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Lynn W. Thompson, Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics

#### ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

November 11, 2019
Kenny Jacoby
National Public Safety Data Reporter | GateHouse Media
- cell
- office

Mr. Jacoby:

Thank you so much for your media inquiry dated November 7, 2019. It has been referred to my office from our Office of Athletics Communications and in accordance with your requested timeline Bethune-Cookman University's response is as follows:

The University does not disclose any information about its students other than directory information. Directory information is defined by federal law under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA") as including participation in officially recognized activities and sports. Therefore, the University can confirm that Marquis Hendrix is a member of B-CU's football team.

The additional information requested is non-directory information and is not disclosable due to FERPA. It is incumbent upon the University to treat all inquiries equally and due to federal privacy laws the University is unable to make an exception. Absent policy-based or legal requirement we maintain the privacy of members of the University community.

Sincerely,

Lynn W. Thompson

Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics





# Mitch Stewart

CURRENT JOB: Murray State University football head coach

- RECRUIT: DIOR JOHNSON, ex-Minnesota DB
  - -2017: One of four players expelled from Minnesota for sexual assault. 2018:
     Transferred to Murray State after season at Independence C.C.

#### **GateHouse Media inquiry**

**David Winder** <dwinder@murraystate.edu>
To: "Jacoby, Kenny" <kjacoby@gatehousemedia.com>
Cc: pgriffith2@murraystate.edu

Thu, Nov 7, 2019 at 4:38 PM

Kenny,

Request for information involves student information protected under FERPA. Murray State University has no further comment.

Dave Winder Murray State Athletics Assoc. AD - Media Relations Cell 270-293-0566

> On Nov 7, 2019, at 10:12 AM, Jacoby, Kenny <kjacoby@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

# Charlie Strong

Former University of South Florida football head coach

- RECRUIT: TYRIK JONES, ex-Arizona Western DE
  - -2018: Found responsible by Arizona Western for sexual misconduct after female student said he fondled her. 2019: Transferred to South Florida.

#### Media credential request for #SetTheExpectation game

**Siegrist, Brian** <siegrist@usf.edu>
To: "Jacoby, Kenny" <kjacoby@gatehousemedia.com>

Fri, Nov 22, 2019 at 11:52 AM

Kenny,

Thank you for the update.

Under federal law, the University is unable to disclose information about an ongoing conduct review of any particular student. We can share that Tyrik's enrollment status with the University and our team has not changed. He remains eligible to participate.

In regards to the helmet ribbon decal you referenced, I don't know whether it is true that Tyrik's helmet for our game on September 28 did not bear the decal. However, I can tell you it would not have been intentionally absent from his helmet. In discussing with our equipment staff, they indicated Tyrik has had some issues with helmet fitting throughout the season and it is possible that prior to the game they put him in a different back-up helmet that may not have had a ribbon decal. They couldn't recall specifically, but indicated standard procedure would be to put a decal on every player's helmet, but not necessarily on all back-up helmets.

#### **Coach Charlie Strong Statement:**

"Treating women with respect has long been one of the five main rules any student-athlete that is part of my program must follow. My staff and I take very seriously the role of mentoring, developing and educating young men to be good, respectful and productive members of our community. Neither I, my staff or our office of compliance was aware of any past issues involving Tyrik Jones when we signed him in 2018, and no information provided by Arizona Western University or its coaching staff indicated an issue. Upon being made aware of a past issue, we followed standard processes in referring the information to the proper university office for a full review. That review is ongoing."

### **Brian Siegrist**

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## Mel Tucker

CURRENT JOB: University of Colorado Boulder football head coach

- RECRUIT: JASHUA ALLEN, ex-Arizona Western LB
  - -2018: Suspended two months for sexual misconduct at Arizona Western after athletic trainer said he inappropriately touched her. Accepted deferred prosecution agreement for criminal assault and disorderly conduct. 2019: Transferred to Colorado.

#### **CU** statement on Jash Allen

Ryan Huff <ryan.huff@colorado.edu>

Fri, Nov 22, 2019 at 11:28 AM

To: "kjacoby@gatehousemedia.com" <kjacoby@gatehousemedia.com>

Hi Kenny,

Here it is. When do you think this will publish? Thanks.

Statement from Ryan Huff, CU Boulder chief spokesperson

"We have procedures to review and evaluate applicants who disclose prior misconduct allegations or convictions. Jash Allen is currently a student in good standing and a member of the CU Boulder football team. FERPA does not allow us to comment on a specific student's educational records. We can say that any time we become aware of prior misconduct at another institution, we evaluate the case to determine if we feel a student would pose a safety threat to our campus."

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#### **Ryan Huff**

Senior Director of Communications & Chief Spokesperson Strategic Media Relations University of Colorado Boulder 303.492.1042 ryan.huff@colorado.edu http://www.colorado.edu/news

General media inquiries:cunews@colorado.edu or 303-735-0122

## **Matt Viator**

CURRENT JOB: University of Louisiana at Monroe football head coach

- RECRUIT: DAVID HAMM, ex-Texas at El Paso RB
  - -2015: Suspended from Texas at El Paso for sexual assault. 2015: Transferred to McNeese State under Viator. 2017: Returned to McNeese State under Lance Guidry after found not guilty at trial, played two seasons.

Did not respond to requests for comment.

## Hannah Weiss

CURRENT JOB: Capital University track/cross country head coach

- RECRUIT: CALVIN LORTIE, ex-Ohio State student
  - -2016: Dismissed for rape and non-consensual sexual contact at Ohio State.
     2016: Joined team at Capital, ran two seasons.

#### **GateHouse Media inquiry**

**Gasser**, **Ryan** <rgasser@capital.edu>
To: "Jacoby, Kenny" <kjacoby@gatehousemedia.com>

Fri, Nov 22, 2019 at 4:15 PM

Good afternoon Kenny,

We at Capital have carefully considered your request from earlier this week. We are denying the request to speak with Coach Weiss. Instead, we are offering the following statement to represent the stance of both Capital University and Coach Weiss. Please feel free to use our statement as written and in its entirety. (please note that our response has been updated and is more detailed than our previously issued statement from your request a few weeks ago)

"Capital University's admission application asks of all prospective students whether they have been convicted or pleaded guilty to a felony, been suspended or expelled from any high school or college, or been found responsible for any academic or other misconduct at any high school or college. At the time Calvin Lortie applied and subsequently was accepted to Capital as a transfer student, he responded "no" to all of these questions. It is our understanding that those were truthful responses at the time of his application, and transcripts on file from his previous institution give no indication of suspension, dismissal, or behavioral issues. While Mr. Lortie was not recruited to Capital as a student-athlete, he joined Capital's track and field team as a walk-on, competed and graduated from Capital in 2017 without any incidents of academic or student misconduct during his time here."

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Do you have an idea of what the launch date for this upcoming piece will be?

Best.

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