

from Lacey P.D.

Officer's Report  
Lieutenant Ed Sorger

CASE NUMBER: 91-2608

OFFENSE: Sexual Misconduct With a Minor, 1st Degree  
9A.44.093

VICTIM:

[REDACTED]  
(student at Timberline High School)

WITNESSES:

1. [REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED]

SUSPECT:

FORD, Greg A. b-23-56  
8822 Quinault Dr. N.E., Olympia  
438-9780 → *wrong no.*  
(teacher at Timberline High School)Synopsis

On April 22, 1991, at approximately 5:00 p.m., [REDACTED] came to the Lacey Police Department and gave me a statement. She indicated that [REDACTED] had been having sexual relationships with a teacher at Timberline High School by the name of Greg Ford. [REDACTED] indicated that she had learned this information from [REDACTED] closest friend. [REDACTED] indicated the approximate amount of times that this had occurred and the locations. [REDACTED] indicated that when she approached her [REDACTED] about this information, that [REDACTED] indicated she had relationships, specifically intercourse, with Mr. Ford. She also stated the locations and times to support that.

Upon receiving this information, I contacted [REDACTED] by phone and asked her to come to the police department to talk to me. She indicated she would. On April 26, 1991, at approximately 10:30 a.m. I went to [REDACTED] residence and transported her to the police department. I found her to be very hesitant in discussing the situation with me. She appeared somewhat unsure of herself, whether or not she wanted to pursue the matter. I

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explained the concerns the police department had in reference to this sort of conduct by a teacher. She said she would talk to me about it, but did not want to pursue or testify at a hearing board or any court proceedings that may come up. Throughout this short interview she indicated some times in February of this year when these incidents had occurred and the locations. The locations were Union Mills Road, Tanglewilde East, and the John Luer boat launch area. She did indicate to me that she had sexual intercourse with Mr. Ford during these contacts. Upon finishing the interview, [REDACTED] again indicated that she did not want to cooperate to pursue formal charges or give a formal statement.

I was then advised by [REDACTED] mother, [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] had been having second thoughts about cooperating with the police. I then called [REDACTED] who indicated she would be willing to give a formal statement. With that information, myself and Detective Loreli Thompson responded to Timberline High School on May 6, 1991, and first interviewed [REDACTED]. She cooperated and gave a taped statement in reference to her contacts with Mr. Ford.

During this statement she advised that Mr. Ford had come to her residence four different times. Three of these four times she had sexual intercourse with Mr. Ford. The incidents occurred in some brushy area off of Tanglewilde East, off Union Mills Road, and at the end of Meridian Road at a boat launch. She indicated that one time was in the back of Mr. Ford's pickup truck, and two times were in the cab of his truck. She stated that there was a canopy on the back, with wrestling mats in the bed of the truck.

[REDACTED] further indicated that she had psychology classes with Mr. Ford during this time. Their relationship began when [REDACTED] and Mr. Ford discussed her problems with her boyfriend, [REDACTED]. The relationship then progressed to sexual relations.

We then talked with [REDACTED] and received a taped statement from her, basically corroborating what [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had explained in their statements. [REDACTED] had told [REDACTED] that she had sexual relationships with Mr. Ford, and that it occurred during the time indicated earlier. Apparently [REDACTED] had discussed this to some extent with [REDACTED].

I contacted Mr. Ford during the week of May 6th, to get him to come to the police department for a statement. He indicated that he would be in to see me. I advised him to call back when he would be able to arrange an appointment. I allowed that week to go by. The following week I again called Mr. Ford at his residence and advised him again that I needed him to come in and give a statement in reference to these allegations that were made. He indicated that he was busy contacting representatives of his union and that he would not be able to come in the week of May 13th, however he would be able to come in the following week, and again said he would call me. I received no call by May 20th, and I was unable to reach him on that day. On May 21st, he was contacted and advised to come

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in so I could take a statement from him. He apparently contacted his attorney and his attorney called me indicating that Mr. Ford would not be able to give a statement. I advised his attorney that I would still like Mr. Ford to come in and that I had planned on arresting him for the charge of Sexual Misconduct With a Minor in the First Degree. His attorney said he would tell him to come in. Mr. Ford came to the Lacey Police Department after 1:30 p.m. on the 21st of May. I advised Mr. Ford of his rights and warnings. He indicated he would not give a statement. I then advised him he was under arrest and that he would be transported to the Thurston County Jail. He was then allowed to call his attorney. His attorney was also advised that Mr. Ford would be at the Thurston County Jail and would appear for bail the following day.

I observed that Mr. Ford had driven in his Ranger pickup. I directed Detective Thompson to take pictures of the pickup and the wrestling mat in the back. We also noted that there was a sliding rear cab window in his pickup truck, as well as a sliding rear canopy window, which basically corroborates what [REDACTED] had told us earlier in her statement. [REDACTED] was also asked if she could recall the interior of the pickup. She indicated that the radio did not work, although he had tapes in the front of his vehicle. She was asked how she knew it did not work. She indicated that Mr. Ford had told her.

Greg Ford was then transported to Thurston County Jail and booked for the above charge. Conditions of release and the safe to be at-large evaluation were requested by Detective Thompson.

This agency requests you review all statements attached and charge the suspect with Criminal Misconduct With a Minor in the First Degree, a Class C Felony.

DATE OF REPORT: May 22, 1991

Lieutenant Ed Sorger  
Lacey Police Department

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Follow-up Report  
Lieutenant Ed Sorger

Today's date is April 26, 1991. This report will be in reference to an interview with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is a senior at Timberline High School.

I went to [REDACTED]'s residence and brought her to the Lacey Police Department at approximately 10:30 a.m. today to discuss an incident reported to me by [REDACTED], in reference to a teacher named Greg Ford at Timberline High School.

I found [REDACTED] very hesitant about discussing the situation with me. She appeared unsure if she wanted to talk about the incident, even though she told me earlier over the phone that she would. I explained the concerns the police department and the school had with Mr. Ford if he was involved in some sexual activity with her. She finally discussed the situation with me, indicating that she had sexual contact with Mr. Ford on four occasions.

She indicated the first time he picked her up at her residence and they drove to the area of Tanglewilde east to a side road where he parked. She stated that he had wrestling mats in the back of his pickup truck, where the sexual contact took place. The second time was in the area of Union Mills Road on a side street, again in the back of his pickup truck on the wrestling mats. [REDACTED] could not remember where the third incident took place. The fourth incident took place on Marvin Road in the area of the John Luer boat launch. She indicated that this was during day-light hours. The other incidents occurred after dark. [REDACTED] indicated that Greg Ford picked her up at her residence and they left from there.

She further indicated that these incidents took place around the month of February 1991. She indicated to me that she was very hesitant in making a formal statement in reference to these incidents because Mr. Ford's wife was pregnant with their second child. She further indicated she was also hesitant because she felt Mr. Ford was an excellent wrestling coach and could give a lot to kids in that area. She also had additional concerns about testifying in court or at any hearing board that may come up to do school disciplinary procedures.

I also asked her about a friend of hers that she had told this to initially, which actually brought this situation out in the open. She corroborated what [REDACTED] had said in her statement. The friend was [REDACTED] told me today that [REDACTED] kept bugging her about what was going on between [REDACTED] and Greg Ford. [REDACTED] finally told [REDACTED] that it was true. From that point on, [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] what [REDACTED] had said, which brought about the information that I have here at the police department, which initiated this investigation.

At this particular time I am not initiating any formal complaint action due to the hesitancy of the victim in cooperating with this agency. I found [REDACTED] to be very quiet and not talkative about the incident. I doubt that she would make a good witness if she is forced to testify in reference to Greg Ford.