



GAINESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE



Wednesday, March 13, 2024
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

News Release

Assistant Principal Arrested for Child Neglect

GAINESVILLE, FLA – Gainesville Police Department releases information about the arrest of the Assistant Principal of St. Patrick Interparish School.

On Wednesday, March 13th, 2024, The Gainesville Police Department arrested Ryan M. Clemens, 41, on charges of Child Neglect and Tampering with Evidence.

Investigation revealed that Clemens had received a report of inappropriate behavior by the School's P.E. teacher toward a female student. Clemens held a closed-door meeting between himself, the victim, and her abuser. Investigation revealed Clemens sided with the alleged abuser was telling the truth and disregarded the victims report. Clemens considered the investigation complete and took no further action. Clemens, days later, reported the incident to DCF with false information, minimizing the incident.

Several days after the initial report, a teacher and a group of students, separately reported similar incidents regarding the P.E. teacher's inappropriate behavior. Clemens failed to take action to protect students from the P.E. teacher including not submitting any additional reports to DCF or to law enforcement.

Detectives believe that there may be more victims that have not been identified. If you have any information regarding this incident or have knowledge of any victims, please contact Sgt. Pandak at [\(352\) 393-7734](tel:3523937734).

###

Contact:

GDPPIO
352.393.7525
GDPPIO@cityofgainesville.org

Gainesville Police Department PO Box 1250, Gainesville, FL 32627

www.facebook.com/GainesvillePolice :: [@GainesvillePD](https://twitter.com/GainesvillePD)
www.gainesvillepd.org