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Westside Gymnastic Update

On Tuesday, October 23, The Los Banos Police Department was contacted by the parents of a 14 year old female after they had learned that their daughter was involved in an intimate relationship with one of her gymnastic coaches.

On October 24, Mr. White was arrested and interviewed by Los Banos Police Detectives. He was subsequently charged with several felony counts all related to sexual contact with a minor. He was released on \$600,000 bond on October 31. His next court date has not been confirmed.

As a result of the media coverage of this case a parent living in Los Banos spoke to their 7 year old child about inappropriate relationships with others. The child revealed they had been sexually assaulted by a 17 year old relative.

Both cases are still under investigation.

“These cases underline the importance of maintaining an open relationship with your children and we stress the significance a parent’s interaction has on their child’s development. We want parents to ask difficult questions of their children and we encourage parents to explain and reinforce what is and isn’t appropriate social behavior.”

- Commander Gary Brizzee

Anyone with information regarding either the Westside Gymnastics case or the 7 year old assault is strongly encouraged to contact Sgt. Chet Stygar at 827 7070 X 134.