
Accusations against Marvin Martin

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Hi Catherine -

It's [REDACTED] I hope you're having a great summer.

I'm writing because I read the Trib article regarding David Stroud's allegations against Marvin Martin and I have a friend who can corroborate what happened but would like - at least initially - to remain anonymous, but, wanted to see if you'd be interested in talking to him.

As a bit of background, I was in Mr. Martin's class in [REDACTED] at South. On a trip with students to New York City (possibly during Christmas break) Mr. Martin molested four of my classmates. I was not on the trip, nor did Mr. Martin ever molest me personally. That said, he did molest one of my closest friends and three other kids that I knew. It was common knowledge in Glencoe and nobody really did anything about it for very much the same reasons that priests and other people in authority seemed to get away things like this at that time. I'm not sure that anything formal took place, but it was well known - and parents knew as well. If you contacted every member of Mr. Martin's class in the year he was my teacher, I promise you that everyone would remember the allegations and the names of the kids involved, and that many would recall being told first hand about what happened by his victims.

Someone had circulated David Stroud's Facebook post about all of this a week or two ago, and I have to say that his description of what happened (which is obviously more specific and vivid than what appeared in the paper) was almost identical to what my friends described to me almost 40 years ago.

I went on a trip with Mr. Martin the following summer during which he did not molest anybody that I am aware of. However (and I know this is immaterial) his behavior in the classroom and on that trip was wildly inappropriate, emotional and explosive in a very specific way that - as an adult (and even as a kid) - is hard to describe but very much fits the classic profile of someone who was a pedophile. Even based on the independent observation of a child at that time - something was very wrong and whatever it was was completely in keeping with the allegations against him. And honestly, if you contacted every member of Mr. Martin's class in the year he was my teacher, I promise you that everyone would remember the allegations and that the many would recall being told first hand about what happened by his victims.

I have known my friend and the other people involved since I was four years old. We all went to school together from k-6 at South, so I knew them all very well, particularly since Glencoe was an even smaller place back then. All of them were very clear in the weeks following that trip that he had molested them in very much the same way described by David Stroud. Additionally, my friend, is someone I know as well as anyone else in the world aside from [REDACTED] and my family. He has a family and owns a business and has done well, but he would

be the first to tell you that what happened to him has never been far from his mind and has had a significant impact on his life for the past 39 years.

I have spoken to him several times in the last week about this situation. He very much wants Mr. Martin brought to justice and is willing to discuss his experience (I can't speak for the other three, because I haven't seen them in years), but, at least initially, wants to know if he would be able to discuss this with the relevant authorities anonymously. Please let me know if it would be possible for him to tell his story without his name going public and who I should have him contact. He lives in [REDACTED] and would be available to come in to speak about it in person.

Sorry to have to send an email about such an unpleasant topic. Let me know how to proceed and I will provide him with the information.

Let me know what you think and I will put him in touch with you or whomever else is responsible for investigating this matter.

Best

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