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Hankinson teacher charged with exchanging explicit photos with student

BY JOHN ANDERSON
Reporter

A high school science teacher at Hankinson who resigned in March is facing charges for exchanging explicit sexual performance photos with a student under the age of 18.

Zachary B. Nelson, 31, was charged with a felony count of luring minors by computer or other electronic means and felony possession of certain materials prohibited.

The charges were filed in Richland County Court by Richland County State's Attorney Megan E. Kummer on Wednesday.

There were 14 witnesses on the court documents obtained by the News Monitor including the victim, whose name was withheld by the courts.

On March 21, Hankinson Public School Superintendent Chad Benson said in a release, high school science teacher Zach Nelson resigned that afternoon. His resignation was accepted by the Hankinson School Board of Education during a special meeting on Monday, March 24.

The News Monitor reached out to Benson for comment in March and did not receive a reply.

The court filing goes into graphic details of the photos. To be charged with luring minors, the law says, "the defendant impertuned, invited or induced a person the defendant believed to be the minor to engage in a sexual performance, obscene sexual per-



ZACHARY B. NELSON

formance, or sexual conduct for the defendant's benefit, satisfaction, lust, passions or sexual desires and the defendant reasonably believes the minor was (under the age of 18)."

The court papers then described the photos. The newspaper is not publishing that information.

The court filing said the actions took place in Richland County and the charge carries a minimum of one year in prison, five years probation and registering as a sex offender.

Benson said in a Facebook post on the Hankinson Public School District page in March, "There is an active law enforcement investigation into messages exchanged between Mr. Nelson and a student. To avoid harming that investigation, I am unable to share any further information, evidence, or details that are not yet publicly available. The school will be cooperative with law enforcement to the greatest extent possible."

In his statement to the "HPS Families and Community," Benson said, "Mr. Nelson chose to resign from his position with the school district."

Semi overturns in crash at Richland County Roads 8 and 81

BY SHOBA DASARI
Reporter

A semi hauling corn overturned on Thursday morning after failing to stop at an intersection, leading to a crash that temporarily closed a stretch of roadway in Richland County.

The incident occurred at the intersection of County Road 8 and 81 when the semi failed to stop at a posted stop sign and struck a trailer that a pickup had in tow.

The impact caused the semi to overturn, spilling its load of corn and knocking the trailer into the east and westbound lanes of County Road 8.

According to the North Dakota Highway

Patrol, the occupants of the pickup were not injured. The driver of the semi suffered a laceration to the head.

The roadway was partially closed for several hours as crews worked to clear the

corn and debris from the scene. The closure remained in place until around 1 p.m.

The crash remains under investigation and no citations have been issued at this time.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
Mortgagor: Jenna M. Blanchard and Zachery Blanchard, spouses married to each other
Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Bremer Bank, National Association, its successors and assigns
Dated: May 19, 2016
Recorded: June 3, 2016
Wilkin County Recorder Document No. 206337
Assigned To: Freedom Mortgage Corporation
Dated: February 4, 2025
Recorded: February 5, 2025
Wilkin County Recorder Document No. 219972
Transaction Agent: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 1000739-000003078-4
Lender or Broker: Bremer Bank, National Association
Residential Mortgage Servicer: Freedom Mortgage Corporation
Mortgage Originator: Bremer Bank, National Association
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 6 in Block 404 of the City of Breckenridge, Wilkin County, Minnesota
This is Abstract Property.
TAX PARCEL NO.: 23-050-4035
ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 224 10th St N Breckenridge, MN 56520
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Wilkin
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$62,840.00
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$60,559.97
That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part;
PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: July 23, 2025, 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, 515 Dacotah Ave, Breckenridge, MN to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within 6 Months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.
DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: The date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under Minnesota Statutes section 580.23 is January 23, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.
MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: NONE
THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.
Dated: May 14, 2025
Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Assignee of Mortgage
By: HALLIDAY, WATKINS & MANN, P.C.
Attorneys for: Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Assignee of Mortgage
1333 Northland Drive, Suite 205 Mendota Heights, MN 55120
801-355-2886
651-228-1753 (fax)
THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
MN24274.
Date: May 24, 31, June 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025
WDN001151

PUBLIC NOTICE

RICHLAND-WILKIN JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY (RWJPA)
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Eight-Plex Housing Unit Project
211 1st Avenue NW
Hankinson, North Dakota

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Richland-Wilkin Joint Powers Authority until 10:00 am on June 17, 2025, at the RWJPA Office with address 1505 11th Street North, Wahpeton, ND 58075, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud, for multiple bid packages for the furnishing of all labor and material for the sitework and construction of a new Eight-Plex Housing Unit Project.

Bids shall be on the form provided for that purpose and according to the Bidding Requirements prepared by Dovetail Development, LLC dated May 23, 2025.

Bid Documents: Electronic PDF Plans and specs are available by contacting the office of the Construction Manager: Dovetail Development, LLC, E-mail: admin@dovetail-dvpt.com Phone: 701-866-3506. Questions regarding the project may be emailed to Elissa Novoty at elissa@dovetail-dvpt.com.

Schedule: All work included in the contract must begin no later than July 2025.

All Bidders are required to include applicable State and Local taxes in their bid. Each sealed bid shall be accompanied by a separate envelope containing the contractor's license and bid security. Bid security shall be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or a bidder's bond in a sum equal to 5% of the full amount of the bid made payable to RICHLAND-WILKIN JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY (RWJPA). Each Bidder shall be prepared upon bid acceptance and contract award, within ten days after notice of award, to effect and execute a contract in accordance with the terms of these specifications. If a successful bidder does not execute a contract within the ten days allowed, the bidder's bond must be forfeited to the governing body and the project awarded to the next lowest responsible bidder. No bid will be read or considered which does not acknowledge project addendums or fully comply with the above referenced provisions, and any deficient bid submitted will be resealed and returned to the bidder. Bids may not be withdrawn or modified within thirty (30) days after the closing time and date.

Bid proposals shall be mailed or dropped off to Richland-Wilkin Joint Powers Authority at 1505 11th Street North, Wahpeton, ND 58075. The proposal shall be securely sealed and endorsed upon the outside wrapper, "BID FOR 2025 Hankinson Eight-Plex", and shall be received by 10:00 am on June 17, 2025.

The Construction Manager and Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive irregularities and informalities therein and to award the Contract in the best interests of RWJPA.
Date: May 24, 31, June 7, 2025
WDN001155

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice to Creditors Math Harles IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RICHLAND COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA In the Matter of the Estate of Math C. Harles, Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication or mailing of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Steven Hermes Personal Representative of the estate, at Krasin Law Office, 120 South First Street, Wahpeton, ND 58075, or filed with the Court.
Dated this 11th day of April, 2025.
/s/ Steven Hermes, Personal Representative
/s/ Don R. Krasin
Attorney for Personal Representative
120 South First Street
Wahpeton, ND 58075
701-642-4747
North Dakota License No. 03276
Email: don@donlaw.us
Date: May 24, 31, June 7, 2025
WDN001152

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