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Ex Teacher Charged in Sex With Student's Case

Birmingham, Alabama - On May 02, 2008, a parent filed a complaint with the Sheriff's Office stating that his son was sexually abused by one of the school's teachers. The investigation of this case revealed that a 34 year old middle school special education teacher, Julie Pritchett, has had sexual relationships with as many as 8 male students whom attend Clay-Chalkville High School with their ages ranging from 15 years old to 19 years old.

Julie Pritchett was a teacher at the Clay-Chalkville Middle School. Due to her involvement in after school activities (Diamond Dolls), she was in a position to come into contact with some of her former students who were now involved in the high school sports program. While serving as the head of the Diamond Dolls, Julie Pritchett started a sexual relationship with a 15 year old former student that led to sexual acts with his friends. Julie Pritchett initiated these acts and used several methods of approaching these boys. Some of these sexual acts took place on the school's campus and other sexual acts took place at the homes of the victims.

Phone records were subpoenaed and support the statements of the victims and witnesses. When the news media reported that a teacher was under investigation, Julie Pritchett changed her phone number, shut down her my-space account, and resigned from her teaching position where she was a tenure teacher.

Sheriff's detectives obtained warrants against Julie Pritchett for two counts of sodomy 2nd degree and one count of sexual abuse 2nd degree for the sexual offenses conducted against two boys under the age of 16. There may be additional victims that we are unaware of and subsequently additional charges.

Pritchett surrendered on these charges last night and was released on bonds totaling \$66,000 dollars.

"It is hard to believe someone placed in such a position of trust would violate it so blatantly as is the case here. She is going to pay a dear price for some terribly poor decisions, and she should" stated Sheriff Mike Hale.

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