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DECLINATION OF FINDINGS

April 30, 2012

TO: J. Lake

OF: Granite School District Police Department

FROM: Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office
111 East Broadway, Suite 400
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

RE: Proposed Information to be filed against JOSHUA J. LYMAN
Agency Case No. 12-000926
DAO No. 12008466

The Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office has concluded their review of the investigation of Joshua J. Lyman, a teacher at Cottonwood Heights High School, regarding allegations of unlawful contact with a student at Cottonwood Heights High School. Based upon the information presented in the investigation, the District Attorney's Office has declined the filing of any criminal charges against Joshua J. Lyman.

The information presented in the investigation provided evidence of contact between the student and Lyman. Any inconsistencies in the evidence are reasonably explained from the totality of the information presented. However, the evidence did not support the conclusion that a crime was committed by Lyman against the student. To file criminal charges, the evidence must be sufficient to support all the elements of the charges considered. In this case, the evidence did not support all of the elements of the charges that could apply.

The decision of the District Attorney's Office is separate from any considerations or actions the Granite School District may consider in this matter. The legal issues are completely different and no consideration was given to the issues or actions the Granite School District may consider.

Thank you,

Sim Gill, District Attorney