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Former McLouth teacher charged in second child sex case

MCLOUTH, Kan. (AP) — A former northeast Kansas high school science teacher has been charged in a second child sex crime case.

The Lawrence Journal-World reports that after the initial case was filed in May, Anthony Kuckelman was charged in a second case involving a different student with electronic solicitation of a minor, attempted unlawful sexual relations and promoting obscenity to minors.

The student from the first case also has filed a civil case that was moved this week from state to federal court. The suit alleges that Kuckelman began sexually assaulting her when she was in his science class at McLouth High School.

The lawsuit said that McLouth school district officials failed to protect the girl and “had actual or constructive knowledge of Kuckelman’s sexual harassment and assault of other female students.” The complaint also alleges that staff members and students “actively joked” about a relationship between the teacher and the girl.

McLouth Superintendent Steve Lilly said previously that Kuckelman was suspended after the district learned in May that he was being investigated. Lilly didn't respond to an email from the Journal-World seeking comment about the new case.

Kuckelman's attorney, Carl Cornwell, also didn't immediately respond to an email from the Journal-World seeking comment.

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