



SEATTLE ACADEMY

Former Science Teacher Released with Restrictions, Under Surveillance

The following statement was issued by Seattle Academy leadership on Nov. 28, 2017:

SEATTLE – Nov. 28, 2017 – Former Seattle Academy teacher, Gabe Cronin will be released from custody and into U.S. pretrial officer supervision by U.S. District Court. The Magistrate Judge Brian Tsuchida released Mr. Cronin with conditions that include mandated electronic surveillance and tracking devices, prohibition of contact with the school, students, and minors under 18, prohibition of internet device use and restrictions on his travel. It is expected that a grand jury will consider Mr. Cronin’s case in the coming weeks.

Mr. Cronin was arrested November 21, and was transferred to federal custody the next day. He has been charged with possession of child pornography. Seattle Academy terminated his employment immediately upon being informed of his arrest.

“We want parents and students to feel that Seattle Academy is a safe place,” said Head of School Joe Puggelli. “The safety and well-being of our students is our number-one priority.”

Rob Phillips, Associate Head of School, added, “SAAS is a resilient and caring community. We are focusing on our students as they begin a new trimester, and will continue to cooperate with law enforcement as the investigation progresses.”

Mr. Cronin had taught at Seattle Academy for more than ten years, and has not, to the school’s knowledge, been previously investigated for unlawful activity or inappropriate behavior. In addition to his role as a high school chemistry teacher, Mr. Cronin had been faculty leader of the Academy’s robotics program.

Individuals seeking support may contact the Sexual Assault and Traumatic Stress Center at Harborview. Please call 206-744-1600 or go to <http://www.uwmedicine.org/locations/sexual-assault-and-traumatic-stress-center-harborview> in order to access their expertise. The center provides advocacy and crisis intervention, evaluation and counseling pertaining to sexual assault and other traumatic events.

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