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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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**FROM:** Bryan Litsey, Chief of Police

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**RE:** SLMPD Case File #13010782 - Third Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct  
Defendant Ryan Paul Chmielewski, DOB 09/21/1983 (Age 30)

On December 22, 2013, the father of the victim contacted the South Lake Minnetonka Police Department (SLMPD) after discovering that his 15-year old daughter had been chatting online with a 30-year-old male. The father had also learned that on several occasions this older male had surreptitiously been at their Shorewood home late at night and engaged in sexual relations with his daughter.

The SLMPD initiated an investigation and was able to establish the identity of this male as the defendant herein, Ryan Chmielewski. A police sting operation resulted in his being arrested near the victim's family home in Shorewood on January 7, 2014. Search warrants were subsequently executed at his residence in St. Bonifacius and nearby Crown College, where he worked in the athletic department. He was booked in the Hennepin County Jail and formally charged on January 9, 2014 with Criminal Sexual Conduct in the Third Degree with bail set at 100,000 dollars. See attached copy of criminal complaint.

At this point in the investigation, there appears to be no connection between this incident and Defendant Ryan Chmielewski's coaching responsibilities at Crown College.

I would like to acknowledge the outstanding work that has gone into this continuing investigation by Christina Olson, who is the lead investigator in this case, and Lieutenant Steve Neururer, who oversees the SLMPD Investigative Unit.