



# Auburn Police Department

## Police Report for Incident 16-00866

12/10/19 12:19:12 655

**Crime:** PSC SUSPICIOUS PERSON/CIRCUMSTANCE  
**Location:** 5-370

**Address:** 501 ORAVETZ RD SE  
Auburn WA 98002

**Received By:** D Faini  
**Responding Officers:** D Faini, F Nix

**How Received:** D Assigned Detail

**Agency:** APD

**Responsible Officer:** J Frith

**Disposition:** CLOSED 01/26/16

**When Reported:** 15:47:30 01/19/16

**Occurred Between:** \*\*.\*\*.\*\* \*\*/\*\*\*\* and \*\*.\*\*.\*\* \*\*/\*\*\*\*

### Crimes

**Additional Offense:** Suspicious Person/Circumstance

### Circumstances

LTN49 School/College

**Clearance:**

**Judicial Status:**

**Misc Entry:** KD

### Modus Operandi:

**Description :**

**Method :**

### Involvements

**Date**

**Type**

**Description**

**Relationship**

01/26/16

Name

Juvenile Victim

Reporting Person

01/20/16

Name

OTHER

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**Involved Persons (Address on 15:47:30 01/19/16) :**

**OTHER :**

<b>Last:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>First:</b> [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Info	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] SSN
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Juvenile Victim

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## Narrative

Det Douglas Faini Tue Jan 26 13:32:39 PST 2016% kd/jf

On 1/19/16 I was detailed on a referral from Des Moines Police regarding an allegation that a teacher at Auburn Riverside High School may be involved sexually with some of his female students.

The report, written by DMPD Officer R Gallagher, stated that [Juvenile Victim], a [Juv] year old student at Mt. Rainier High School, believed he had communicated with the teacher during a chat room session on "Whisper", an Internet social website.

[Juvenile] told Ofc Gallagher that he was logged into Whisper at about 2330 hrs on 1/18/2016 using the login name of "glacier\_trout." Whisper is a social media Internet App that allows participants to remain anonymous. There is no verification of login data or information, and the nothing is stored within the site itself. The framework allows people to connect with others in geographical areas in order to share "secrets" or personal information. While reading other posts in a chat room, he noticed one post by a person known as "big\_wang," which read something to the affect of "I am a teacher and I love it when young girls wear low shirts and tight pants." [Juvenile] engaged with "big\_wang" and posed as a teacher himself in order to solicit more information. After about 15 minutes, [Juvenile] asked "big\_wang" for his name. The person refused to provide his first name, but told [redacted] that the students refer to him as "[redacted]" and that he works at Auburn Riverside High School. "Big\_wang" then posted several photos of female students on his posting. [redacted] said he recognized some of the photos as girls that he knew from Auburn. [redacted] learned through various friends in Auburn that there is a teacher at ARHS by the name of [redacted]

Ofc Gallagher said the photos that [Juvenil] had screen shots of from the chat room appeared to be generic photos as if they were copied from Facebook. None of the photos were sexual in nature, nor did they attempt to isolate any particular body feature. It was also suspicious that "big\_wang" refused to provide his first name, but then states his last name and place of employment. Ofc Gallagher said [Juvenile] had contacted the principal of Auburn Riverside that morning, and arranged to meet with him later in the day. School officials had already canceled it.

I called Auburn Administration and learned that [redacted] was in a meeting with Administration officials in Auburn. Det Nix and I went to that location and met Debbie Leighton, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources. Debbie advised that given the allegations, they were in the process of placing [redacted] on Administrative Leave during the investigation. I asked to speak to [redacted] alone in the room with Det Nix. Debbie agreed, and cleared an office room for us.

I introduced myself to [redacted] and told him about the allegations by [Juvenile]. [redacted] denied having been on Whisper, and said he had not heard of it. I asked [redacted] how his name is typically written, and what was the common name that students refer to him in school. [redacted] said he is particular about his name, and insists that people spell it out with two words "[redacted]" not "[redacted]." Also, the students refer to him as "[redacted]" a nickname that had been used by students for about six years.

I told [redacted] that I would like to record our conversation. He agreed. In the abundance of caution, I also read to [redacted] his Miranda Rights from a preprinted form. [redacted] said he understood his rights, and waived them. I then went over all the information we had just spoken about regarding the case. I asked [redacted] if he was using his cell phone or any other electronic device to access the Internet on 1/18/2016, sometime after 2100 hrs. [redacted] said he did access various websites and social applications with his phone, but that none of them involved Whisper or anything related to girls. He voluntarily agreed to provide his cell phone for a Consent to Search of all his data and web history. [redacted] signed the consent form for his cell phone, and for a laptop that he uses at work for the swim team. The laptop was still at his office, and was brought to us by an administration official. [redacted] said the

screen is not typically locked. It is used and kept at school for the work.

After the interview, I took his cell phone back to the station and had Det Arneson provide a forensic review on it. The results showed [REDACTED] was active on the Internet during the hours of 2100-midnight on 1/18/16. However, none of the websites involved girls or anything related to Whisper. The laptop was also checked and found to have no indication of inappropriate photos or website searches.

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[REDACTED] arrived at the station with two Apple iPads that he had at home. During our interview he advised that he had the two iPads, but that he rarely uses them. He provided another voluntary Consent to Search for the two iPads. Both items were checked and found to have no indication of inappropriate photos or website searches.

At about 1100 hours I went to Mt. Rainier High School with Det Nix in order to conduct a follow-up interview of [REDACTED] Juvenile. We were given a private office for the interview. I started by introducing myself to [REDACTED] Juvenile and asked that he again explain to me how it was that he made contact with "big\_wang." [REDACTED] Juvenile gave a similar account of events. [REDACTED] Juvenile also explained that he has had social issues at school and family problems which caused him to change schools from Auburn to Des Moines. He had been a student at Mt Baker Middle School in Auburn, but then moved to Des Moines with his mother. Then that relationship became too difficult, and he moved back to Auburn with a family friend, but remained at Mt Rainier High School. He still has some close friends at Auburn Riverside High School, and elsewhere in Auburn. [REDACTED] Juvenile said he has been using Whisper for about one year, and knows that people often provide false information about their stories and identity. He uses the website to express himself, and as an emotional outlet for his problems.

I told [REDACTED] Juvenile that I was concerned with the veracity of his statement. I pointed out the fact that he knows that people on the website often provide false information. I told him that we had spoken to [REDACTED] who stated all his students know that he prefers his name written properly as two words. Also, the name that he is known by at school is not "Mr. [REDACTED]" but rather "[REDACTED]"

[REDACTED] Juvenile said he knew the website was not credible, which was why he sent a Facebook posting asking if anyone knew a teacher at ARHS as "[REDACTED]". He was also very concerned with the possibility that this could be real, and wanted to ensure the safety of the students. I asked [REDACTED] Juvenile if he attempted to call 911 that night. He said he did not think it was an emergency. I asked [REDACTED] Juvenile if he told his mother or adult friend where he was living about this incident. He said no. I asked if he called any of his friend's who attend ARHS. He said no. I asked if he checked the ARHS website to confirm the name. He said no because "You can't trust the Internet." I told [REDACTED] I found his last comment to be ironic given his prior statements.

I asked [REDACTED] Juvenile if he was ever contacted by anyone with regards to setting up [REDACTED], or if this was a poor idea for a joke. [REDACTED] said this was not a joke, and that no one was trying to set up [REDACTED]. I told him I did not understand the need to post his concerns on Facebook, since he admitted that Whisper is known for inaccurate information, and he had several other means to verify the data. [REDACTED] Juvenile laughed and said "this is High School." I told him that his allegations, and quick assumptions had major consequences toward a person's employment and reputation. I advised [REDACTED] Juvenile that I found his response to the chat room conversation to be not only unreasonable, but also suspicious. He had numerous other means to verify the information, which he knows is inherently unreliable. Yet, his first response is to post it on Facebook, and set a meeting with ARHS principal.

I told [REDACTED] Juvenile I wanted to review his cell phone in order to view the screen shots and communication. [REDACTED] Juvenile said he had already deleted everything related to the

case. I told Juvenil that our forensic technology would still be able to recover even deleted files. Juvenile said he left his phone at home, and did not know when he would be able to get it to me. I provided Juvenile my card and asked that he call me as soon as possible so that I could review his phone. Juvenil agreed to call me.

Given the totality of the circumstances, lack of evidence on [REDACTED] electronics, and the lack of credibility of not only Juvenile but also the information learned on Whisper, I do not find any evidence to support the initial allegations that [REDACTED] was "big\_wang" or that he was involved with the posting.

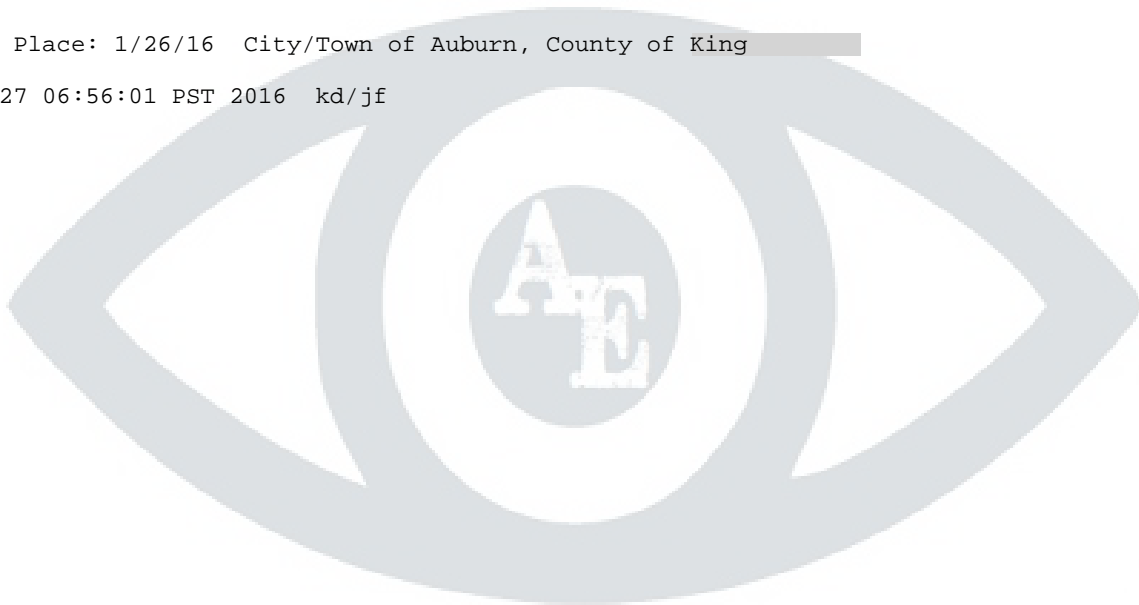
I called the Auburn School District and advised them of my case conclusion. All items were returned to [REDACTED]. As of 1/26/16, Juvenil still has not responded with his cell phone.

I CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON THAT ALL STATEMENTS MADE HEREIN ARE TRUE AND ACCURATE AND THAT I AM ENTERING MY AUTHORIZED USER ID AND PASSWORD TO AUTHENTICATE IT.

Signature:Det Douglas Faini #:3995

Date and Place: 1/26/16 City/Town of Auburn, County of King [REDACTED]

Wed Jan 27 06:56:01 PST 2016 kd/jf



# Redaction Log

Total Number of Redactions in Document: 37

## Redaction Reasons by Page

Page	Reason	Description	Occurrences
1	Juvenile Victim	RCW 7.69A.030, RCW 13.50.100 Living child victim's name, address or photos and additional identifying information for a juvenile.	1
2	Financial Info	RCW 42.56.230 (5): Credit card numbers, debit card numbers, drivers license numbers electronic check numbers and other financial info as defined in RCW9.35.005	1
2	SSN	RCW 42.56.050 and 42 USC 405(C)(2)(c)(viii)(1): Personal information - social security number	1
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Suspect information redacted by the Auburn Examiner. 

