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LPSA Responds to Community Concerns and Online Rumors Regarding Recent Arrest of Former Local Coach

La Pine, Oregon — The La Pine Sports Academy (LPSA) is aware of community concerns and rumors circulating online following the recent arrest of Sierra Stigall, a former middle school volleyball coach who now faces multiple serious charges involving minors.

We want to clearly address these concerns with accurate information.

Sierra Stigall has never been employed by, volunteered with, or involved in any program, team, event, or activity operated by the La Pine Sports Academy or our associated programs, including Hawks FC soccer, youth basketball, volleyball, baseball, or cheer. Any claims suggesting she was connected to our organization are incorrect.

Reports indicate that Stigall assisted with a U-14 traveling baseball team earlier this year. That team was not affiliated with the La Pine Sports Academy, Hawks FC, or any of our youth sports programs.

This situation is tragic and deeply troubling, and our hearts go out to the children and families affected. We share the community's concern and remain committed to protecting every young athlete in La Pine.

LPSA maintains a strict background check process for all coaches, volunteers, and staff. No adult is permitted to work with children in our programs until they have completed:

- A national criminal background check
- A sex offender registry review
- Identity verification
- Acceptance of LPSA's Youth Protection Policy
- Mandatory reporting and misconduct training

Although this case does not involve our organization, we are taking proactive steps to strengthen youth safety even further. Beginning immediately, LPSA will implement:

- Annual background re-checks for all coaches and volunteers
- Updated mandatory youth safety and misconduct training each season
- A confidential reporting channel for athletes, parents, and staff
- Enhanced transparency surrounding coach screening and youth protection policies
- Strict, zero-tolerance enforcement for inappropriate conduct

Our mission is, and always will be, to provide a safe, positive, and supportive environment for every child in our community. We remain vigilant, accountable, and committed to maintaining the highest standards of youth protection.

If community members have questions or concerns, they are encouraged to contact us directly at:

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Sincerely,

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