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## **For Immediate Release**

**Date: March 21, 2022**

**Re: Failure to Report Child Abuse Charges Filed Against the  
Park City School District**

Today, the Summit County Attorney's Office filed three counts of Failure to Report Child Abuse, class B misdemeanors. The defendant is the Park City School District.

While the law imposes this obligation on individuals, the Park City School District is being charged as a party to these offenses.

Everyone is a mandatory reporter. Failure to do so is a crime. Reference is made to [Utah Code § 53G-9-209](#), [Utah Code § 62-4a-403](#), and [Utah Code § 62-4a-411](#).

**“It is the legal duty of any individual who has reason to believe that a child is, or has been, the subject of abuse or neglect (or observes a child being subjected to conditions or circumstances that would reasonably result in abuse or neglect) to immediately report to the Utah Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) or local law enforcement”.**

The three counts reflect the results of one investigation that is nearing completion and a separate set of documents produced by the Park City School District pursuant to an Investigative Subpoena on the afternoon of Friday, March 18, 2022. A joint effort to investigate all facets of the Failure to Report charges, and other investigations,

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continue to be ongoing by the Park City Police Department, Summit County Sheriff's Office, and the Summit County Attorney's Office.

Criminal investigations are time intensive; however, child protection demands an urgent and immediate response. Parents and the public need to be aware that if an allegation of child abuse or neglect was reported to Park City School District schools in the past, **that allegation may not have been reported to the proper authorities and may not have been properly investigated.** If you only made your report about suspected child maltreatment to the school, please call one of the two numbers below:

**Utah Child Protective Services: 24/7 Hotline: (855) 323- 3237**

**or**

**Summit County Dispatch: (435) 615- 3600**

The probable cause statement in the charging document is drafted in such a way to protect the identity of children and their families. Members of the public and the press are asked to conduct themselves in a manner which is also respectful of children's privacy. Child protection is our shared responsibility.

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