

[REDACTED], on February 4, 2013, observed and heard the following:

Coach Decker said to Coach Tesh, "Don't hit him with the pad easy. Use it like a baseball bat." A few seconds later, Coach Decker hit Tommy with the pad in the eye.

[REDACTED]

2/20/13  
DATED

Untitled

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been taking care of Thomas Papas since 2/7/13. On presentation, he had a macular injury in his retina that most likely came from a significant impact against his head area. Please call me at my office with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Minhee Cho, MD

**From:** Alexis Moloney [REDACTED]

**To:** hansenr [REDACTED]

**Cc:** stepf3 [REDACTED], deangelo [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Papas injury

**Date:** Fri, Feb 15, 2013 5:23 pm

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Mr. Hansen,

Today we went to the Wills Eye Hospital and met with the Co Director of their retina division. Dr. Sivalingam examined Tommy. His injury was due to blunt force to the head and eye area. This in turn bruised his retina. This injury takes 2-3 months for the bruising to go away. It is then that we will see if he has permanent damage. If his vision doesn't return by April there will be no procedure that can repair any damage that occurred. So basically we have to take the wait and see approach and certainly hope for a full recovery.

Thank You, Alexis Moloney

From: Richard Hansen [REDACTED]  
To: Alexis Moloney [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: Papas injury  
Date: Mon, Feb 18, 2013 10:00 pm

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Mrs. Moloney,

I understand. No drill conducted by any staff members in any sport is intended to inflict harm to a player. Our coaches are required to attend clinics, workshops and other forms of professional development to learn new drills, techniques and strategies. The intent is to be able to run practices efficiently, learn ever changing strategies and hone other technical skills. Your ex husband should be familiar with our requirements and expectations. After speaking with Coach Decker, his assistants and our players in attendance at practice, I have begun to piece together how the drill was conducted. You and Tommy have also both told me you didn't feel the manner in which he was hurt was intentional. I have viewed film of the drill being implemented, both with our team and other teaching tapes using collegiate teams. Is it possible that, when all is taken into account, the dummy was targeted at the shoulder region and Tommy's response to the blow changed his body angle causing the dummy to strike the side of his head? Deliberately striking at the head is not the intent of the drill. It is also not how many have told me the blow was delivered. I am continuing to research and follow up with other options. You also should know we have practice film of the drill being administered. I believe your ex-husband has worked the drill with our players also. He understands the drill's intent and the potential problems relative to a player's body response. He also knows of the training I've mentioned. Again, I will continue to investigate all options and continue to speak to members of our program.

Thank you.  
Rich Hansen

Sent from my iPad

On Feb 18, 2013, at 9:35 PM, Alexis Moloney [REDACTED] wrote:

Mr. Hansen, I am sorry if you misunderstood what my complaint was. Why was Tommy hit in the head so hard that he lost vision in his eye? That is why I came to your office. You are a coach. Is this common practice? If so, please let me know of any documented cases of student being hurt by improper drills conducted by the coaching staff. Thank You Again, Alexis Moloney

-----Original Message-----

From: Richard Hansen [REDACTED]  
To: Alexis Moloney [REDACTED]  
Sent: Mon, Feb 18, 2013 2:27 pm  
Subject: Re: Papas injury

Mrs. Moloney,

You have made yourself very clear. I spoke with you and Tommy's father at our meeting on the day you called to see me. I understand your claim. I've also spoken to Coach Decker, one of his assistant coaches, players who were present, our Athletic Trainer and to Tommy himself, as you know. I have my thoughts on how this occurred and have shared these with you and my coaches.

When we met you immediately attacked me for not having the proper paperwork on file. When I showed you the paperwork, completely and properly filled out, you refocused your intent on the manner in which the drill was conducted and other concerns about Todd Decker. As a point of clarification and to the best of my understanding an athletic trainer at SPU was summoned immediately. He was apparently with another athlete so our coaches instructed Tommy to call his father. He complained of no headache, dizziness or disorientation at that point. Tommy's father picked him up and brought him to Prep to be examined by our Athletic Trainer, who was on site for a wrestling match. The subsequent evaluation and recommendations are all documented as required by law. I tried to provide you with a copy of all of this at our meeting.

I resent the accusation that nothing was done by our administrative personnel. I addressed and met with you



immediately upon request. Our AT had numerous conversations with you. We've even contacted the manufacturer of the contact dummy to inquire about some concerns with the design as a result of this. My major concern is for Tommy's recovery. His responses to me in my conversation with him on Saturday seem encouraging.

If you would like to have further discussions regarding your accusations, I would be happy to do so. I have conducted many interviews and held several meetings regarding this incident and your voiced concerns. I feel confident we are progressing through this properly.

Thanks

Rich Hansen

Sent from my iPad

On Feb 18, 2013, at 1:52 PM, Alexis Moloney [REDACTED] wrote:

Mr. Hansen:

In response to your message of 17 February, I must say how disappointed I am in you and other school officials in refusing to elaborate how this injury occurred and what was done by the school authorities immediately after the injury to tend to Tommy's medical needs. Upon Tommy's examination by Dr. Sivalingam at the Wills Eye Hospital - one of the best eye hospitals in the U.S. - it was determined by Dr. Sivalingham that the injury occurred as a result of a *blunt force to the head and eye area*. This blunt force was because of a blow given to him from Coach Decker. Please describe precisely how such occurrence can take place and with such force that it would cause loss of vision to one eye because of a bruised retina, with the possibility of not gaining full vision in the eye even after two to three months. And what did school officials do immediately after when Tommy complained that he could not see out of one eye? Would it not have been a standard operating procedure in such instances to take Tommy immediately to a medical facility to check, among other things, the possibility of eye hemorrhage or even brain hemorrhage?

You say that as a parent you understand. But this is not about Tommy playing basketball. This is about how Tommy received a *blunt force to the head and eye area* during a basketball practice. As such, you and other high officials in the school administration should clearly understand my resolve to get to the bottom of this and do whatever it takes to get answers that I, Tommy and Tommy's father deserve to know. I should also note my disappointment in not receiving replies to my e-mail messages to other school administrators concerning this incident.

I sincerely hope I have made myself clear.

Alexis Moloney

From: Richard Hansen [REDACTED]  
Date: February 17, 2013, 2:36:33 PM EST  
To: Alexis Moloney [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: Papas injury

Mrs. Mooney

Thank you for the update. Our prayers are with Tommy. It was great to see and speak to him. I totally understand where he is coming from, although I would love for him to stay with the team for the remainder of the season. He is a major part of the fabric of the team, a good teammate and a valuable friend to the guys. They are concerned about him as well. As someone in this business for 31 years, and as a parent, I truly feel it's a great thing for Tommy to be involved and in the normal swing as opposed to be suddenly isolated, injured and assuming the "me against the world" mentality. We are "with" him and anxious for him to heal.

He also spoke with Coach Decker extensively yesterday. I hope it was productive.

Thank you  
Rich Hansen

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**From:** step3 [REDACTED]

**To:** nooniecan [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Fwd: Small Reflection... Confidential

**Date:** Tue, Feb 12, 2013 6:26 pm

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Sent from my Galaxy S@III

----- Original message -----

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:**

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Fwd: Small Reflection... Confidential

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** February 12, 2013, 3:01:07 PM EST

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Small Reflection... Confidential

February 12, 2013

Dear Coach Hansen,

I am writing you this letter to express a few things to you pertaining my time at St. Peter's Prep both good and not so good. It was truly a pleasure to work for and be a part of such an esteemed institution. I developed a lot of great relationships with administrators, students, and parents. I was able to work on a craft that I am truly passionate about and really help student athletes who want to be better basketball players and people.

I always felt the possibility of abuse was high there because of the coach's interactions with the students. I left because I didn't want my name attached to any poor decision that he might have made. I have a strong resume' in which I have worked very hard to build. I could not risk having that tarnished because of someone else's negligence. I felt it so important to remove myself from that situation that I took the year off from coaching. I am currently consulting two programs, but staying there would have been a poor situation for myself.

Regards,

[REDACTED]



From: Reiser, Robert [REDACTED]

To: Alexis Moloney [REDACTED]

Cc: deangelo [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Thomas Papas eye injury

Date: Sun, Feb 24, 2013 12:46 pm

Dear Ms. Moloney:

I am sorry that Tommy suffered this injury. I am sure it has been a real concern for you and for him.

I am glad, though, that he is doing so well. I saw him at the basketball game last evening and he looked great. He also reported that his eye was fine. I am glad for that.

I have spoken with Mr. DeAngelo and with Mr. Hansen, and I am assured that they are doing the very best for Tommy and for you. I am confident in their professional care in this matter.

Again, I know that this is of concern for you. I am glad that Tommy is doing so much better. And I am confident in the work of the Prep administration. I am sure all of these are bringing you consolation, as well.

Fr. Reiser

On Thu, Feb 21, 2013 at 11:40 AM, Alexis Moloney [REDACTED] wrote:

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> You, Alexis Moloney

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Robert E. Reiser, S.J.

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From: Alexis Moloney [REDACTED]  
To: reiser [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: Thomas Papas eye injury  
Date: Sun, Feb 24, 2013 3:07 pm

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Father Reiser,

I am sorry to learn that you will not be in attendance tomorrow. Let me to reiterate that I and my family regard this issue with the utmost importance and urgency. I find it disappointing that you, as President of St. Peter's Prep, do not apparently share the importance of this incident as we do. I should note that it will be months before we know the full extent of damage to Tommy's vision. If your schedule does not permit your attendance tomorrow at 11 am, please let me know when you will be available. Regards, Alexis Moloney

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From: Reiser, Robert [REDACTED]  
To: Alexis Moloney [REDACTED]  
Cc: deangelo [REDACTED]; durantem [REDACTED]; rubinsteiny [REDACTED]; hansen [REDACTED]  
Sent: Sun, Feb 24, 2013 2:54 pm  
Subject: Re: Thomas Papas eye injury

Dear Ms. Moloney:

Unfortunately, I will not attend tomorrow's meeting. As I mentioned in my previous email, though, I have every confidence in both Mr. DeAngelo and Mr. Hansen, and I am certain that they will inform me of the contents of the meeting.

Again, I am glad that Tommy is doing so well and that he is healing from his injury.

Fr. Reiser

On Sun, Feb 24, 2013 at 2:43 PM, Alexis Moloney [REDACTED] wrote:

> Father Reiser,  
> Thank you for getting back to me. We are meeting Mr. DeAngelo at 11am tomorrow and we truly hope that you will also be in attendance. There are issues, including Tommy's medical condition, that need to be aired out and resolved with regard to this unfortunate incident. Hoping to see you tomorrow. Thank You, Alexis Moloney

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> To: Alexis Moloney [REDACTED]  
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