

Sandusky Faces More Allegations

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As the Penn State community wrestles with the passing of Coach Joe Paterno, Jerry Sandusky still lingers in the public eye, reminding us of the terrible incidents that lead to this hard time. Back in December it was reported that there had not been any new developments regarding Sandusky. That was early in the month. As of the writing of this report two more allegations have been levied and Sandusky was re-arrested as a result of these new allegations. Bail was set at \$250,000, which he posted and was released. Sandusky remains under house arrest and is barred from seeing victims or witnesses and will have no unsupervised contact with minors, as was reported by CBS/AP. Prosecutors had sought \$1 million bail.

All the victims, now numbering ten, appear to have made initial contact with Sandusky through the Second Mile foundation of which Sandusky founded. Through this foundation for at-risk children, Sandusky allegedly displayed a pattern to lure children into performing acts of a sexual nature. Grand Jury testimony regarding these allegations can be found at www.freep.com/assets/freep/pdf/C4181508116.PDF.

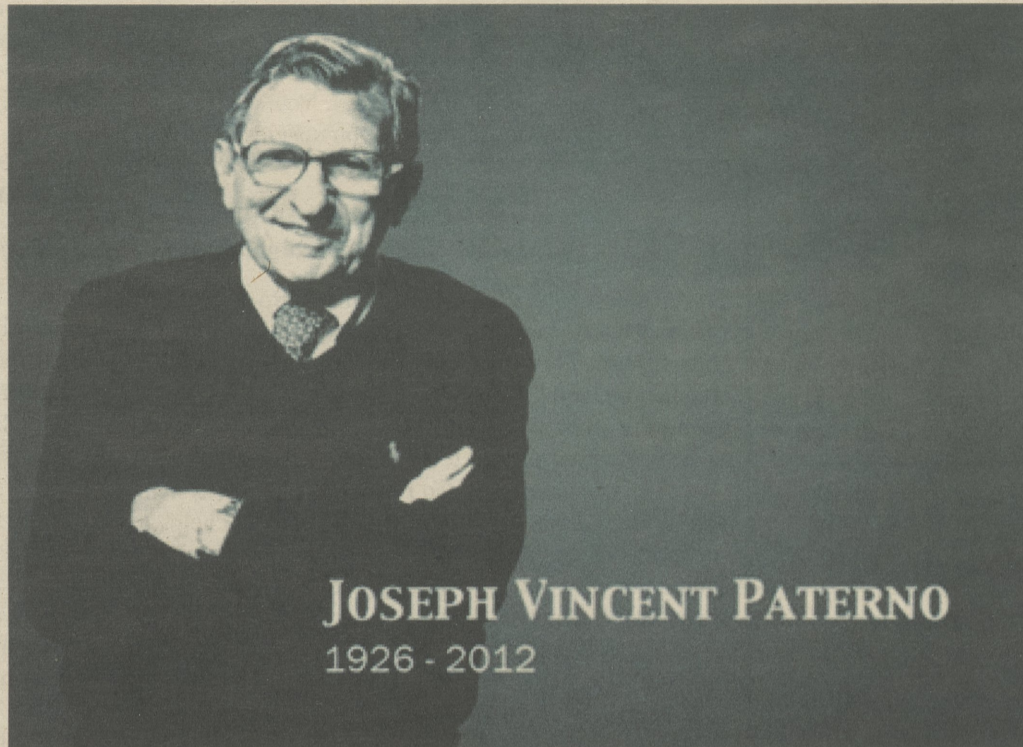
In an article by Foxnews.com, the Second Mile foundation has been sued by Lance Shaner, a businessman and former board member of the foundation who is seeking a refund of \$250,000 which he donated over a five year period. The Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office is also named in the law suit.

The amount of fallout from this is staggering, yet probably inevitable. Along with the lawsuit against Second Mile, there have been other requests for refunds from the charity's benefactors. Additionally, the State of Pennsylvania has halted the disbursement of a \$3 million dollar grant that was slated to help with building a new facility for the Second Mile. Due to the nature of financial burdens that the charity is, and may be facing as result of the allegations, the Second Mile announced in December that they will lay off personnel. There is ongoing discussion within the Second Mile as to whether to keep their doors open, transfer holdings to another organization, or change its name.

There are those who seek to defend Sandusky and his actions. Those that were neighbors of Sandusky say that he often had children in his home as early as when the "new" Atari gaming systems became available. That the neighborhood children would often flock to play the gaming system was not deemed as unusual. However, the allegation from victim nine appears to have dismayed all who know him, especially his wife Dottie Sandusky, who he said, was upstairs. According to his account she did nothing.

She has denied the allegation. "I have been shocked and dismayed by the allegations made against Jerry, particularly the most recent one that a now young man has said he was kept in our basement during visits and screamed for help as Jerry assaulted him while I was in our home and didn't respond to his cries for help," Dottie Sandusky said in a statement, as reported by ABCnews.com.

Farewell JoePa



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As a blanket of snow covered State College, the mood was quiet and somber. People started making their way towards Beaver Stadium, which lit up the night's sky as if a football game was being played. Instead, it was late-January and the walk was for something much more than a football game, it was for a man who helped build that football team.

On the morning of January 22nd, it was announced that legendary coach, Joe Paterno had passed away in his fight with cancer. The news sent airwaves across the country as Penn State's alike came together and mourned the man in which made their university what it is today. People flocked to his statue, which sits outside of Beaver Stadium and left flowers, candles and other memorabilia to pay their last respects to Paterno.

Although, Paterno's life will continue to be celebrated, the last few months on earth for him was far from easy. He was faced with difficult verdicts, as well as judgments on his morals and his character as a human being. When Joe Paterno's telephone rang on the night of November 9th, no one could have imagined that it was going to be a phone call that would eventually lead to the firing of the NCAA Division I football's winningest coach. He initially said that he would retire at season's end after the Jerry Sandusky accusations

were made public, but the University's Board of Trustees thought that it was in Penn State's 'best interest' to fire Paterno immediately, with one game left in the regular season.

Days after his firing, Paterno's son Scott addressed the media stating that Joe was diagnosed with a treatable form of lung cancer and that doctors were 'optimistic' on the chance of a full recovery. During that time, many people reached out to him and wished him well in his recovery through letters and visits to his State College home. On January 13th, Paterno was hospitalized due to complications regarding his cancer and laid bed ridden in Mount Nittany Medical Center in State College for days. During this time many letters were sent to him from people throughout the country, whether friends, students, alumni, or former players of just to reach out to the man who made such an impact on many lives over the decades. Nine days after he was hospitalized and 84 days after his last game coaching, Paterno was pronounced dead on January 22.

Without football, Paterno was nothing and he made that clear when he was asked to step down after a 4-7 season in 2004. He was quoted saying, "I'm going to retire when I want to retire. I'm going to retire when I feel it's the best time for Penn State football... Period." He

went on to say, "What do you want me to do on Saturdays, cut the grass... What am I going to do? I don't fish. I don't golf. I don't cut the lawn. I don't want to die. Football is my life."

Just like legendary Alabama football coach Bear Bryant, Paterno did not live long past his final days of coaching football. Both men dedicated their lives to the game in which they loved so dearly and shaping young men into good-hearted and strong-minded men by the time they were ready to graduate.

Although people may question Paterno's legacy, Penn State will always have a soft spot for their beloved coach. Through football he was able to touch thousands of lives, but it is what he has done to the institution that really catches the eye.

Over the decades as head coach, Paterno donated millions of dollars to the university in trying to better students both on the football field and in the classrooms. He was more than just a football coach. He was a teacher, a husband, a father, a grandfather, and a mentor. Some may even say that he built Penn State University from the ground up (figuratively speaking). He helped shaped so many people's lives in his 61 years at the university and will be celebrated for decades to come.

Brandywine Mourns Loss of John Vairo

The Penn State Brandywine community is deeply saddened by the passing of campus founding executive officer John Vairo, on Jan. 1 following a long illness. John's contributions to and support of the campus were unparalleled. He will be remembered as a man of vision, wisdom and kindness. The Brandywine Campus has set a date to honor and remember Vairo on Wednesday, April 11, from 3-5 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to Penn State Brandywine's Office of Development, 25 Yearsley Mill Rd., Media, PA 19063, or Heartland Hospice, 5 Christy Dr., Chadds Ford, PA 19317. Cards may be sent to his residence, 8 Prince Eugene La., Media, PA 19603. (photo courtesy Penn State Brandywine University Relations)

