

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
SHERMAN DIVISION

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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v.

ZACHARY CHRISITAN NEU

No. 4:26-CR-

Judge

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SDJ/BD

INDICTMENT

THE UNITED STATES GRAND JURY CHARGES:

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

Minor Victim 1

1. On May 23, 2026, Minor Victim 1 ("MV1") graduated from Wylie East High School. Approximately 20 minutes after walking across the graduation stage, MV1 received a "follow" request from an individual known to her as **ZACHARY CHRISTIAN NEU** (hereafter **NEU**). **NEU** is known to MV1 as the Assistant Principal at Wylie East High School where she had attended high school and graduated minutes earlier.

2. Instagram is a free internet-based application where its users can communicate directly with other users either from a mobile phone application or via its web-based application. Specifically, Instagram is marketed as a Social Network.

3. On or about May 23, 2026, MV1 received a direct message on Instagram from **NEU** stating he would miss seeing her in the halls. **NEU** continued on to discuss his

summer work schedule, his workout routine, and asked MV1 to add him on Snapchat, providing his username as Zach.n94.

4. Snapchat is also an internet-based social networking application.

5. NEU continued the conversation with MV1 on Snapchat. In these messages, he asks MV1 to “come save” him from work and states, “what they don’t know [won’t] hurt anyone. We can be sneaky.” MV1 told NEU that she was a minor, stating, “Hey just in case [you know] im not 18 yet right?” NEU replied, “Oh no I did not...didn’t realize you were a young graduate...doesn’t change how I feel about you. Does it change things for you or like does it make you feel weird?”

6. As the conversation continued, NEU stated he didn’t want to wait until her birthday to see MV1. Additionally, he discussed his marital issues with MV1 stating, “we are rocky and going through the motions.” He asks MV1, “You still want to continue what we have started?” and later sends MV1 two shirtless gym “selfie” photographs of himself.

7. Wylie Police Department (“WPD”) became involved in the investigation. A detective with WPD gained consent to assume the online identity of MV1’s Snapchat account from her mother. The detective then began communication with NEU in an undercover capacity from May 27, 2026, through the date of his arrest, June 4, 2026.

8. NEU continued to engage in sexual conversation with whom he believed to be the minor victim, MV1. He discussed wanting to shower with the

minor, stating, “you all dripping wet. What could be better” and discussed his desire to engage in sexual acts with MV1 to include kissing and sexual intercourse.

9. Throughout the conversation, **NEU** suggests meeting up with the minor. He suggests different park locations, the high school, going to the minor’s home, and going to his own home. **NEU** told the minor that his wife and child would be out of town soon and invited her to his home for a sleepover.

10. **NEU** provided his phone number to continue engaging in sexual conversation with the minor and to further the plans to meet for the purposes of sex. WPD verified this number to be connected with **NEU**.

11. During the Snapchat and text conversations, **NEU** agreed to pay the minor \$20 to go towards the purchase of lingerie for the minor to wear during their sleepover and sexual encounter. Additionally, he offered to purchase and provide Fireball whiskey for the minor, to be consumed during their sexual encounter. Under Texas state law, an adult who provides money and alcohol (a good) to a minor for the purposes of sexual activity would violate Texas Penal Code Section 43.021(b)(2)(A)- Solicitation of Prostitution.

12. On Thursday, June 4, 2026, **NEU** provided a meet location for the minor so that he could provide the money to her to shop for lingerie before their planned sleepover. WPD established surveillance at his place of employment, Wylie East High School, and located his vehicle in the parking lot. WPD observed

NEU exit the school and enter his truck and followed him as he approached the meeting location. WPD initiated a traffic stop and arrested NEU.

Minor Victim 2

13. Following the arrest of NEU for the offense involving MV1, WPD was contacted by the mother of another minor after seeing NEU's arrest on the news. The mother had asked her daughter if she knew NEU after seeing the news. Her daughter, hereinafter Minor Victim 2 ("MV2") because visibly upset. MV2 attends Wylie East High School and will be a senior in the fall of 2026.

14. MV2 reported that NEU began messaging her on TikTok on or about March of 2026. They then moved their conversations over to text messages. NEU groomed her, solicited her, and sent messages sexual in nature, to include photos of himself in his underwear and asked MV2 to send him the same. This online interaction continued for months.

15. TikTok is also an internet-based social networking application.

16. On May 13, 2026, MV2 agreed to meet NEU in the parking lot of an L.A. Fitness in Sachse, Texas. MV2 reported that they parked on the side and towards the back of the building and both got out of their cars. NEU kissed her and grabbed her buttocks in a sexual manner. NEU continued to communicate with her via text message in this manner as recently as the day before his arrest.

17. Under Texas state law, an adult who, over the internet, by electronic mail or text message or other electronic message service or system, knowingly solicits a minor to

meet another person, including the actor, with the intent that the minor will engage in sexual contact, sexual intercourse, or deviate sexual intercourse, violates Texas Penal Code Section 33.021 Online Solicitation of a Minor. Additionally, under Texas Law, an employee of a public school who engages in sexual contact, sexual intercourse, or deviate sexual intercourse with a person who is enrolled in that public school at which the employee works, regardless of the age of that person, violates Texas Penal Code Section 21.12 Improper Relationship Between Educator and Student.

18. Following forensic examination of **NEU**'s cell phone, law enforcement located messages corroborating interactions with both MV1 and MV2.

Count One

Violation: 18 U.S.C. § 2422(b)
(Coercion and Enticement of a Minor;
Attempt)

19. Paragraphs 1-18 of this Indictment are hereby incorporated by reference, as though fully set forth herein.

20. Between on or about the 23rd day of May, 2026, and on or about the 4th day of June, 2026, in the Eastern District of Texas and elsewhere, **Zachary Christian Neu**, defendant, did use any facility of interstate and foreign commerce, to knowingly persuade, induce, entice, and coerce any individual who had not attained the age of 18 years to engage in prostitution or any sexual activity for which any person could be charged with an offense; or attempts to do so. Specifically, the defendant, **Zachary Christian Neu**, used a social media and messaging application, the internet, and a digital

device, to persuade, induce, entice, and coerce Victim 1, a minor known to the Grand Jury, to engage in illegal sexual conduct, including Solicitation of Prostitution under Texas Penal Code 43.021(b)(2)(A); or attempted to do so.

In violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2422(b).

Count Two

Violation: 18 U.S.C. § 2422(b)
(Coercion and Enticement of a Minor)

21. Paragraphs 1-18 of this Indictment are hereby incorporated by reference, as though fully set forth herein.

22. Between on or about March 2026, and on or about the 4th day of June, 2026, in the Eastern District of Texas and elsewhere, **Zachary Christian Neu**, defendant, did use any facility of interstate and foreign commerce, to knowingly persuade, induce, entice, and coerce any individual who had not attained the age of 18 years to engage in any sexual activity for which any person could be charged with an offense; or attempts to do so. Specifically, the defendant, **Zachary Christian Neu**, used a social media and messaging application, the internet, and a digital device, to persuade, induce, entice, and coerce Victim 2, a minor known to the Grand Jury, to engage in illegal sexual conduct, including Improper Relationship between Educator and Student under Texas Penal Code 21.12.

In violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2422(b).

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SEEK CRIMINAL FORFEITURE

Upon conviction of the offense alleged in this Indictment, the defendant, **Zachary Christian Neu**, shall forfeit to the United States his interest in the following property, including, but not limited to:

- Apple iPhone 16, bearing serial number MDW0W91WHN, IMEI 354178504221397

This property is forfeitable pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 2428(a)(1) and 2428(b)(1)(A) based upon the property being:

- (1) any property, real or personal, that was used or intended to be used to commit or to facilitate the commission of a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2422(b);

By virtue of the commission of the offense alleged in this Indictment, any and all interest the defendant has in this property is vested in and forfeited to the United States pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 2428(a)(1) and 2428(b)(1)(A), and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c).

A TRUE BILL.



GRAND JURY FOREPERSON

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Assistant United States Attorney

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NOTICE OF PENALTY

Counts One and Two

Violation: 18 U.S.C. § 2422(b)

Penalty: Imprisonment for not less than ten years and not more than life; a fine of not more than \$250,000; and a term of supervised release of not less than five years to life.

Special Assessment: \$ 100.00

JVTA Assessment: \$ 5,000.00