

PUBLIC STATEMENT OF FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD
AND FIRST ASSEMBLY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
RE: THE CRIMINAL ISSUES INVOLVING ISAIAH PAGE

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As a church and Christian school, we are deeply grieved whenever a member of our staff is accused of violating the law. When allegations involve inappropriate conduct toward a child, our ministry takes immediate action by removing the individual from any contact with students, pending the outcome of the investigation. We fully cooperate with parents, state authorities, and law enforcement during such matters. We firmly believe that if children are safe anywhere, they should be safe at church and at school especially at First Assembly.

Earlier today, Mr. Isaiah Page, P.E. teacher, was arrested on charges of child pornography, which included an inappropriate relationship with a student from our Christian school. This is the extent of the information we have at this time. We encourage anyone with additional knowledge or information regarding this matter to contact the Ocala Police Department immediately. We will provide further information when it is publicly made available.

As a Christian school, we maintain a zero-tolerance policy regarding child abuse or sexual misconduct of any kind. We do not and will not cover up any form of abuse. As part of our standard procedure, we report all suspicions of potential child abuse to the proper authorities. Our hiring process includes thorough interviews and background checks for all employees and volunteers. Additionally, our leadership team implements child protection policies that adhere to best practices on a national level and align with Florida State law. We believe that transparency, child safety, and accountability are essential components of a successful ministry, and we remain fully committed to providing a safe and responsible environment for our community.

Given the serious nature of these allegations and in consultation with legal counsel, Mr. Page's employment has been terminated effective immediately, and he is no longer permitted on church or school property or at any school events. Our thoughts and prayers are with all those affected. If you or someone you know has been impacted by this situation, please contact Earlene Carte, FACS Administrator, as we will be providing counseling resources for all involved.