

# Accusers: Sandusky Employed Threats And Gifts

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BELLEFONTE, Pa. — One, a foster child, said he was threatened, warned he would never see his family again if he ever told anyone what happened. Another said he stayed quiet because he didn't want to stop getting tickets to the hottest game in town — Penn State football.

That was how two of Jerry Sandusky's alleged victims explained the former Penn State assistant coach's hold over them.

"He told me that if I ever told anyone that I'd never see my family again," the former foster child testified Wednesday on Day 3 of Sandusky's child sexual abuse trial.

He said Sandusky uttered the threat after the coach pinned him while wrestling in the basement of the Sandusky home and performed oral sex on him.

Sandusky, 68, is charged with sexually abusing 10 boys over a 15-year period — accusations he has denied. His arrest last fall rocked Penn State and led

to the firing of football coach Joe Paterno for not taking stronger action against Sandusky a decade ago.

Three of Sandusky's accusers testified Wednesday, bringing to five the number of alleged victims to take the stand.

Tom Kline, the lawyer for one of them, told reporters outside the courthouse: "It's just remarkable how many children one man can shower with."

The 25-year-old man who told jurors about the threat to keep him away from his biological family said he believed Sandusky's wife was inside the home, on a different floor, at the time. A foster child placed with another family, he occasionally stayed in the Sanduskys' basement in State College in the late 1990s.

Speaking in a calm but sometimes hesitant voice, he said Sandusky later apologized for the threat: "He told me he didn't mean it and that he loved me."

The man, identified in court papers as Victim 5, said Sandusky also assaulted him on other occasions in 1998 and 1999, including once at a pool and another time in the basement. He said he was about 11 at the time.

An expressionless Sandusky sat mostly still at the defense table during his testimony, occasionally turning his head to look the accuser in the eye.

The alleged victim is one of two who came forward after Sandusky was initially charged in November with assaulting eight boys. Sandusky's attorneys have suggested his accusers have financial reasons for coming forward.

Under cross-examination, the man testified that he was the roommate of another Sandusky accuser at a camp sponsored by Sandusky's charity, The Second Mile. He also acknowledged spending nearly two years in prison for a robbery and involvement with drugs and alcohol, but said he is doing better now.

"I'm married. I'm expecting" a child, he said.

Another boy, dubbed Victim 8, has never been located and his identity is a mystery to prosecutors, but jurors heard about his alleged sexual abuse by Sandusky anyway.

Judge John Cleland ruled that a co-worker of Penn State janitor Jim Calhoun could testify about what Calhoun told him in November 2000. Calhoun is now

suffering from dementia.

The co-worker, Ron Petrosky, said that when he encountered Calhoun in a football team locker room, the janitor told him he had seen Sandusky making a boy perform oral sex on him. Petrosky said Calhoun's face was white and his hands were trembling.

Also Wednesday, another man, identified as Victim 10, said he met Sandusky at Second Mile Camp in 1999 and began attending Penn State games with Sandusky and others. In 2001, he said, Sandusky asked him to work out at a gym on campus and then groped him in the showers.

Afterward, the 23-year-old man said, Sandusky drove him home and made "no eye contact" with him. They had no contact since.

Another witness, identified as Victim 7, said he was 10 when he met Sandusky through the charity in 1995. He said Sandusky showered with him repeatedly and embraced him during sleepovers.

Sandusky was "wrapping himself around me, holding me tightly" when he slept over at the man's house, the 27-year-old man said. He said he now has an aversion to chest hair because of his

contact with a sometimes-shirtless Sandusky.

The accuser also described Sandusky rubbing his nipples and touching him beneath his shorts.

The man recalled attending Penn State football games with Sandusky's family and receiving free tickets from Sandusky as recently as 2009.

"I wanted to go to games. I tried to block that stuff out and focus on the positives," he said.

He said he told his parents of the abuse only last year, after being approached by police. He likened blocking out the negative memories to "putting staff in the attic."

During cross-examination, defense attorney Joseph Amendola noted that the man's testimony was more detailed than what he told a grand jury last year. The witness replied that he had started going to counseling.

"Talking about different events and through talking about things in my past, different things have triggered different memories," he said.

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7-12 from throughout northeast Nebraska and southeast South Dakota, and it can accommodate more students, Kathol said.

"We already have students from within four miles of Yankton," he said. "We wouldn't need to come much farther, and we would offer busing to those students."

Wednesday's barbecue offered transportation between Yankton and Hartington in Cedar Catholic's new 59-passenger charter bus. The vehicle was recently donated by CCHS alumnus Russ Hochstein, who has played on Super Bowl championship teams in the National Football League.

While Cedar Catholic hosts orientation each spring for incoming students, school board president Scott Schrempp said Wednesday's cookout, program and tours were the first of their kind for the school.

"We have been planning this for a few years as a way to increase our enrollment," he said. "We're from small towns, and families are getting smaller. And now was a good time for us to provide the opportunity for a larger area to come to our school."

Cedar Catholic, based in Hartington, Neb., already serves about a 30-mile radius covering several communities, Schrempp said.

"We have nine parishes within our Cedar Catholic school system," he said. "We have schools in Fordyce, Bow Valley and Hartington. We have always had good parish support."

Besides offering a strong spiritual foundation, Cedar Catholic has shown excellence in academics, athletics and the arts, Schrempp said.

Schrempp, a Yankton native, said his wife and children attended Cedar Catholic. Because of the school's small size, Schrempp

said his family members were active in numerous activities while attending school.

"At a small school, everyone has to participate," he said. "We have great athletics, but we also probably have 8 out of every 10 students in band or choir. Our band was recently ranked first in its division at the Worlds of Fun in Kansas City. And we have a choral group with 60 to 70 kids who have sung throughout the area, including St. Ben's and Sacred Heart parishes in Yankton."

The Cedar Catholic system has also added bricks and mortar in recent years, he said.

"We added this new (Mon-signor Cyril Werner) activities center in 2005, we have a new rectory, and we have remodeled at the school," he said, ticking off the latest accomplishments in Hartington.

During the program, Father Jeff Loseke noted the large family atmosphere found at Cedar Catholic.

"I went to school in Columbus (Neb.), and the kids were all from Columbus," he said. "Here, we have students from several communities who drive a half-hour to come to school. We would like to expand our family and share our experiences with you (visitors in the audience)."

The message resonated with Yankton residents in attendance.

Aggie Heine noted her son, Tony, graduated from Cedar Catholic in 2008. The family moved to Yankton while Tony was still in high school, and he commuted daily to Hartington to continue attending Cedar Catholic and graduate from the school.

"There was no doubt he would finish at Cedar Catholic," she said, adding that Hartington families housed him in times of inclement weather or for other reasons.

Jim and Deb Lehl and their son, Nicholas, of Yankton also attended Wednesday's barbecue. Nicholas attends Sacred Heart School in Yankton and will enroll in sixth grade next fall.

"We are very interested in Nicholas continuing to attend a Catholic school," Jim said. "Sacred Heart is excellent, but you are limited to eighth grade. At that point, we would need to make a decision. Yankton has a very fine public school, but it is public and that has some limitations. We are taking it one year at a time, but we are very interested in Cedar Catholic."

Jim Lehl said he liked what he saw and heard Wednesday night at Cedar Catholic. Regardless of whether his son attends the Hartington school, Lehl said he would speak highly of it to others.

"I would champion this (Cedar Catholic) school in Yankton," he said.

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