

EASTLAKE POLICE

Incident Number

22-00762

Incident / Offense Report

Incident	Method Received R	Time Received 04/22/2022 14:18:42	Time Dispatched 04/22/2022 14:18:46	Time Arrived 04/22/2022 14:20:00	Time Cleared: 04/22/2022 15:46:43
	Report Date / Time Date Time	Incident Occurred From Date Time		Incident Occured Date Time	
	Friday 04/22/2022 15:46:43	Tuesday 04/05/2022		Friday 04/22/2022 14:18:42	
Location of the Incident (Street #, Street, Apt. #, City, State, Zip)					Zone
35353 CURTIS BL EASTLAKE OH 44095 WILLOUGHBY EASTLAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION					001
Persons Involved:	STEPHEN L THOMPSON - WIT ANDREA L TREDENT - WIT W/E BOARD OF EDUCATION - VIC CATHERINE BEAL - PRP - -			Property:	
				Amount:	
				Type:	ATT FRAUD
Units:	Officers:				
1st:	0858	BRIANNA M FAWCETT			
2nd:					
3rd:					
4th:					
5th:		Photos:			
Codes:	Descriptions:	OFFENSES			
2699A	ATT. FRAUD				2913.02A
Weapons Used:	Trade Marks:			Hate Bias	
NONE					
Entry:	Location Type:			Other Business Office	
Refer to Arrest:	Incident #:	Tow#:	Dispatcher:	Officer in Charge:	Entry Id:
			SHH	0082	AER
Case Status:	CLOSED	Cleared Date:	04/22/2022		Cleared By:
					0084

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W/E BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTING A FRAUD COMPLAINT.

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Incident #: 2200762 **Relation:** WIT **Arrest #:** **CAD #:** **Date of Contact:** 04/22/2022 **Phone:**
First Name: STEPHEN **Middle:** L **Last Name:** THOMPSON **Til:** **DOB:** 07/22/1966 **SSN:** **Pager:**
Street #: 324 **Street Name:** WHITETAIL DR **Apt:** **City:** CHAGRIN FALLS **St:** OH **Zip:** 44022 **Cell Phone:** **Employer Phone:**
Hgt: 507 **Wgt:** 175 **Hair:** BLN **Eyes:** BLU **Race:** W **Sex:** M **Physical Marks:**
Offenses: 2699A ATT. FRAUD

Resident Class: Other **Suspected of using:** / **Victim Type:**

Incident #: 2200762 **Relation:** WIT **Arrest #:** **CAD #:** **Date of Contact:** 04/22/2022 **Phone:**
First Name: ANDREA **Middle:** L **Last Name:** TREDENT **Til:** **DOB:** 06/20/1982 **SSN:** **Pager:**
Street #: 2423 **Street Name:** PLUM CREEK DR **Apt:** **City:** ROAMING SHORES **St:** OH **Zip:** 44084 **Cell Phone:** **Employer Phone:**
Hgt: 508 **Wgt:** 140 **Hair:** BLN **Eyes:** BLU **Race:** W **Sex:** F **Physical Marks:**
Offenses:

Resident Class: Other **Suspected of using:** / **Victim Type:**

Incident #: 2200762 **Relation:** VIC **Arrest #:** **CAD #:** **Date of Contact:** 04/22/2022 **Phone:**
First Name: **Middle:** **Last Name:** W/E BOARD OF **Til:** **DOB:** **SSN:** **Pager:**
Street #: 35353 **Street Name:** CURTIS BL **Apt:** **City:** EASTLAKE **St:** OH **Zip:** 44095 **Cell Phone:** **Employer Phone:**
Hgt: **Wgt:** **Hair:** **Eyes:** **Race:** **Sex:** **Physical Marks:**
Offenses: 2699A ATT. FRAUD

Resident Class: **Suspected of using:** / **Victim Type:** Other

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Incident #: 2200762	Relation: PRP	Arrest #:	CAD #:	Date of Contact: 04/22/2022	Phone:		
First Name: CATHERINE	Middle	Last Name: BEAL	Til:	DOB:	SSN: Pager:		
Street #: 36470	Street Name: CARRIAGE LN	Apt:	City: WILLOUGHBY	St: OH	Zip: 44094	Cell Phone:	Employer Phone:
Hgt:	Wgt:	Hair:	Eyes:	Race:	Sex:	Physical Marks: W F	
Offenses:	2699A	ATT. FRAUD					

Resident Class: Other	Suspected of using: /	Victim Type: /
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Investigative Report

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On April 22nd, 2022 at approximately 1430 hours Det. Lt. Begovic, Det. Sgt Sevel, Det. Kresja and I, Ptl Fawcett #84, responded to the Willoughby-Eastlake Board of Education to meet with Catharine Beal, Public Relations Coordinator for the Willoughby-Eastlake City Schools regarding a fraud complaint.

Upon arrival, responding officers reported to a private office to meet with Catherine. Catherine stated that on March 31st, 2022 she was instructed by the Superintendent (Dr. Steve Thompson), to provide the Gmail account and password for the levy to the levy committee. Members of the committee consisted of Nick Brown and William Boxler. She advised afterward, William, the liaison for the levy committee, accessed the district's administrative account for PowerSchool utilizing her password.

Catherine advised that on April 5th, 2022 she received a notification from Google that her account had a new login from a windows device. She noted that she thought that this was odd because her work and personal devices are all Apple products. Catherine advised that she did not think much of it at the time but later learned that on April 6th, 2022 an unknown person using IP Address _____ viewed seven pages on the District's Administrative Account for PowerSchool using her login information. She cited that the person had accessed this account for 41 minutes. Catherine explained that she contacted PowerSchool to obtain this information. She stated that she inquired about the seven pages viewed, however, it reportedly could not be determined by PowerSchool which pages were looked at.

Catherine continued that Dr. Thompson received a phone call from William on April 6th, 2022. Catherine stated that it was her understanding during this phone call that William informed Dr. Thompson that, when he logged into the wecontinuedexcellence account, he located several saved passwords. She reported that William expressed concern that others may have had access to this information, noting that the passwords saved have not been changed since 2012. She added that William recited Dr. Thompson's password to him. Catherine stated that she was told Dr. Thompson had difficulty understanding what William was trying to explain. She stated subsequently Dr. Thompson requested that William contact Andrea Tredent referencing this information. Catherine advised Andrea handled most of their IT concerns. Catherine chronicled that Andrea contacted William, at the request of Dr. Thompson. She said that during William and Andrea's conversation, she believed William disclosed signing into the District's Administrative Account for PowerSchool stating it was an "accident".

Catherine noted that William owns an IT company and works IT for Breckenridge. She said that before this incident, she never knew that saved passwords could be accessed through your web browser. Catherine walked officers on how William would have accessed the concealed/saved passwords. She showed us that William would have had to click on each eyeball icon to view every individual password.

Catherine added that it appeared that there was an attempt to access the Levy's Facebook account. She said that she received a phone call due to her number being tied to the 2- step verification process claiming that someone was trying to access the account. Catherine advised that when she received this phone call she began to become concerned. Catherine stated that she then reported the incident.

Catherine stated that it did not appear that any records have been altered or that any money was taken. She said she was concerned about what information could have been compromised. She stated that PowerShool contains student's FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act information). She described this information as private and said that it could contain sensitive matter such as protection orders, current

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addresses, etc.

Catherine learned that the IP Address _____ that was used to access the administrative account had also been used to sign into the PowerSchool for William's children's account.

We requested to speak with Andrea, after learning that she was currently working on site. Andrea met with us. She acknowledged receiving a phone call from Dr. Thompson on April 6th, 2022. She confirmed that it appeared as though Dr. Thompson had difficulty understanding what William was trying to explain to him. She said that she cleared it with Dr. Thompson that she could speak with William directly. Andrea explained that it was not common for her to converse with a board member but after receiving consent, she spoke with William as requested. Andrea advised that William informed her that he logged into the levy committee email address and realized there was account information saved in that Gmail account. Andrea reported that William locating this information from an IT perspective was considered normal practice. Andrea stated that William indicated that he would delete the saved information but was concerned because the password hadn't been changed for a long time.

We asked Andrea if William ever mentioned accessing any accounts with the passwords located. Andrea stated that he had not. She described the conversation as very brief. Andrea emailed Det Kresja and I a typed statement, which is attached this report. Det. Lt. Begovic, Det. Sgt Sevel, Det Kresja and I , requested Catherine ask Dr. Thompson for a written statement referencing his aforementioned interaction with William.

Dr. Thompson later emailed us his statement which is also attached to this report.

On May 2nd, 2022 at approximately 1300 hours, Det Kresja and I responded to William's residence, 36614 Ridge Road in Willoughby. William greeted us at the door and invited us into his residence. He escorted us to his kitchen table. William stated that he was confused and expressed that he had "no idea" why we were there to speak with him. William was advised the reason for our presence and agreed to continue to speak with us. William stated that he received access to the levy's Gmail account approximately a month ago. William said that he logged into the "wecontinuedexcellence" account and observed several saved passwords. William was asked about how many saved passwords he viewed. He replied that he was not sure but recalled viewing the passwords belonging to both Catherine and Dr. Thompson's. William stated that he was shocked to see this information. He said he was distraught and in disbelief he used Catherine's saved password to log into District's Administrative Account for PowerSchool, which was successful. I asked William why he would log into the account instead of just notifying the appropriate party of his concerns and he replied out of curiosity. William said he did not think that the password would actually work. William acknowledged that he is not authorized to have access to the district's administrative account for PowerSchool.

William denied accessing any other pages other than the opening page which he admittedly states look significantly different than a parental account. William stated that immediately after successfully logging in to the PowerSchool account he contacted Dr. Thompson to advise him of the saved passwords. William advised that he recited Dr. Thompson's password to him during this call.

He said that he then spoke with Andrea Tredent due to Dr. Thompson's lack of understanding of the matter.

I asked William about logging into the School's Levy's Facebook page. William said he attempted to reset the

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Facebook password by using the saved passwords located from the "wecontinuedexcellence" account because work need to be completed but he did not have access yet. William said that Catherine previously was in charge of the Levy page. He advised he was later granted administrative access which allow him to use the Facebook account.

William said the unauthorized access to the District's Administrative Account for PowerSchool occurred while he was at his residence in Willoughby from his Window's device. He added that his internet provider was Spectrum. IP Address _____ is assigned to Charter Communications. This would be consistent with his provider. William was asked to complete a statement on his behalf to attach to this report. William advised that he would email his statement to either Det Kresja or I. He was provided business cards for both of us.

As of May 8th, 2022 I have yet to receive a statement from William.

On May 9th, 2022 prosecutors Rick Perez (Willoughby Police Department) and Laura DePledge (Eastlake Police Department) ruled that this case would not be charged criminally. The recommendation was to be made that the situation be handled administratively. Detective Kresja informed me that he would be notifying the respective parties.

REPORT STATUS: CLOSED, WPD IR# 22012223 is attached.

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