

State Police Arrest Former Teacher for Unlawful Sexual Contact and Sexual Abuse of a Child

Delaware State Police have arrested 57-year-old **Vincent Buckwash**, of Wilmington, Delaware, a former teacher, on felony charges of unlawful sexual contact and sexual abuse of a child following an investigation at Anna P. Mote Elementary School in Wilmington.

In May 2024, the administration at Anna P. Mote Elementary School and the Delaware Division of Family Services notified the Delaware State Police of several reported incidents involving a teacher inappropriately touching multiple students. Immediately after the allegations were reported, the school district removed Buckwash from the school, and he did not return. He subsequently elected to retire on July 1, 2024. During the investigation, detectives learned that during the 2023-2024 school year, Buckwash, who was employed as a teacher at the time, inappropriately touched five students on multiple occasions.

After a thorough investigation and consultation with the Delaware Department of Justice, warrants for Buckwash's arrest were issued on August 14, 2025. He turned himself in at Troop 2 the same day. He was charged with the crimes listed below, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 2, and released after posting a \$30,000 secured bond.

- Unlawful Sexual Contact with a Person Under the Age of 13 (Felony) – 5 counts
- Sexual Abuse of a Child by a Person of Trust 2nd Degree (Felony) – 5 counts

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Criminal Investigations Unit is continuing to investigate this incident. Detectives are asking anyone who may be a victim, or who may have information relevant to this investigation, to contact Detective M. Conway at (302) 365-8411. Information may also be provided by sending a private Facebook message to the [Delaware State Police](#) or contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-847-3333.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of a crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and need assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit / [Delaware Victim Center](#) is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll-free hotline at 1-800-VICTIM-1 (1-800-842-8461). You may also email the Victim Services Unit at DSP_VictimServicesMail@delaware.gov.