

February 8, 2018

Dear Sun Devil Diver Families:

The purpose of this letter is to share some difficult news with you regarding Coach Cody Montgomery.

This morning, I was contacted by a sergeant from the Tempe police department, who informed me that the Tempe police arrested Coach Montgomery yesterday, and that he is being charged with multiple counts of child sexual endangerment. My understanding from the Tempe police department is that the charges involve online child pornography, and that the investigation has not indicated that any SDD athlete was the subject of any inappropriate sexual conduct by Coach Montgomery.

Needless to say, this news was shocking and extremely upsetting to me and the SDD staff. Prior to being contacted today by the Tempe police, neither I nor, to my knowledge, any SDD staff member had ever received any allegation of inappropriate sexual or other criminal misconduct by Coach Montgomery – whether involving pornography or otherwise. Since Coach Montgomery first started working for SDD in May 2016... no parent, diver, staff member or other person has ever come to me to report or express a concern about Coach Montgomery or about any sexual misconduct involving Coach Montgomery. We pride ourselves at SDD in providing our team members with the very best instruction from qualified, caring, professional diving instructors. The idea that one of our staff members would engage in conduct like this is antithetical to everything that we are about.

It is important to remember that this matter involves allegations that are subject to further investigation, and that there has been no determination of guilt or innocence on the part of Coach Montgomery. Nonetheless, I and SDD take this matter very seriously. We have terminated Coach Montgomery's contract with SDD. We have cooperated fully and will continue to cooperate fully with the Tempe police department. We urge anyone who may have any information that may be helpful to the case to contact Sergeant Sean Still of the Tempe Police Department at (480) 858-6492. In addition, we want to make sure every family understands that if anyone ever feels that any SDD coach has engaged in inappropriate conduct with their child, they should contact me (and the authorities) immediately.

Because of the ongoing law enforcement investigation, and so as not to interfere in any way with that process, we do not intend to issue any further communications about this matter. Having said that, we believe it is important to inform our families when serious matters like this arise, and we want you to know that SDD is absolutely committed to the continuing safety of our athletes.

Sincerely,



Mark Bradshaw
Team Director