

## Mother sues gymteacher, schoolsystemover son'sarm fractures

WINCHESTER -- A Randolph County mother is suing her son's gym teacher, the school he attends and Randolph Southern Schools, alleging the boy suffered multiple arm fractures when forced to wrestle a much larger classmate.

Kensey Albertson seeks unspecified damages from teacher Kevin Frazee, Randolph Southern Junior-Senior High School and the Lynn-based school corporation in her Randolph Superior Court lawsuit.

According to the suit, Albertson's son was participating in a gym class at the school last Oct. 31 when teacher Frazee "directed the students of his class to wrestle one another under his supervision."

The mother alleges her son, who then weighed about 110 pounds, was "directed" by Frazee to wrestle a classmate "who is substantially taller and weighs substantially more."

"Due to the substantial disparity in their weights, the other student was able to easily pick (Albertson's son) up and slam him down on the ground," the suit states.

Frazee allegedly ordered the students to square off again, with the same result. This time, however, Albertson's son suffered a broken arm when thrown down, along with "excruciating pain, permanent disfigurement and lack of mobility," resulting in lost school time and "substantial" medical expenses.

The suit -- filed by Indianapolis attorney Steven Crell says it is "reasonably believed" that three other students were injured while wrestling in gym classes overseen by Frazee, with one boy suffering a "serious foot injury" and another sustaining a "serious knee injury."

The teacher is accused of being "grossly negligent" in "allowing students in a much higher weight class to wrestle against students in a much lower weight class," and in directing Albertson's son to wrestle the larger classmate a second time "after witnessing the other student's ability to injure (her son) due to the substantial weight disparity between them."

The arm fractures resulted in the student undergoing surgery, and the insertion of a plate, along with "several screws, pins, staples and sutures."

Randolph Southern Supt. Donnie Bowsmansaid Thursday that the corporation "just literally got the paperwork today" and had forwarded the suit to the school's insurance provider.

Michael Manning, principal of Randolph Southern Junior-Senior High School, said he was aware such litigation was being considered, but he had not yet seen the lawsuit.

Frazee teaches physical education and health classes, according to the Randolph Southern website, and has coached during his 10-year teaching career.

He is a 1996 graduate of Union City Community High School and a member of that school's athletic Hall of Fame.

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