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On August 14, 2023, the Payson Unified School District began an investigation into one of their employees based on a tip from the community. They subsequently notified a Payson Police Department (PPD) School Resource Officer about an allegation against a teacher regarding inappropriate conduct with a former student and a criminal investigation was initiated.

Since that time, PPD Detectives have conducted numerous interviews with witnesses and victims and developed probable cause to arrest the teacher, Miles Huff, for several counts of sexual conduct with a minor.

On August 29, 2023, Miles Huff was taken into custody by PPD personnel. He was booked into the Gila County Jail and will have his initial court appearance on August 30, 2023.

The investigation is still ongoing as Detectives have a large amount of evidence to search through and process, as well as follow up interviews to conduct. We would like to thank our partners with the Payson Unified School District, the Gila County Sheriff's Office Detention Staff, and the Gila County Attorney's Office, for their assistance with this investigation.

If you have further information about this investigation, or you believe you may have been a victim of one of these crimes, you are encouraged to contact the Payson Police Department at (928)474-5177.

Further media inquiries can be directed to Commander Joshua Haines.

