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Dear Parents and Guardians:

I am writing to inform you about the arrest of James A. Booker, an employee of a construction contractor currently performing work on the Wheaton High School fields. Mr. Booker is charged with second degree rape and a third degree sexual offense. According to the Montgomery County Department of Police, these charges stem from a May 23 incident where Booker drove the victim to her residence in Wheaton and then sexually assaulted her in his vehicle. Police have confirmed that the victim is not a student at Wheaton High School or the Thomas Edison High School of Technology.

Montgomery County Public Schools is fully cooperating with law enforcement on this matter. In his role as a subcontractor, Mr. Booker was not cleared to be in any MCPS school nor to have direct contact with students. It is important to note that our background check did reveal felony criminal convictions for robbery and drug distribution on his record.

The alleged behavior of Mr. Booker is disturbing, detestable and is a violation of our values as community.

MCPS is committed to the safety of all students. More information about our ongoing efforts to prevent, recognize and report child abuse in our community is available at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/childabuseandneglect/>.

If you or your child have any information that may be helpful to the investigation, I ask that you call the Special Victims Investigations Division of the Montgomery County Police Department at [240-773-5400](tel:240-773-5400).

Sincerely,

Dr. Debra Mugge
Principal