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SANDUSKY: SERVERELY MISJUDGED, PERSONAL ACCOUNT OF WHAT WENT WRONG

Jerry Sandusky Maintains His Innocence: Disgraced Football Coach Denies Allegations of Sexual Misconduct with Underage Males and Blames the Charges on the Intimacy of His Job

Fury is sweeping across the nation as word continues to spread about the scandal surrounding Penn State college football coach Jerry Sandusky. Sandusky, who was indicted on 40 counts of sex crimes against young boys on November 4, broke his silence and adamantly claims his innocence.

Sandusky spoke to sportscaster Bob Costas yesterday answering questions with regards to some of the allegations made. The allegations have been made by many eyewitnesses and people associated with the coach—most notably former players of Sandusky's football team. Sandusky opened up to Costas on his innocence but also stated that he has behaved in a manner that people easily have a reason to target him for.

Sandusky admitted that he has “horsed around with kids, showered after workouts, hugged [kids] and touched their legs without intent of sexual contact.” He continues, “So if [the public] look[s] at it that way, there are things that wouldn't be accurate.” Costas then asked if Sandusky ever touched anyone in their private areas or engaged in sexual activity, to which Sandusky clarified succinctly, “No.” Further questions were asked relating to claims of inappropriate behavior in the shower scene between any children and the coach himself. Sandusky denies intentional wrongdoing and sums up his troubles by saying rather somberly, “I shouldn't have showered with those kids.” To convey the meaning of this comment, Sandusky has argued that due to the intimacy of his job (since coaches are more exposed with kids in the locker room) he crossed a certain barrier that he felt comfortable with that clearly did not reciprocate back with some kids.

If what Sandusky is testifying is true, this would definitely be a rare but possible case of a defendant being misjudged on counts that seemingly is based on a particular activity, despite such activity being negatively associated with common misdemeanors. Ultimately, given the angle to which Sandusky is arguing toward, despite the scrutiny that his dissenters have made out to him, it should be known that Sandusky is innocent until proven guilty.

Jerry Sandusky previously coached football at Pennsylvania State University, serving from 1969 to 1999. After his retirement, Sandusky focused his life toward his children's charity group, *The Second Mile*, which he founded in 1977.

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