

**REDACTED**

To whom it may concern

Keith Carona called me on Thursday, October 26th and asked me about the Newman Boys Basketball trips to Houston and Detroit during the summer of 2022. On June 10th we (Newman) rented a couple of minivans and a suburban and headed to Houston for a team camp. When we arrived in Houston I thought we were staying in a Hilton Doubletree and we pulled up to a fancy 5 star hotel, Blossom Hotel Houston. When we were checking in I asked Randy "what is this place". He said it was a hotel that Jamar Thrower hooked us up with. Later that night Randy came into my room with a handful of envelopes and handed me one with my name on it. He said, "This is some blue chips shit". I opened it up and it had 3 or 4 \$100 dollar bills. I said, "what is this?" He said it was from Jamar Thrower and he had an envelope for each kid. I heard kids talk about receiving anywhere from \$300-\$500 and there were rumors that others received more than that, as high as \$1,000. This was just spending money since the school took care of the transportation, Jamar took care of the hotel, breakfast was included, we (Newman) took the kids out to dinner one night, and there weren't any tournament fees. I told him right then and there that we couldn't be doing this. I said that if we ever get caught he'll never get a college coaching job and it's not worth it. The next morning I saw Jamar in the breakfast area in the lobby and thanked him. I also said that he really didn't need to do that and he said that he just wanted to help us coaches get compensated for all the time and effort that we put in.

On June 26th we met at the Louis Armstrong Airport and headed to the University of Michigan team camp. Once we got into Michigan we once again rented 3 cars and drove out to Michigan State University where we met Tom Izzo and his staff. They gave us a tour of their facilities and then we had a light practice and shoot-around. Afterwards we went out to dinner in downtown Lansing and we (Newman) paid for the kids' dinners. After dinner we drove to Ann Arbor and checked into our hotel (that Newman paid for). Once again, Randy went door to door and handed the kids envelopes. I heard some of the players that went to Houston with us complain that they only received \$300 when they received \$500 in Houston and we were in Detroit and Chicago for longer. Then everyone went to bed and got ready for team camp the next day. We played for two days and then on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 we took the kids to Cedar Point Amusement Park. When we got there Randy handed all the coaches and kids a \$54 admission ticket and a \$134 Fast Lane Plus pass that Jamar Thrower purchased for everyone. As a safety fact, they stopped us from entering the amusement park and made Randy call Jamar to confirm that he paid for the tickets since he wasn't there and the park was concerned the passes may have stolen his card because it was unusual for so many passes to be purchased and used when the owner of the card wasn't there.  $(\$54 \times \$134 = \$188 \times 15 = \$2820)$ . After we spent most of the day at the Cedar Point amusement park we drove into Chicago and checked into the Hilton Chicago/Magnificent Mile. We spent the next day in Chicago and having fun and went to a club game. The next day Randy took some of the Newman Boys Basketball team to Believe Mezzoon and took the rest of the team to the Marriott Downtown Chicago.



**Newman Basketball Investigation**

Investigator:	Keith Carona-Lloyd Wax	
AD:	Patrick Summerhour	Newman
Head Coach:	Randy Livingston	Newman
Ex Coach:	██████████	Idaho
Ex Parent:	██████████	
Ex Student:	██████████	Shaw
Ex Parent:	Walter Butler	
Student:	██████████	
Parent:	Todd Jones Sr	
Parent:	Brittany Jones	
Parent:	Byron Williams	
Parent:	Trajon Langdon	
Parent:	Jamar Thrower	

**Conclusions**

**1. Address** 4122 Eve St, New Orleans

██████████ told me that someone at Newman gave his son an address his freshman year (20-21 school year) so he could be eligible at Newman. That address was 4122 Eve St, New Orleans. This has been confirmed by the LHSAA Permission form filled out. ██████████ was living with his sister ██████████ that year at ██████████. ██████████ does own this residence. ██████████ wanted to keep his conversations private because he has two sons still at Newman. ██████████ has bought a home down the street from Newman.

In our interview with Walter Butler, he said that ██████████ could take Newman down. Walter said ██████████ knows that Newman gave his son ██████████ a fake address when he was in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade so he would be eligible.

██████████ mother Brittany, gave us a documented letter stating that her family lived at 4122 Eve St, New Orleans his freshman year. (20-21 school year)

When ██████████ was being interviewed, he could not answer what were his current and former addresses. Once he hesitated and couldn't answer his mother Brittany started answering for him.

Todd and Brittany own their home ██████████. This would be Dual Residence for ██████████ his freshman year at Newman. Newman did not do a Move check on this residence that year.

On [REDACTED] Permission form filled out in 2020-21 the address was 2438 Columbus St, New Orleans. Brittany said they never lived there.

**[REDACTED] were both ineligible student athletes at Newman their Freshman year. They both played Varsity Basketball for the team that year.**

**[REDACTED] Dual Residence**

**[REDACTED] Did not live in the attendance zone**

On 10/19/23 it was reported, but not confirmed that Randy Livingston and Brittany Jones had called [REDACTED]'s sister [REDACTED]. This contact was made before Brittany and Todd Sr met with the LHSAA investigator. Brittany (or Randy) told [REDACTED] they needed the address she used for [REDACTED] his freshman year at Newman. Brittany told her the LHSAA is trying to make [REDACTED] ineligible his senior year. [REDACTED] felt bad and told her the address was 4122 Eve St. That is the address Brittany told us they lived at her son's freshman year at Newman. (no one will confirm that this happened)

**In his interview Coach Randy Livingston stated he does not give parents addresses to use to enroll at Newman. Randy stated that he was just a coach, he did not verify where his players lived.**

## 2. 2022 Summer Team Camps

Houston Team Camp	June 10-12, 2022
Detroit Team Camp	June 26-July 1, 2022

The summer of 2022 the coaches took the Newman Basketball team to team camps in Houston and Detroit. The older players went to both camps. The freshman went to only one camp. The only freshman that went to both camps was [REDACTED]. Jamar Thrower is a major donor with the Newman basketball program.

It was reported by Walter Butler that his son [REDACTED] received an envelope with \$400 in it at the Houston Team Camp in June of 2022. Walter said he went to give his son some money and [REDACTED] said I don't need money. [REDACTED] said he got an envelope with cash in it.

In our interview with [REDACTED], he confirmed that all players at the Houston camp got an envelope with cash in it. All players were given envelopes. Each player had a different amount of cash, some players said they got as much as \$1000 in their envelope.

█████ and Walter said Hotel, Meals and Team Camp fees were paid for by the school. The players received the cash as spending money.

In our interview with Jamar Thrower, he said several times that he didn't know anything about envelopes. He said he did not give any players money at the Houston or Michigan team camps. Jamar did confirm that he bought Amusement Park tickets for about half the team. Jamar also said he bought dinner one night for the players, he thought it was Pizza and Wings. Jamar said he didn't do anything more than some donors do for the football program at Newman.

██████████ confirmed that envelopes were given to all players at the Houston and Michigan Team Camps. ██████ stated that Coach Livingston handed out the envelopes to the players. ██████ said Randy told him that Jamar Thrower gave the kids some extra spending money for the trips. ██████ sent me a signed statement about the Team Camp events.

In our interview with Coach Randy Livingston he confirmed that he gave all players and coaches envelopes with money in it. Randy did not know how much money was in each envelope. Randy told us that Jamar Thrower gave him envelopes with the money in it for all players and coaches. Randy said it was for them to have Fun. Randy also confirmed that Jamar Thrower bought half of the amusement park tickets for the players at the Michigan Team Camp. Randy confirmed that Jamar also bought amusement park tickets for the coaches.

### 3. Newman Financial Assistance

I requested and received documents on financial assistance for several players. Newman provided me with copies showing how much School and Student Services (SSS) estimated each player's family could afford to pay. Most of the families pay a good bit more than SSS says they can afford. I confirmed from Newman that the families pay monthly with credit or debit cards in their names.

AD Patrick Summerhour and Coach Livingston said they have nothing to do with the financial aspect of enrolling at Newman. Kevin Ciolino is the CFO and handles that.

SSS EFC	Financial Aid Award	Total Tuition and Fees Paid
\$1,079	\$22,000	\$7,016
\$2,816	\$17,800	\$11,474
		\$29,274
\$14,84	\$11,400	\$18,356
0	\$20,000	\$9,756
\$298	\$ 18,000	\$11,016
		\$29,274



Newman CFO Kevin Ciolino provided us with monthly payments from each family as well as a letter confirming that each family is paying with a credit or checking account in the parents name.

#### 4. Recruiting

Walter Butler said his son [REDACTED] was playing for the JPRD Championship game when he was in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Randy Livingston was at the game. After the game he said Randy approached coach Guy Buras. Randy asked Guy if any of the players were good enough to play for Newman, and handle the financial and academic side of going to Newman. Walter sent [REDACTED] to a Randy Livingston Camp at Newman the summer after his 6<sup>th</sup> grade year. Walter said Randy sent him to admissions to get the registration and testing process set up. Walter said the admissions department handled the enrollment and testing process.

Walter said one of the problems is that kids are just showing up a Newman. He named [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. They are from LaPlace and Varnado.

Coach Livingston was adamant in our interviews that if someone approaches him about Newman, he gives them a business card for Admissions director and has nothing else to do with the process. This has been confirmed by AD Summerhour.

Randy Livingston and [REDACTED] went to watch [REDACTED] play when he was an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at So Plaq. The game was at Holy Cross vs the Holy Cross JV team. Randy said he spoke to [REDACTED]'s parents after the game and gave them a card for admissions. Randy said he was at the game to scout Holy Cross because they played them later. [REDACTED] said they were at the game to watch [REDACTED].

In our interview with Coach Livingston he said he receives at least 20 calls or text a week from parents wanting their kids to go to Newman. Randy said he tries to determine which ones are capable of handling Newman standards, and gives those parents a card for the admissions director.

[REDACTED] was at a open gym at Newman one weekend when [REDACTED] was participating. [REDACTED] called Randy to tell him about this really good 8<sup>th</sup> grader from Slidell that was at the shoot around. Randy came over and liked what he saw. [REDACTED] did enroll at Newman the following year using an address he did not live at.

## 5. Safety Issues

██████████ told us Newman had a fight club. The older players would lock the door to the locker room once the freshman got in. They would force the freshman to fight. ██████████ said he stayed out of the locker room because of this. Almost sounded like some sort of hazing situation.

### Final Notes

- AD Patrick Summerhour said they did not renew the contract for ██████████. ██████████ was a cancer on campus and had no relationship with Coach Livingston. After the 2023 season ██████████ informed Patrick of the wrong doings of Coach Livingston and the Newman basketball program. Patrick had a meeting with Coach Livingston and they determined that ██████████ was a disgruntled employee. Patrick has told me several times he talks to Randy about recruiting and rules often. Patrick said if he is doing anything wrong, he and the administration is unaware.
- Patrick and everybody at Newman have been very corporative with this investigation. The AD is not hiding anything, and gets all the documents that we have requested.
- One problem that is evident at Newman is that kids are going there to be part of their basketball program. Once at the school other players transfer in that are better than them. That is causing problems with the players already in the program. Its almost like they are running a college basketball program.

Newman

10/24/23

Patrick (AD)

Mr. [REDACTED] (player parent)

Keith and Lloyd

- (A) Mr. [REDACTED] answered all questions in a manner that would support his child being eligible.
- (1) Did not play on AAU team coached by Randy Livingston.
  - (2) First contact was with the open house for Newman
  - (3) Said he was not recruited by anyone from New

Interview off campus

Walter Butler (Parent)

[REDACTED] (Student 11 gr.)

- (B) [REDACTED] went to Newman 7<sup>th</sup> gr. And did not play on AAU team until he went to Newman. Dad said [REDACTED] played JPRD basketball all stars in 6<sup>th</sup> gr. Randy Livingston came to a game and asked his sons coach ([REDACTED]), "Do you think you have any kids that could play for Newman?"

Both Mr. Butler and [REDACTED] stated that on the Houston team trip [REDACTED] was given an envelope with \$400 in it. [REDACTED] said, "[REDACTED] dad, (Jamar Thrower) passed it out".

It was stated that [REDACTED] Williams and [REDACTED] had a fight in the locker room, and nothing was reported to admin. After this [REDACTED] did not go back in the dressing room because of fear.

- (C) [REDACTED] said he thinks [REDACTED] got \$700-800 in his envelope. He said they all got one and the envelope had their name on it and money inside. "They didn't tell us anything about what it was for or where it came from".

He gave us a list of players that went on the trip, some are not at Newman any longer.

Patrick (AD)

Patrick has been very cooperative and has had a lot put on his plate that he had no idea was going on.



"We don't have a procedure to check these things because we have never had to deal with this kind of stuff and people not being truthful.

Newman

11/2/23

Patrick (AD)

Keith and Lloyd

- (A) ██████████ (Parent)
- (B) Jamar Thrower (Parent)
- (C) Randy Livingston (Coach)

- (A) ██████████ (Parent)

This parent was out of town, so we tried to have a phone conversation with him that proved to be short. He stated his son was not recruited to Newman in anyway. His son did not play for Randy Livingston before he came to Newman. He said, his son did go to the Houston team camp in 2022. He stated he had no knowledge of his son getting an envelope with money in it at that camp. His son was at school, but he did not want us to "bring his son into this" so we did not speak to his son. The dad said he would ask him when he got back.

- (B) Jamar Thrower (Parent)

This parent had first contact with Randy Livingston when they came to visit the school maybe (Open House).

He stated he did not know anything about envelope with cash in them given to players on the Houston Team Camp trip in 2022 nor Michigan Team Camp trip 2022. He stated he might have bought some pizza or wings for the kids like any other parent would do.

He stated that he paid for some theme park tickets, "Maybe bought 1/3 of them. He did not want us to talk to his son.

- (C) Randy Livingston (Head Basketball Coach)

He stated that he rented a SUV or van for the trip to Houston in 2022 and was reimbursed by the school. He thinks parents also drove some of the kids.

He stated that the Michigan Trip that he thinks parents paid for the plane fare, but he was reimbursed by the school for his.

Some meals were provided by the camp and some by the school and some by Mr. Thrower.

He said he was not sure the arrangements for the hotel were credit card or how they were paid for.

Randy Livingston stated on both trips he gave each player and coach an envelope with their name on it. He confirmed that cash was in the envelope. He stated that they were given to him by Jamar Thrower parent of one of the players. He also confirmed that Mr. Thrower bought pizza and wings for the kids. He also confirmed that Mr. Thrower paid for amusement part tickets.

He said his envelope had about \$200 each trip. Randy said the money was for extra spending just for the kids to have fun. He said he heard most kids got up to \$200 per camp.

Randy stated he never gave parents addresses to use, never copied and pasted elect. Bills and knew nothing about 4122 Eve St. (which is the address used by 2 different players the same time). He stated he did not know where his kids lived that that was not his responsibility that "My job is to just coach" "All I do is Coach".

He stated [REDACTED], a coach no longer at Newman received money in an envelope just like the players did.

He stated his being at Holy Cross vs South Plaquemine was for scouting and [REDACTED] parents came up to him at the game. He said I just give people the admissions number to Newman.

Coach Livingston was truthful for the most part.

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We spoke briefly at Burton Coliseum during the boys' state basketball tournament. My name is

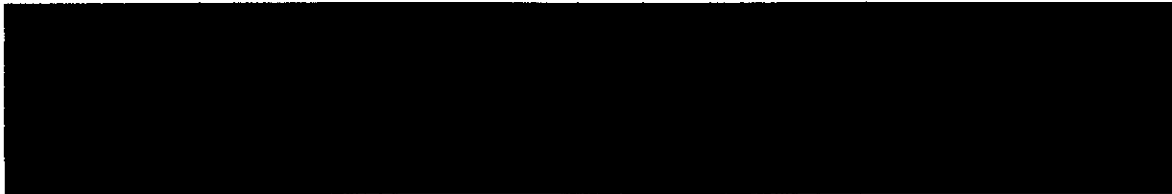
██████████ and ██████████  
██████████. I normally wouldn't say anything but as a certified teacher for over 20 years I feel that I have a moral obligation to follow the teachers' code of ethics. While at Newman I have witnessed many things that are considered less than reputable and in most states would violate their state activities association's rules and be considered illegal. You don't have to take my word for it. Please contact the parents that I've copied on this email. They will tell you that their kids received money, that they were recruited in middle school, etc... Other parents will tell you that they were told to falsify their address but asked me to keep their names off of this email because they still have kids at Newman and fear retaliation, but they will tell you these facts if asked.

Below is a list of improprieties and violations that have occurred at Newman.

- Recruited middle school kids to come to Newman.
  - Randy attended multiple middle school games and tournaments, approached parents, told them what zip codes that they needed to live in, and gave them contact information to the admissions team at Newman and informed/encouraged them by talking about financial aid.
- Falsified addresses.
  - Randy has a friend in the real estate business that gave him addresses to Airbnb's and rentals in our boundaries/zip codes that he gave to incoming freshman that lived outside our boundaries so that they could be eligible to play. In at least one instance, Randy forged/doctored one of the Entergy bills by pasting/photoshopping a parent's name over the actual/legal name on the bill that was submitted to the LHSAA for proof of residency.
- Falsified grades. During the 2019-20 season, Athletic director Patrick Summerour "gave" ██████████ two physical education credits for playing basketball and running track, to ensure he would be eligible to play football the following season. AJ did NOT play basketball for us. He did not attend one practice or play in any games that season. He did not run track either. There was no outdoor track season due to COVID. In another situation, last year Newman decided to just erase/drop ██████████'s math class that he was failing at the end of the first semester. He would have been eligible if they did not drop it.

- **Monetary payments.**
  - Last year 2022-2023 Newman players were paid over \$1000 in benefits and cash. The junior varsity players were paid \$200-\$300. Some varsity players were paid closer to \$1,000. Players were given \$200 in amusement park tickets/passes. Players had personal training sessions paid by the basketball all program. These sessions had to be at least \$150 per player, per month. They had three months of these training sessions.
- There was talk of forming hidden bank accounts so that Randy could have a "slush fund". He wanted extra money to spend when we were on out of state trips. Randy spent \$1,500 on one team hibachi dinner. Ironically, Randy wanted this money to help offset players' tuition costs if Newman could not give the athlete(s) enough financial aid.
- Everyone in the basketball circles in the state of Louisiana "knows" that there is "something" going on at Newman. Almost all of Newman's players have transferred in are over six feet tall and good basketball players. [REDACTED] (7th), [REDACTED] (8th), [REDACTED] (8th), [REDACTED] (8th), [REDACTED] (8th), [REDACTED] (9th), [REDACTED] (9th), [REDACTED] (9th), [REDACTED] (9th), [REDACTED] (10th), [REDACTED] (10th), [REDACTED] (11th), [REDACTED] (12th). Three players transferred during and after this season. They were all good to great students and basketball players. One was a senior captain from last year's team, said, "It's too much". He was referring to all the players transferring in, money being paid, and inequality on how players were treated.
- **The culture at Newman is toxic.**
  - Players are encouraged to cheat to make sure that they can pass their classes and be/stay eligible.
  - During COVID a relative of one of the players took an entrance/ placement exam for one of the players to ensure they could get into Newman.
  - A player punched another player in the face/assaulted with no consequences or disciplinary actions.
  - There was a "Fight Club" in the locker room where older players would block the doors and make the younger players fight
  - The players act entitled, like they have special privileges and in some instances they do. They are disrespectful to staff, students, and to one another.

All of this goes against the NFHS mission of providing leadership for the administration of education-based high school athletics and activities through the writing of playing rules that emphasize health and safety, educational programs that develop leaders, and administrative support to increase opportunities and promote sportsmanship. Believing that student participation in education-based high school athletics and activities is a privilege that is to enrich the educational experience, encourages academic achievement, promote respect, integrity and sportsmanship prepares for the athlete for the future in a global community but also, develop leadership and life skills, fosters the inclusion of diverse population, promote healthy lifestyles safe competition, encourage positive school and community culture, but at the end of the day it should be fun.



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9-1-2023



9/22/2023


**Re: Randy Livingston/ Newman Basketball**

Assistant Executive Director of LHSAA  
12720 Old Hammond Highway  
Baton Rouge, LA 70816

Hope this letter finds you and your family in great health and spirits.

We as the Louisiana community would like to request an immediate removal of Coach Randy Livingston and to place Newman Basketball on probation & recoument of the 2021-22/2022-2023 State Titles for the below infractions:

- The below players from those 2 state championship teams were ineligible and out of the attendance zones
  - [REDACTED] (stayed with mom in Violet, grandmother did not have legal guardianship)
  - [REDACTED] (was registered under 1 of his close friends Air BNB)
  - [REDACTED] ( stayed in Plaquemine Parish but used a fake 70119 address)
  - [REDACTED] kid used an Air BNB address. Father did not stay in the attendance zone
  - [REDACTED] dad is a private donor and does not live within the attendance zone.
- Randy has used illegal recruitment funds to lure:
  - [REDACTED] to Newman
  - Illegally pays for his reduced tuition with a non-registered NIL supportive parent (Jamarr – owns numerous McDonald's in Louisiana)
  - Jamarr also paid the entire team stipends during the last 2 summer camp/trips. He paid coaches/players for each trip
- Randy currently has 2 additional new athletic transfer which are utilizing Air BNB addresses.
- Randy moved his son in town this year (Aug,) just to play 1 year of basketball and he doesn't have legal guardianship on him.
- Randy recruitment is tied to his Nike/EYBL contract

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- Randy was also very knowledgeable in very aware of numerous BULLYing incidents within the Newman Basketball Team over the past 2 years. ~~Mr. Randy~~ parents already received a waiver to play at Shaw HS due to this measure

We understand that you guys have been made aware of some of these infractions and we are hoping that you guys expedite these infractions/recruiting violation and suspend Mr. Livingston "Indefinitely" and penalize Newman immediately and very enforceful.

As per LHSAA guidelines, NO school or institution is allowed to RECRUIT of any manner. Furthermore, NIL's must be registered through the State of Louisiana.

Thanks for you guys support for Louisiana Athletics;

Concerned CITIZEN

iMessage  
Yesterday 9:27 PM

Trending from a Parent:

"One Thursday Randy Livingston and Cooper Manning came to my house with an offer I couldn't refuse. Said they would give me a job if my son attended. I took it with a free tuition! 🧑 This been going on and LHSAA been knowing."

Kids last name or first name Lockett. I'm not a social media person so I don't know how to follow the thread to read into the post. And....it's probably for the best. I may feel the need to comment.