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**Re: *People v. John Robert Walker and Joseph T. Myers***

District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced that charges have been filed against two St. Joseph High School administrators/educators for failing to immediately report suspected child sexual abuse to law enforcement, in violation of Penal Code section 11166(c), a misdemeanor.

It is alleged that St. Joseph High School Principal Joseph Myers and Dean of Students John Walker, were notified by 16-year-old student Jane Doe 1 and her parents of a sexual assault committed against her by two other students, also minors. Both Mr. Myers and Mr. Walker are "mandated reporters" because of their positions with St. Joseph High School and are required to immediately report suspected child abuse, child sexual abuse, or child neglect to the appropriate authorities. This is a joint obligation under Penal Code section 11166(h).

The filing of this criminal complaint concludes a month-long investigation conducted by Sheriff's Detectives and District Attorney Investigators. Charges have already been filed against suspects involved in the alleged sexual assaults and those cases are proceeding through the criminal justice system.

The maximum penalty for a violation of PC 11166(c) is six months in county jail and/or a \$1,000 fine.

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