

SPS approved policy limiting police calls

Campus safety procedure OK'd by school board days before FBI inquired about crime reporting

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The Spokane Public Schools board of directors approved a new district and campus safety policy urging resolution of conflicts by school staff, rather than police, in the days before Spokane police Chief Craig Meidl informed the district's superintendent of concerns about crime reporting.

The policy, which was unanimously adopted by the board on March 9, called for "using law enforcement only as the absolute last resort and only for incidents for which law enforcement is necessary to address a serious threat to school safety." Board Pres-

ident Mike Wiser said the policy was approved "to reflect the rule of law, and what we think is best for our students."

"It wasn't a big change," Wiser said, adding such an approach has been the approach of the district for several years.

The board also was presented with proposed procedures from the superintendent



What we're trying to do is make sure we're using our internal resources."

Mike Wiser, Spokane Public Schools Board President

that prohibited staff members, except for a designated safety officer, from contacting law enforcement in many nonemergency situations. That designated safety officer could seek police intervention only in six specific instances: sex crimes, first-degree robbery, first-degree assault, use or possession of deadly weapons, suicide and

homicide. If the procedure is adopted, it appears to indicate that school employees would be barred from contacting police for other crimes, such as second-degree assault, unless there was an emergency.

Under state law, second-degree assault occurs when someone "intentionally assaults another and thereby recklessly inflicts substantial bodily harm." During first-degree assaults, an attacker has to intend "to inflict great bodily harm" and use a gun, "deadly weapon" or "any force or means likely to produce great bodily harm or death." Both first-degree and second-degree assaults are

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WAR IN UKRAINE



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COMBAT VETERAN TURNED COUNSELOR

After experiencing PTSD from his time in Iraq, Post Falls man went into social work. Now, he's headed to Ukraine to help

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WARSAW, Poland - In 2005, along the Iraq-Syrian border, Jared Malone was on his second combat deployment with the Marines as a tank crewman when insurgents fired on his unit.

The Marines returned fire and civilians, including some children, were killed in the crossfire.

"Those images stayed with me for years," Malone said sitting in a sunlit-dappled room in Warsaw on Monday. "To a point when we had our twins it immediately brought up a lot of those feelings."

After that second deployment, Malone struggled to reintegrate into civilian society and so returned to Iraq as a private contractor to train Iraqi soldiers. But the trauma of that encounter in 2005 persisted and worsened when he had twin daughters in 2015.

"A lot of anger. A lot of frustration, nightmares," he said of that time. "I saw that it was starting to affect my everyday life and I needed to make a change."

He started going to counseling through Veterans Affairs and, after processing and healing, went back to school. Malone is now a licensed master social worker with a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Hawaii and a master's from Fordham University.

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Jared Malone waits in Warsaw, Poland, on Monday before going to Lviv, Ukraine to volunteer at Victory Christian Church.

Zags got dudes, dads

Fathers of Gonzaga players take over popular catchphrase during NCAAs

By Justin Reed

THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW

PORTLAND - "Zags got dudes."

The phrase has been adopted by the Gonzaga basketball community during the most successful run by the former Cinderella to remind the rest of the country that the Bulldogs do, in fact, have dudes.

Even if some college basketball factions turn a blind eye to the talent that Mark Few and his staff have gathered at the Jesuit university.

The first documented use of the expression was by college basketball insider Seth Davis, who tweeted it on Dec. 1, 2017, the night the Bulldogs thumped Creighton 91-74.

But for the first time since the inaugural idiom, the fathers of

the men who earned a trip to the Sweet 16 with an 82-78 win over Memphis on Saturday crafted their own version the day before the round of 32 matchup.

At lunch on Friday, the Zags dads were out together, discussing the Georgia State first-round game, the upcoming Memphis game and other fatherly topics.

Breaking bread together were Deon Watson, Dave Holmgren, Ed Lang, Matt Timme, Claude Nembhard, Ray Bolton and Matt Gregg.

That's when Watson, the former University of Idaho basketball star, spoke up and said that since their kids get recognized as the Zags dudes, shouldn't the dads who helped mold them also get to make their own mark - a mark of pride for raising the

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Gonzaga guard Rasir Bolton's father, Ray, claps for his son as GU comes off the court after defeating Memphis on Saturday in the second round of the NCAA Tournament in Portland.



LEGER-WALKER'S GROWTH HELPS WSU RESURGENCE

Senior from New Zealand leaves Cougars program a leader on, off the court. **SPORTS, 1**

COUNTY AUDITOR FILES FOR RE-ELECTION

Vicky Dalton, who has served since her first election win in 1998, faces a Republican challenger. **NW, 1**

CHRISTIAN AUTHOR TO VISIT PULLMAN, MOSCOW

Diana Butler Bass talks will include Ukraine and her theological journey. **NW, 2**

