**Source:** 6A Kitty Hawk Landing Ste 101

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## PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Londonderry School District has been notified by the Derry Police Department that one of the Student Transportation of America (STA) bus drivers has been placed under arrest for sexual assault, possession of child sexual abuse images, and manufacturing child sexual abuse images. The driver was hired by STA last December, 2022 and trained by their company through February, 2023. He did not have a permanent Londonderry bus route, and only served as a backup driver for the fleet. According to the police department, there is no evidence of any Londonderry student involvement. The driver has voluntarily resigned from STA, and the District and STA are fully cooperating with the investigation.

Student transportation for our District is a contracted service through STA, and we, along with several surrounding towns, have a long-standing relationship with STA. Their management works with District Office staff to plan routes and cover the Londonderry School District's transportation needs. STA is responsible for its own hiring processes, which involves extensive training, conducting background checks, and providing direct supervision from management prior to beginning driver routes.

Both STA and the District will continue to work with local law enforcement throughout this process. The safety of our students is our top concern. While the police do not have evidence of any Londonderry students being involved, if any parent feels their child may have had inappropriate contact with them, please call Derry Police at 432-6111. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the district office at 432-6920.