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Former school volunteer wanted for questioning

Silverdale, Wash. -- The Kitsap County Sheriff's Office has initiated an investigation into an allegation of inappropriate contact between a former adult volunteer at Central Kitsap High School (CKHS) and a student enrolled in the school's band program.

The investigation began May 2.

Thomas Jefferson Jackson, 56, was a volunteer with the CKHS band for the past three years. Until recently, Jackson was known at the school as T. J. Hammontree. In the course of their investigation Sheriff's detectives uncovered Jackson's actual identity.

Jackson's volunteer status at CKHS was suspended last week when the allegation was brought forward to school district officials.

Sheriff's detectives would like to speak with Jackson about the allegation but have been unable to contact him so far. His whereabouts right now is unknown.

Sheriff's detectives state that there is a possibility that some recent CKHS graduates may have been subjects of past inappropriate contact from Jackson, but the conduct was never reported to school administrators or civil authorities at the time.

Persons with information concerning Jackson's whereabouts, or those who feel that they may have been victimized in the past, are requested to contact Sheriff's Detective Roger Howerton at (360) 337-5611, or Detective Mike Rodrigue, (360) 337-4479.

Those wishing to remain anonymous may contact Crime Stoppers of Puget Sound, 1-800-CRIME-13.

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Thomas Jefferson Jackson

AKA: T. J. Hammontree

Age: 56

Height: 5' 07"

Weight: 225 lbs.

Hair: Gray

Eyes: Hazel

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