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**FORMER HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER ENTERS GUILTY PLEA IN SEX
ABUSE CASE INVOLVING STUDENTS**

HILLSBORO, Ore- On January 14, 2026, Wymon Wayne Smith, age 67, pleaded guilty to sex abuse in the first degree and sex abuse in the second degree. Judge Kathleen Proctor sentenced the defendant to 75 months in prison. Deputy District Attorney Matt Wise prosecuted this case.

The defendant worked as a teacher at Banks High School. He initiated an increasingly flirtatious and inappropriate relationship with a student. On January 6, 2025, the victim was alone in class with the defendant when he told the student to close the door so he could give the victim a “real hug.” The defendant then hugged the minor and touched the student inappropriately. He admitted to the student that he “shouldn’t be doing this.”

The victim reported the inappropriate actions to a friend who alerted an adult. Law enforcement and school staff were then notified. The defendant was immediately placed on leave pending the results of an investigation. He was later terminated from employment and permanently barred from entering campus.

After the initial investigation, detectives learned of a second abuse victim, another student at the school. The defendant also initiated an increasingly flirtatious relationship with this student that progressed to explicit sexual text messages and forceful sexual contact over a period of time.

The Washington County District Attorney’s Office commends the victims for reporting this abuse. This office also thanks the Washington County Sheriff’s Office for their work on this case.

In addition to his prison sentence, the defendant will serve ten years of post-prison supervision and must register as a sex offender. He will also lose his teaching certification.