

The grand jury heard some very graphic and compelling testimony from key witnesses in this case – including the graduate assistant who told them what he saw in the shower and Penn State football coach Joe Paterno-- men who saw or heard about the sexual assault of that young boy in the football locker room and reported that incident to top administrators at the university.

The grand jury also heard testimony from others at the university, including the defendants, Athletic Director Tim Curley and Senior Vice President Gary Schultz, who are now charged with making false statements about what they knew, making statements that were not credible and failing to report suspected child abuse.

One of the basic principles of our legal system is that witnesses are required under the law to tell the truth when they are called before a grand jury – the truth, pure and simple.

That principle applies to everyone, from the ordinary man-on-the-street to those who occupy positions of power and influence in our society – men like the defendants in this case.

If we are to enforce the law and protect our citizens, and in this case our children, we cannot condone under the law the actions of those who make false statements to a grand jury, regardless of the positions they hold, particularly when they involve serious matters of great importance.

The sexual abuse of a child is a horrific offense that understandably arouses strong emotions within all of us and can cause scars that last a lifetime for its victims.

In this case, it is alleged that top administration officials at Penn State University, Curley and Schultz, after receiving a report of the sexual assault of a young boy in a Lasch Hall shower by Sandusky from both a graduate assistant and the coach of the Penn State football team not only failed to report the incident, as required by law, but never made any attempt to identify that child.

Today we encourage that person, who is now likely to be a young adult, to contact investigators from the Attorney General's Office at 814-863-1053, or Pennsylvania State Police at 814-470-2238. We also encourage anyone else who has any information related to this case to please contact those same numbers.