

To Committee in Reference to Aaron Coleman:

If the committee has been following the recent court case Brandie Armstrong v. Aaron Coleman, I have come up passively within that case. At least in the news articles I have went unnamed. Brandie did this out of respect for my personal privacy. However, had Brandie asked I would have testified in a heartbeat.

I have done my best to stay silent, and say nothing in due respect to how Mrs. Armstrong chose to handle the situation to which I would have been a bystander at best. However, I feel compelled to speak on Brandie's behalf, and given I have independent knowledge of Mr. Coleman's continued patterns of behavior which clearly indicate that he is not ready for the position to which he now holds.

In Mrs. Armstrong's case I am her landlord. I can testify to the fact directly that Mr. Coleman, has been to the home. Of direct note is the incident in October, I live directly next to my tenants, in October Mr. Coleman knocked so loudly that it caused myself to look out the window to find out what was going on. There is a distance between the homes, a sign is quite clearly visible on the front door that an autistic child lives in the home. This shows Mr. Coleman's clear disregard for those around him clearly. I have also been informed by neighbors, and my own parents that Mr. Coleman was seen around the home on few more occasions until recently. Much of this newer information has come to light with the series of news articles surrounding Mr. Coleman. Many of the neighbors, and my own parents asking questions as to what I did or did not know in regards to the court case. Much to my shock, finding several neighbors indicating to me that they had seen who they believe to be Coleman on a few instances outside of what the Armstrong's were aware of themselves.

My direct semi-connection to Mr. Coleman ends at my being able to directly testify to his continued harassment of Mrs. Armstrong for the past nine months. Living next to your tenants you can clearly see comings and goings. We have a wonderful relationship, and I would hope we could serve as a model for both tenants and landlords during the Covid-19 crisis

In-directly, again thanks to recent news articles I have come to knowledge, that Mr. Coleman's behavior probably has not changed. It can be said as a matter public record that I have worked as a teacher in sub capacity for both Turner, Shawnee Mission, and as a full-time teacher within the Kansas City Kansas Public Schools. Over that time, I have made many connections many of which I keep. However, I have not taught myself full time in several years. But I keep in contact with teachers some of those at Shawnee Mission West, to which Mr. Coleman graduated after having been ungracefully removed from Turner. I still consider these people professional colleagues and more than that friends. Knowing that someday I will reenter the teaching profession.

Over the recent holidays, I met with a few of my friends. The connection between Shawnee Mission West, and Mr. Coleman had come up. They were surprised to find out I was the unnamed landlord in question. At that point, I was then given a flood of how Mr. Coleman's harassment of my tenant was completely within character according to them. But that they were afraid to speak given the optics of the situation at hand. Also having no prior knowledge to my semi-personal connection to the situation. They also indicated that Mr. Coleman had a few minor instances of questionable actions with the opposite sex while at West, but each time it was handled quietly by administration. I know that my

friends fear reprimand by the school district for speaking to what they may or may not know. I treat the info as if it were given to me anonymously. Although I am sure Mr. Coleman would attempt to paint a very different picture.

I for my part again can speak directly to what I saw, and have firsthand knowledge to, and if the committee has further questions to which I know I have direct knowledge I would be more than happy to testify further in that regard.

Sincerely

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