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## **PRESS RELEASE**

**INCIDENT: Phillipsburg High School Photo Incident**

The Warren County Prosecutor's Office, along with the Phillipsburg Police Department has conducted an investigation to determine whether any criminal acts were committed when several student athletes at the Phillipsburg High School created a photograph that was eventually published in the Express-Times on February 18, 2014. The photograph depicted several wrestlers surrounding a wrestling dummy that was hung by its neck and dressed in an opponent's uniform. The investigation included the review of all available information as well as various interviews. Based upon the evidence obtained and the concurrence of the Attorney General's Office after reviewing the investigative file, no criminal charges will be filed at this time. The matter is being returned to Phillipsburg High School for whatever administrative action, if any, they deem appropriate.

Approved by:

Dated: April 17, 2014

  
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