

The following case study was shared and discussed as a table top exercise for the Civil Rights Investigator team on May 5, 2021. The team took the perspective of “Advisor” for Round 2 and 3 of the discussion questions.

Case study: Potential Sexual Harassment, Sexting

You have just learned that police arrested three MPTC students for creating and distributing pornographic images of themselves and others online, via text message, and Snapchat. The images and videos are of the creators themselves (i.e.: nude selfie pictures and videos). The local news media just picked up the story and is clamoring for a comment. Parents have also started calling the school demanding to know what is being done to protect those involved. The criminal charges are misdemeanors and felonies for child pornography creation and distribution. Police inform the school that they received reports that nude photos were shown by the three students to others at MPTC and a local high school and were distributed via text and email. Some of the students involved are minors and many of the pictures and videos had the location setting on their phones activated, which means they could have allowed predators to locate the homes of those in the pictures and videos.

Discussion:

Round 1: This information has just been shared with MPTC

What are key elements of this situation?

What are the complications of the multiple stakeholders involved (police, high school, parents, etc)?

What pieces do you think are important pieces for you to recognize as the person who may be the advisor if this proceeds to the formal stage of TIX procedure?

Round 2: This has advanced to the formal stage of the TIX procedure.

(You are the advisor an MPTC student.)

What will you do first?

What resources would you use to get started?

What resources might you provide?

How might your role be different in light of the PR issues?

What communication should you have with parents?

Round 3: This has advanced to the hearing.

(You are the advisor an MPTC student.)

How would you introduce yourself?

How would you prepare for the hearing?

How would you describe your role?