

**East Nicolaus Joint Union High School District  
East Nicolaus, South Sutter County**

**Press Release**

**Tuesday, September 13, 2011**

**Subject: Acknowledgement of Claim**

**Dr. Matthew Roberts, Superintendent-Principal**

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East Nicolaus, Sutter County -- Although the District has not yet completed a full investigation of the Claim of Justin Williams, the investigation we have completed to date by way of statements from coaches, players and parents indicates that Mr. William's allegation of being mistreated during football practice is totally unfounded.

Our investigation to date has reached the same conclusion as that of the Sutter County Sheriff Department in that everyone contacted has confirmed that the football practice of August 23, 2011 was conducted as a regular practice by the coaching staff, complete with standard drills and multiple water breaks. Mr. Williams was treated as any other player who skips a football practice.

Injuries happen in football. Any injury sustained by Mr. Williams during the August 23 practice was not the result of drills designed solely to punish Mr. Williams for missing practice. The District denies any wrongdoing by Coach Varnum and the coaching staff during the August 23 practice.