



**Statement Regarding Ameer Best from Dwayne Walton, Executive Director:**

“On August 10, 2022 it was reported to me that a rumor was spreading in our community that Ameer Best, stepparent to several students who attend THE POINT, had an inappropriate relationship with an underage girl in the community. As a mandated reporter, I immediately reported the allegations to the Parkesburg Police, Child Line, and informed Mr. Best of the allegations and told him he was not allowed on our premises. Mr. Best as a parent, attended basketball practices and eventually went from the stands to the court to support our coach and the team. These serious allegations were reported right away to the authorities because we are committed to the safety of youth.

Recently, after weeks of investigation, Mr. Best was arrested and as a result there has been an onslaught of newspaper articles. We are deeply troubled by the charges against this individual but would like to assure the community, our supporters, and the youth we serve that we rightly sprung to action to make sure no one else could be hurt. Knowing that there are many questions that would arise from a situation like this we invite the community to THE POINT on Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM for a conversation about the situation. “

[https://www.chesco.org/DocumentCenter/View/70113/2022\\_0916-Volunteer-Coach-At-Parkesburg-Point-Charged-With-Rape-of-Teen](https://www.chesco.org/DocumentCenter/View/70113/2022_0916-Volunteer-Coach-At-Parkesburg-Point-Charged-With-Rape-of-Teen)