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NEWS RELEASE

**THREE OF FOUR LAKEVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS PLEAD GUILTY
AND ARE SANCTIONED FOR INAPPROPRIATE PHOTOS/IMAGES**

Dakota County Attorney James Backstrom announced that three students (a 14-year-old boy, a 13-year-old boy and a 14-year-old girl) involved in taking inappropriate photos and a video at a Lakeville Middle School in May of 2012, pled guilty yesterday in juvenile court to one count of Conspiracy to Interfere with Privacy (a gross misdemeanor). The juvenile court disposition handed down by Judge Michael Sovis included: a Stay of Adjudication (meaning if all conditions are complied with there will be no criminal conviction on their juvenile record); probation for 180 days; 30 hours of community work service; and each must attend a victim empathy class and write a letter of apology. The Judge also ordered that cell phones be forfeited or efforts taken to insure that all inappropriate images are removed from the phones.

Under Minnesota law, the names of these juveniles are not public information. For additional facts describing the charges in this case, go to <http://services.co.dakota.mn.us/NewsRelease>.

If you have questions, contact James Backstrom at 651-438-4440.