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Former Penn State football coach Jerry Sandusky was indicted on 40 counts related to child sex abuse in an investigation launched in late 2008.

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But 15 months had gone by before officials added enough manpower to find that out.

There were earlier chances to bring him to the attention of law enforcement. Clues seem to have been ignored in 1995 and 1999, an alleged victim came forward in 1998, and adults allegedly witnessed sexual assaults by Sandusky in 2000 and 2002.

Then in 2008, Victim One came forward and was believed. Sandusky met the Clinton County boy through The Second Mile, the charity for kids he had founded in 1977.

At the time, Sandusky was a volunteer football coach at Central Mountain High School and had frequent contact with the boy there.

The boy's mother brought him to school officials, and he told them about the alleged abuse.

According to the grand-jury presentment, the boy, who was then in his early teens, alleged that Sandusky had

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### Corbett: McQueary failed 'moral obligation'

It's not unusual for someone witnessing a crime to freeze up or worry about what will happen to him if he reports it, an expert says.

BY DIANA FORBICK

"When the word gets out, when people understand that authorities are actually doing something about this, that they may be believed, then more people come forward."

**GOV. TOM CORBETT** on 'Meet the Press'

**GOV. TOM CORBETT** answers questions after the Penn State Board of Trustees meeting Friday. He was on "Meet the Press" on Sunday.

### Husband wants justice in crash that killed wife

The Perry County DA awaits a review of the wreck involving a PowerDOT driver.

BY MATTHEW KENNY

September 2009. The 59-year-old driver, himself taking the kids to day care in the morning, ending his hours at night and helping his 5-year-old daughter recover from serious head injuries.

He also knows the justice against the driver involved in a crash that has brought him and his family so close.

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Why not create a book of favorite family photos?

A variety of options, whether individual gifts, big-kid kind items or simply your time, are.

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**NEA Satorius**, second from left, rear killed in the crash. **Daughter Julie**, left, suffered serious head injuries.

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Despite the fact that Sandusky might continue to have contact with young boys through The Second Mile and despite the explosive possibility that a legendary Penn State coach might have committed repeated sexual assaults, only one state trooper was assigned to the case.

A grand jury began looking at the case in Harrisburg, but the investigation centered around only the one alleged victim and one set of incidents of abuse.

Finally, in fall 2010, the attorney general's office began to supervise the case.

One of the first things that happened was the discovery of a 1998 report in the files of the Penn State police.

In that case, a Second Mile boy now known as Victim Six had come forward to authorities. He told them that Sandusky had allegedly soaped up the boy in the Penn State locker room showers, hugged him from behind and said, "I'm going to squeeze your guts out."

Then-Centre County District Attorney Ray Gricar set up a sting in the mother's home. Sandusky had requested to meet with the mom, and officers hid in another room. According to the presentment, Sandusky ask the mom for forgiveness.

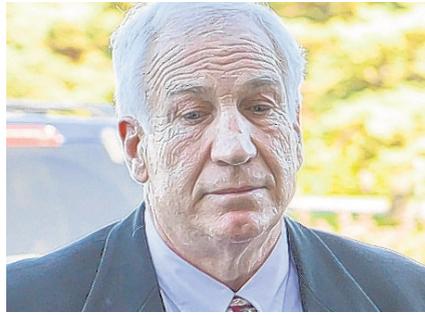
"I was wrong. I wish I could get forgiveness from you. I know I won't get it from you. I wish I were dead," Sandusky said.

Gricar never brought charges.

Ray Gricar disappeared in 2005 and was declared dead this year. The lead investigator in his disappearance told The Patriot-News last week that there was no evidence relating Gricar's fate to the Sandusky case.

The 1998 report was a huge crack in the investigation. It demonstrated that Sandusky had been accused of child sex abuse before — in fact, 10 years before.

Also in late 2010, Mike McQueary, an assistant coach, was interviewed about the alleged rape of a boy he'd seen in the Penn State locker room in 2002.



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CHRISTINE BAKER, The Patriot-News

State Attorney General Linda Kelly held a press conference in Harrisburg to discuss the Jerry Sandusky child sex crimes investigation Nov. 5. The attorney general's office began to supervise the case in fall 2010.

Suddenly there were three alleged victims. It was an early indication of the case's scope.

### Investigation takes off

State Police Commissioner Frank Noonan, who took office in January, increased the number of investigators to eight, including five from the state police and three from the attorney general's office.

"He did move it forward, absolutely," state police spokeswoman Maria Finn said. "He was very familiar with the case and believed it was necessary to increase the resources [and] investigators. It was also a time when the case was picking up steam with more leads."

Quickly, the investigation took off and they discovered new victims.

Interviewed for this story, Corbett spokesman Kevin Harley said he believed the information on the number of investigators initially involved in the case was wrong. The Patriot-News has the information from sources with reliable knowledge of the investigation.

"It was completely mishandled," one source close to the investigation told The Patriot-News. "I know these inves-

tigations take time, some of them, but someone should have been on this day and night from the beginning because of the severity" of the allegations.

It wasn't until early 2011 that The Second Mile, which Attorney General Linda Kelly said Sandusky used to find his victims, was officially notified by authorities of a child abuse investigation, according to The Second Mile.

Sandusky already had been barred from participating in Second Mile activities with kids. Why? Because Sandusky himself volunteered to Second Mile officials that he was under investigation more than two years earlier, in November 2008.

When The Patriot-News broke the story of the investigation in March of this year, officials from the Clinton County school district where Sandusky had allegedly spent time with Victim One still had not been subpoenaed.

Penn State coach Joe Paterno, Athletic Director Tim Curley and Vice President Gary Schultz did not testify before the grand jury until February 2011.

Second Mile CEO Jack Raykovitz testified in April.

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Investigators never asked the lead detective in the Ray Gricar case for the prosecutor's files.

Gricar's former staff members were not interviewed until after March.

And Sandusky's home was not searched until this summer — 2½ years after the investigation began.

"Assuming Sandusky was aware, for a few years, of the investigation, then he would have had plenty of time to destroy potentially incriminating evidence," said Beth Karas, a former prosecutor and current correspondent for "In Session" on the truTV network.

Karas said she also can't think of a reason they wouldn't warn The Second Mile about the investigation much earlier.

"If they were taking the allegation seriously, and of course they were, then it seems the children of Second Mile should be of paramount concern," she said. "At a minimum, I would think they inquired of Second Mile about Sandusky's role there, as of the time the investigation began, and whether he had contact with children."

### **Alleged victims' families blindsided**

Then there were the minor fumbles that showed a lack of attention to details.

In September, at least one witness was subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury during a week when Harrisburg was threatened by major flooding from the Susquehanna River. The night before scheduled testimony, the witness was put up in a Harrisburg hotel with no emergency contact information. Later, the witness was evacuated with no way to contact officials.

After fending for themselves overnight, the witness was told in the morning their testimony had been canceled because of the weather.

Then there is a dispute about attorney Wendell Courtney.

Schultz told the grand jury that the 1998 allegations were reviewed by Courtney, who was then university

counsel. The presentment points out that Courtney was also counsel for The Second Mile at the time.

Courtney told The Patriot-News that is wrong. He said it was for about a year in 2009 when he served as counsel for both.

Finally, there was the way that the indictments came out.

On Nov. 4, charges that had been brewing for nearly three years were filed by accident.

Plans were in the works to arrest Sandusky Nov. 7 and have Attorney General Kelly hold a major press conference. Instead, the charges were posted prematurely on the Pennsylvania state court website while Sandusky was on a family vacation in Ohio.

The Patriot-News, which had been closely following the investigation, first reported the charges on PennLive.com. As word spread, police scrambled to find Sandusky and get him to an arraignment arranged hastily for the following day.

It is unclear who made the mistake. The attorney general's office says it did not do it, and neither did the state police. Finn said they believe the error can be traced to the district judge's office.

Victim One's mother said she was furious. Years after her son had come forward, after many months of frustration and being kept in the dark, the family was never warned of the coming firestorm.

Victim Six and his family were blindsided as well, his mother said.

Nils Frederiksen, spokesman for Kelly, has said they will look into how that information was released.

Whatever the reason, it ended an investigation that, for nearly three years, had sent victims and witnesses on a stomach-churning emotional roller coaster.

"We expected you just arrest people who do stuff like that," Victim One's mother said. "We didn't realize it was going to be this difficult and take this long."