



# ELLIOT KOLKOVICH

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### **PROSECUTOR KOLKOVICH ANNOUNCES GUILTY PLEA FOR EX-ARCHBISHOP HOBAN HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER**

AKRON, OH – Today, Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced that Chad Kendall, 37, of Akron, pleaded guilty for charges stemming from sexually abusing two Archbishop Hoban High School students between the ages of 16 and 17 for multiple years during his time as a teacher. Kendall pleaded guilty to six counts of Sexual Battery, all 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Felonies.

**“Students should be safe at school. They should be able to trust their teachers. Exploiting that trust to groom, manipulate, and abuse young students is despicable,”** said Prosecutor Kolkovich. **“I am incredibly proud of these two girls for coming forward about the abuse they sustained from this man. Their courage has protected countless others from suffering the same fate.”**

From 2022 to 2025, Kendall groomed and engaged in an unlawful sexual relationship with a student at Archbishop Hoban High School. During this period, he also began grooming a second, younger student. The two students later discovered each other, compared their experiences, and recognized that Kendall had used nearly identical grooming tactics on both of them. Throughout these relationships, Kendall threatened the students, claiming he would take his own life if they disclosed what was happening. When the victims recognized what had been done to them, they reported it to the school.

Kendall is scheduled to be sentenced on May 19, 2026 at 11 a.m.

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