Attorneys: 11 former students prepare to sue over digital camera hidden in Hershey School bathroom

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Two attorneys representing 11 former students at the Hershey School for poor children have filed documents in Philadelphia Common Pleas Court initiating lawsuits Dauphin County judge to a year in against the 2,000-student boarding institution for invasion of privacy and other misconduct.

Attorney Tom Kline said on Friactivities of a fired, gun-toting Hershey School employee Marcus bathroom of one of the boarding mostly from Pennsylvania. facilities for senior male students.

The papers he and Harrisburg attor- tigation by the Pennsylvania Attornev Benjamin Andreozzi filed writs of summons - are precursors to lawsuits with specific allegations. Andreozzi's firm specializes in sexual abuse cases and represented 11 victims of Pennsylvania State Uni- cational mission. versity's Jerry Sandusky.

occurred in a Hershey dormito- trust violated the 2013 agreement ry." He said he and a team at by overpaying board members and

vestigation and are preparing the the board. He also has called for the suits.

Burns illicitly filmed the boys showering. He pleaded guilty on Sept. 1 to invasion of privacy and possessing three guns on school He says Hershey board members property. He was sentenced by a prison, court records show, and re- some of the expense for investigatmains in Dauphin County prison. The Hershey Trust did not have any immediate comment.

woes. The \$12 billion trust finances Burns, who hid a camera in the Hershey School for poor children, four years. The current focus is on

> The trust's board is facing an invesney General's Office over compli- On May 23, Dauphin County auance with a 2013 deal with Attorney General Kathleen Kane that curbed male house parent with improperly director compensation and was to touching an 11-year-old girl, the refocus the charity on its core edu-second such case in two years at the

Mark Pacella, who oversees non-Kline said the allegations will be profits for the attorney general's of-"specifics relating to events that fice, is investigating whether the

Kline & Specter have led the in- not attracting education experts to ouster of three long-standing board members, including the chairwoman, vice chairman, and former chairman.

> should reimburse the trust for improper compensation and reimburse ing board members.

The Justice Department, meanwhile, is investigating the school for day the documents relate to the The lawsuits add to the trust's legal possible violations of the federal Disabilities Act, the second such and administers the 2,000-student federal civil rights investigation in whether the school rejects students with physical disabilities and mental-health problems.

> thorities charged a Hershey School school.