

**Kansas City Band Teacher Charged With Molesting 11 Year Old Student**  
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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — An assistant band teacher at a Kansas City private school has been charged with molesting an 11-year-old student who says he inappropriately groped her on several occasions.



Jackson County prosecutors say 53-year-old Tod Barnard of Independence was charged Friday with two counts of second-degree child molestation and two counts of third-degree assault.

An 11-year-old band student at St. Thomas More School in south Kansas City says Barnard touched her inappropriately by pretending to lose his balance and falling into her. She says similar acts happened about once a week, starting in December.

Barnard told a detective that he had fallen into the girl once, but denied intentionally doing so.

The Jackson County prosecutor's office says it's unclear whether Barnard has an attorney.