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CSU Dominguez Hills Track Athletes Told to Avoid Coach's Husband After Reporting Sexual Harassment, Lawsuit Says

The man previously faced similar accusations from women athletes at Mt. SAC

CARSON, Calif., Sept. 28, 2026 — The husband of Cal State University, Dominguez Hills' head women's track coach sexually harassed and assaulted three athletes on her team, according to a lawsuit filed today in Los Angeles County Superior Court.

Despite receiving at least nine complaints about his behavior, the university allowed him to keep showing up around them at practices and competitions, according to the complaint.

The women, who are identified in court papers as Jane Doe Nos. 1, 2 and 3, allege that between late 2025 and May 2026, Carlos Moore groomed them with sexualized calls and texts, touched them without their consent, and secretly filmed athletes' bodies at practice. A former World and National Junior Championship sprinter, he worked with the team alongside his wife, head coach Lekeisha Moore.

It's not the first time Carlos Moore has been accused of similar conduct. Female athletes at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut, Calif., had accused Carlos Moore of the same grooming pattern in a 2012 lawsuit. That lawsuit was reported in a national legal publication.

CSU should have known about those accusations before giving him access to its athletes, the lawsuit states. And although the director of CSUDH's Office of Equity & Inclusion

acknowledged in December 2025 receiving the Mt. SAC news story, the university did not investigate or act to protect the student-athletes.

“The university had every warning it needed about this man, and it still let him near young women it was responsible for protecting,” said Los Angeles attorney Arash Sadat, a founding partner at MSD Lawyers. “These athletes reported him again and again, to nearly every office CSU maintains for that purpose. The response they got was to stay out of his way.”

His conduct escalated over several months, according to the lawsuit.

He sent Jane Doe No. 1 \$55 via Zelle for a pedicure. He asked for a photo of her feet and told her they looked “like candy, kissable.” In a phone call, he told her “her lips were her best feature,” and later pressed her for her class schedule so he could see her alone.

At an early-morning practice in the campus gym, he told Jane Doe No. 3 she looked “sassy” and had a “womanly body,” and hugged her after she declined. He then picked her up, swung her around and ran his hands down her body to her buttocks, the lawsuit states.

In December 2025, he walked up to a Jane Doe No. 2 without warning and caressed her previously injured glute area. He later texted her about her “upper butt” and offered to find and pay for a massage, according to the lawsuit.

During practice, he held his phone at his side and pointed it at Jane Doe No. 2’s buttocks. He also filmed block starts from behind at angles that framed athletes’ bodies, the lawsuit states.

On Dec. 3, 2025, the day the team received an anonymous email about his conduct at Mt. SAC, he texted Jane Doe No. 2: “Keep it to yourself.”

In April 2026, he lured Jane Doe No. 3 into a bathroom alone. Just as before, he commented on her body and picked her up in a hug without her consent, the lawsuit continues. The three plaintiffs and their teammates reported Carlos Moore to Toro CARE, the university’s student support program. They also reported him to the Office of Equity & Inclusion, the athletics student support coordinator, the athletic director and coaching staff.

Instead of acting, the university told them to “avoid him,” the lawsuit states. CSUDH told the athletes he would have no further contact with the team.

Even so, Carlos Moore ran off-campus practices over winter break for select athletes.

In January 2026, Jane Doe No. 1 and her teammates circulated a petition seeking Lekeisha Moore’s termination. They did not trust her and believed she had enabled or failed to address her husband’s misconduct. When CSUDH’s athletic director learned of the petition, he showed up at a practice “and treated the athletes’ concerns as an ‘alleged rumor’ and a ‘miscommunication,’ conducting that conversation approximately ten feet from Lekeisha herself,” according to the lawsuit.

After that, Lekeisha Moore retaliated against Jane Doe No. 1, the lawsuit continues. She stopped speaking to her and withheld coaching feedback. When the athlete later raced well, the coach told her she liked “this new” version of her because the “old” one “was pissing me off.” Lekeisha Moore also told Jane Doe No. 3 that her husband “doesn’t know how to use his words” and called the Mt. SAC allegations “completely false,” the suit says.

Meanwhile, Carlos Moore appeared at the team’s hotel during an April meet in Las Vegas. In May, he walked into the team tent at the CCAA Division II Championship in San Marcos, according to the suit. There, according to the lawsuit, he told Jane Doe No. 2 and another athlete who had reported him “you are putting our jobs on the line” and “go ahead and snitch on me.” The next day he reportedly told a group of relay runners that included Jane Doe No. 2, “You can snitch all you want, I don’t care.”

On May 4, 2026, two days after the CCAA event ended and months after the women first reported Carlos Moore’s actions, CSUDH’s athletic director told the team that Lekeisha Moore was on leave, according to the lawsuit.

“These young women came to CSU to compete and get an education, and instead they spent their seasons in fear, looking over their shoulders,” said Ruchika Diaz of MSD Lawyers. “They did exactly what the university tells students to do. They reported, again and again, and the system protected Carlos and Lekeisha Moore instead of the students. CSU needs to investigate every report promptly and make sure no student-athlete ever again has to choose between her sport and her safety.”

The case comes as CSU faces continued scrutiny over its handling of sexual harassment. A 2023 California State Auditor report found the system routinely failed to address allegations on some of its campuses. A follow-up audit released in June found improvement but concluded further action is needed.

The women’s lawsuit seeks damages and an order barring Carlos Moore from CSUDH athletic facilities, practices, competitions and travel. It names the Trustees of the California State University, Carlos Moore and Lekeisha Moore as defendants. It asserts claims including negligence, negligent hiring and supervision, sexual battery, gender violence, stalking, and violations of the Ralph and Bane Civil Rights Acts and the California Education Code.

The lawsuit was filed in Los Angeles County Superior Court. The case is *Jane Doe No. 1, et al. v. Trustees of the California State University, et al.* The plaintiffs are represented by Arash Sadat, Camron Dowlathahi and Ruchika Diaz of Mills Sadat Dowlathahi LLP.

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