The Randy Boston Case

West Chester Christian School & Bible Baptist Church: A Verified Brief

What the public record proves, what survivors allege, and what is still unanswered.

THE CASE IN 60 SECONDS

Randy Lee Boston taught at West Chester Christian School in West Chester, Pennsylvania, from **1979 to 2008** - 29 years. In 2021 a former student reported that Boston had sexually abused him as a first-grader during the 2007-2008 school year. Boston, by then pastor of a Baptist church in Shickshinny, was arrested, tried, and convicted in Chester County.

He is serving an aggregate sentence of **20 to 40 years in state prison**, was classified a **lifetime sexually violent predator**, and is currently incarcerated at **SCI Frackville** (inmate QP5640). No parole or release date is shown on the state locator.

Separately, former students allege a wider pattern of abuse and institutional failure at the school over decades. Those wider claims are **allegations, not court findings**. This brief keeps the two apart on every page, and lists the records now being requested to test them.

How to read this brief

Three kinds of material appear, and each is labelled where it appears:

- **Court-proven** - facts from the Chester County District Attorney's release and the court docket in *Commonwealth v. Randy L. Boston*, CP-15-CR-0002739-2021, and from the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections.
- **Attributed allegations** - claims made by named people or in named publications. They are reported as claims, not as established facts.
- **Open questions** - matters the public record reviewed so far does not answer.

The minor victim is never named or identified in this brief. This document is general information, not legal advice.

If you have information

West Goshen Township Police: **(610) 696-7400**. Pennsylvania Childline: **1-800-932-0313**. See page 8 for reporting information and a note on Pennsylvania deadlines.

COURT RECORD & PUBLIC DIRECTORIES

The institutions share one campus in West Chester

West Chester Christian School (WCCS), 1237 Paoli Pike, West Chester / West Goshen Township, PA 19380, is a small private K-12 religious school. It is a ministry of, and affiliated with, **Bible Baptist Church of West Chester**, an Independent Fundamental Baptist congregation located at the same address. School and church are therefore treated together in this brief where the record treats them together - and separately where it does not.

After leaving WCCS, Boston became pastor of **Bible Baptist Church in Shickshinny**, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, where he was living at the time of his 2021 arrest. Two different churches share the Bible Baptist name. The West Chester church and the Shickshinny church must not be merged.

The teacher served at the school for 29 years

Randy Lee Boston was born December 11, 1957, according to the court docket. He taught at West Chester Christian School from **1979 to 2008** and was a 5th-grade teacher at the time of the offenses, according to the Chester County District Attorney.

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According to his LinkedIn page, as reported by a church-accountability blog, Boston was also a youth director at Bible Baptist Church of West Chester and a junior high teacher at Immanuel Christian School in Hazleton, Pennsylvania. That work history has not been independently verified and is included only so readers can recognise it if they encounter it elsewhere.

At his arrest in July 2021, Boston was pastor of Bible Baptist Church, Shickshinny.

A former student reported abuse from the 2007-2008 school year

In June 2021, a former student, then 21, reported to West Goshen Township Police that Boston had sexually abused him when he was a first-grade student during the 2007-2008 school year, as many as three times.

The incident the victim described in detail began in the school gymnasium before classes, while Boston was monitoring students. The victim said Boston ordered him to the gym basement as discipline, closed the door, and forced oral sex acts. No further detail is needed to establish the conviction, and none is added here.

According to reporting on the criminal complaint, Boston at first denied wrongdoing and then told police he was attracted to elementary-school children and young boys and that he still struggled with that attraction. This brief paraphrases the complaint reporting rather than quoting it at length.

Boston was arrested on **July 7, 2021**, in Shickshinny by West Goshen Township detectives. The arresting officer was Detective William Cuddhy. Bail was set at $50,000 cash. District Attorney Deb Ryan publicly invited anyone with information to contact West Goshen Township Police at (610) 696-7400.

COURT-PROVEN

Convicted at trial and sentenced to 20 to 40 years

Case identifier	Record
Docket	CP-15-CR-0002739-2021
Court	Chester County Court of Common Pleas
Judge	Patrick Carmody
OTN	X4049242
Originating docket	MJ-15203-CR-0000131-2021 (Magisterial District Judge Martin G. Goch)
Filed	August 31, 2021
Final disposition of guilt	August 31, 2022 (docket)
Case status	Closed

Boston was convicted at trial. The docket records the sentence on **January 9, 2023**. Some news reports gave January 11, 2023. Where the two differ, the court docket controls, and this brief uses the docket date.

COURT-PROVEN

The sentence, count by count

Count	Offense	Sentence
1	Involuntary Deviate Sexual Intercourse with a Child (F1, 18 Pa.C.S. 3123(b))	15 to 30 years
2	Unlawful Contact with a Minor - Sexual Offenses (F1, 18 Pa.C.S. 6318(a)(1))	5 to 10 years, **consecutive** to Count 1
3	Indecent Assault, person under 13 (M1)	2 years probation, concurrent
4	Corruption of Minors (M1)	2 years probation, concurrent
5	Endangering the Welfare of Children (M1)	2 years probation, concurrent
8	False Imprisonment (F2)	5 to 10 years, concurrent

Aggregate: 20 to 40 years in state prison, with 132 days credit.

There are no docket counts numbered 6 or 7. The Information's charges are numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8 (their original sequence numbers are 1, 6, 10, 4, 7 and 9). Boston was convicted on all six counts.

Sentencing conditions

- Classified a **lifetime sexually violent predator**.
- No contact with the victim or the victim's family.
- No contact with minors.
- Sex-offense assessment and recommended treatment.
- Mental-health evaluation and treatment.
- DNA testing fee.
- Ineligible for the RRRI early-release program.

COURT-PROVEN

Both early appeals were dismissed; the 2025 PCRA ruling reinstated appeal rights - no resentencing

Both of Boston's first two appeals were dismissed **without any decision on the merits**. Superior Court docket **377 EDA 2023** was dismissed on **April 24, 2023** for failure to comply with Pa.R.A.P. 3517. His appellate rights were reinstated on **August 1, 2023**. Superior Court docket **2028 EDA 2023** was dismissed on **March 6, 2024**, per curiam, for failure to file a brief.

New counsel, **Samuel C. Stretton**, entered an appearance on **September 25, 2024**. On **June 9, 2025** a PCRA petition was filed nunc pro tunc. On **July 24, 2025** the PCRA court granted it in part and dismissed it in part, reinstating his rights to file post-sentence motions and an appeal late.

No new sentence was imposed. The January 9, 2023 judgment - 20 to 40 years - stands. An earlier case-status entry reading "Sentenced / Penalty Imposed" on July 24, 2025 reflected this reinstatement, not a resentencing.

In August 2025 Boston filed nunc pro tunc motions for a new trial / arrest of judgment and to modify and reconsider the sentence. The sentence-modification motion was **denied on October 16, 2025**. He appealed on **October 28, 2025**.

The current appeal: 2813 EDA 2025

Superior Court docket **2813 EDA 2025**, filed **November 6, 2025**, is an appeal nunc pro tunc from the January 9, 2023 judgment of sentence. The case is **active and fully briefed** (appellant's brief May 29, 2026; Commonwealth's brief July 27, 2026) and is listed for **oral argument before an argument panel on October 28, 2026**.

The trial court filed its Rule 1925(a) opinion and transmitted the record on **January 6, 2026**. The most recent trial-court docket entry is **August 20, 2026** - an order granting a motion to supplement the trial record.

Boston is incarcerated at SCI Frackville

Verified live on October 15, 2026, from the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections inmate locator:

- **Randy Lee Boston, inmate QP5640, age 68**
- Current and permanent location: **SCI Frackville**, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania
- Committing county: Chester
- The locator shows **no parole or release date**

A notable gap: Megan's Law

The Pennsylvania State Police Megan's Law public website returned **no entry for Boston** on October 15, 2026, even with incarcerated offenders included in the search. That absence sits oddly beside his lifetime sexually violent predator classification on the docket. His registration tier could not be verified from the public site, and this brief records the gap rather than guessing an explanation for it.

Timeline, 1979-2026

Date	Event
1979	Boston begins teaching at West Chester Christian School.
1980-1989	Period during which petitioner Mindy Bell was a WCCS student (see allegations).
2007-2008	School year in which the first-grade victim was abused - the conduct of conviction.
2008	Boston's teaching at WCCS ends after 29 years.
June 2021	Former student, then 21, reports the abuse to West Goshen Township Police.
July 7, 2021	Boston arrested in Shickshinny.
July 8, 2021	Chester County DA issues its press release and invites other reports.
July 13, 2021	Mindy Bell publishes the Change.org petition.
Aug 31, 2021	Case filed in the Court of Common Pleas as CP-15-CR-0002739-2021.
Aug 31, 2022	Final disposition of guilt recorded on the docket, following trial.
Jan 9, 2023	Sentencing on the docket: aggregate 20 to 40 years. (Some news reports said Jan 11, 2023; the docket controls.)
Apr 24, 2023	First appeal dismissed for failure to comply with Pa.R.A.P. 3517 (377 EDA 2023) - no decision on the merits.
Aug 1, 2023	Appellate rights reinstated.
Mar 6, 2024	Second appeal dismissed, per curiam, for failure to file a brief (2028 EDA 2023) - no decision on the merits.
Sep 25, 2024	New counsel Samuel C. Stretton enters an appearance.
Jun 9, 2025	PCRA petition filed nunc pro tunc.
Jul 24, 2025	PCRA granted in part / dismissed in part - appeal rights reinstated; no resentencing. The January 9, 2023 sentence stands.
Aug 2025	Nunc pro tunc motions filed for a new trial / arrest of judgment and to modify and reconsider the sentence.
Oct 16, 2025	Sentence-modification motion denied.
Oct 28, 2025	Notice of appeal filed.
Nov 6, 2025	Current appeal filed in the Superior Court (2813 EDA 2025), nunc pro tunc from the January 9, 2023 judgment.
Jan 6, 2026	Trial court files Rule 1925(a) opinion; record transmitted.
May 29, 2026	Appellant's brief filed in 2813 EDA 2025.
Jul 27, 2026	Commonwealth's brief filed in 2813 EDA 2025.
Aug 20, 2026	Order granting a motion to supplement the trial record - latest trial-court entry.
Oct 15, 2026	This brief compiled. DOC locator confirms Boston at SCI Frackville; Megan's Law public search returns no entry.
Oct 28, 2026	Superior Court argument panel in 2813 EDA 2025 - scheduled.

Dates through sentencing, appeals, and custody are from the court docket, the District Attorney's release, and the Department of Corrections locator, as listed in Sources. The 1980-1989 entry is the petitioner's own account of when she attended the school.

ATTRIBUTED ALLEGATIONS - NOT COURT FINDINGS

Former students allege a wider pattern at the school

Read this section as allegation. Nothing in it has been found by a court in the public record reviewed to date.

On **July 13, 2021**, days after Boston's arrest, former WCCS student **Mindy Bell** - a student from 1980 to 1989, now a forensic counselor - published a Change.org petition asking the Chester County District Attorney to investigate the school and hold its administration accountable. The petition closed with 125 supporters.

In substance, the petition states:

- After Boston's arrest, numerous former students came forward with accounts of physical, emotional, and sexual abuse at the school spanning 1975 to the present.
- Corporal punishment - spanking and paddling by male teachers - was routine, including male students being made to take their pants down to be paddled, including by Boston.
- Some students who reported assaults or bullying to the administration say their reports were covered up, and some say they were expelled.

Accuracy note: the petition describes Boston as a former principal. The District Attorney and the court docket identify him as a teacher. This brief follows the docket.

Public reviews of the school by former students likewise describe harsh corporal punishment and point readers to a survivor Facebook group, "I survived West Chester Christian School." Reviews are unverified personal accounts and are cited here only as part of the public record of allegation.

What the reviewed record does not contain: no second WCCS teacher charged in connection with the school in the sources reviewed, and no court or District Attorney finding against the school or its administration.

A clarification that prevents a common misreading: the District Attorney's July 2021 remark that Boston was "the second teacher we have arrested in a week" referred to a different West Goshen-area school - a charter school acting teacher - not to West Chester Christian School.

The publisher's account - Thomas Bowman Jr.

Thomas Bowman Jr. is a former West Chester Christian School student and the publisher of this brief. The following is his own statement, in substance. It is presented as his allegation from his own experience. It has not been adjudicated, and the records requests listed below are aimed at testing it against documents.

He says he was abused horribly at the school and hates his experience there.

In his account, over roughly a 20-year span, multiple pastors and principals of the school allowed this predator to go unchecked. Multiple times, he says, they got into prayer groups with Boston, "prayed away his sins," and then let him have access to kids again the next day. He says this happened over multiple locations.

Records are being formally requested

As of October 15, 2026, the following requests are prepared and being filed in October 2026. None is described here as granted.

- Complete trial, sentencing, and hearing **transcripts** from the Chester County Office of Official Court Reporters (Pa.R.J.A. 4007), including the preliminary-hearing record held at district court level.
- The **full court file** via the Chester County Clerk of Courts under the Unified Judicial System Public Access Policy.
- **Right-to-Know requests** to West Goshen Township Police, the Chester County District Attorney's office, and the Pennsylvania Department of Education for any non-exempt, government-side records.
- A Pennsylvania State Police **criminal-history check**.
- A standing **public-records watch** on the school, the church, and Boston's custody and appellate status.

Two legal limits shape what can be obtained without a lawsuit: the Right-to-Know Law does not reach a private church school and exempts criminal investigative records, and internal personnel and meeting records are ordinarily reachable only through litigation discovery or a state investigation. A victims' access provision (Act 134, 18 Pa.C.S. 9158.1) may give an individual victim a route to investigative information tied to that victim's own case. Whether it applies is a question for a Pennsylvania attorney.

How to report - for survivors

West Goshen Township Police: (610) 696-7400
Pennsylvania Childline: 1-800-932-0313
Chester County District Attorney victim / witness unit: via the District Attorney's office.

General information only, not legal advice: since 2019, major child sexual offenses in Pennsylvania have no criminal statute of limitations, and civil suits by survivors abused as minors generally may be filed until age 55. The 2019 reforms were not retroactive, and no two-year look-back window for already-expired claims was in effect as of mid-2026. Deadlines are fact-specific. Anyone considering a claim should consult a Pennsylvania attorney promptly.

Sources

All web sources were accessed October 15, 2026, unless a publication date is given. Court and custody facts were checked that day against the primary sources listed first.

- Chester County District Attorney press release, July 8, 2021 - "Former West Chester School Teacher Charged with Sexual Abuse of First-Grader": https://www.chesco.org/DocumentCenter/View/63583/2021_0708-Former-West-Chester-School-Teacher-Charged-with-Sexual-Abuse-of-First-Grader
- Pennsylvania Unified Judicial System Portal, docket CP-15-CR-0002739-2021, *Commonwealth v. Randy L. Boston* (ujsportal.pacourts.us), accessed October 15, 2026 - complete 29-page docket sheet read.
- Pennsylvania Superior Court dockets 377 EDA 2023, 2028 EDA 2023 and 2813 EDA 2025 (ujsportal.pacourts.us), accessed October 15, 2026.
- Pennsylvania Department of Corrections Inmate Locator (inmatelocator.cor.pa.gov), inmate QP5640, accessed October 15, 2026.
- Pennsylvania Megan's Law public website, Pennsylvania State Police (meganslaw.psp.pa.gov), name search October 15, 2026 - no entry found.
- MinistryWatch, January 26, 2023, sentencing report: https://ministrywatch.com/former-christian-school-teacher-to-serve-decades-in-state-prison-for-child-sex-abuse/
- Change.org petition by Mindy Bell, July 13, 2021: https://www.change.org/p/chester-county-district-attorney-s-office-investigate-west-chester-christian-school-and-hold-child-abusers-accountable
- Chester County Court Reporters - transcript ordering information: https://www.chesco.org/211/Court-Reporters

Corrections and updates

This brief separates court-proven facts from attributed allegations and will be updated as records arrive. Material updates - in particular, any decision in the current appeal (2813 EDA 2025), any change in custody or appellate status, and records produced in response to the requests being filed - will be added with their dates and sources, and any error found will be corrected in place with a note.

One discrepancy is disclosed in the text and repeated here so it is not lost: the court docket dates Boston's sentencing to **January 9, 2023**, while some news reports said January 11, 2023. This brief follows the docket.

Nothing in this brief names or identifies the minor victim. Allegations concerning the school, its pastors and principals, and any wider pattern remain allegations unless and until a court, a District Attorney, or produced records establish them. Readers who hold documents relevant to this record are invited to preserve them and to contact West Goshen Township Police at (610) 696-7400 or Pennsylvania Childline at 1-800-932-0313 where a child may be at risk.

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