

Boy found not guilty on harassment charges

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On Friday October 9th Brian Marshal and his friends were standing by their lockers at Lincoln High school when Stephanie Pullman walked by. Stephanie said she was going to her locker to get her books and go back to class when she passed the boys. She also said Brian followed her and then pulled her pants down then he ran away. She said to the court that it may have been an accident. When Brian came to the stand he said it was an accident because his friends tripped him and the only thing to help him from falling was to grab Stephanie and her pants came down. Stephanie said after the incident she didn't want to go back to that school and she had a stress related illness.

The first witness they called was Terry Smith, who was one of Brian's friends. He said that Brian said it would be fun to make fun of people walking by. When Stephanie came he mocked her and then pulled her pants down.

Their second witness



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was Pat Johnson who is a language teacher. She said that Brian was a known prankster but he wouldn't do something this mean.

She didn't see the incident but heard things going on in the hall. Their third witness was Stephanie Pullman, She said she was going to her locker and then waking back past the boys a second time then Brian came up behind her mocking her and then thought it funny to pull her pants down in front of everyone.

The fourth witness called up to the stand was Lynn Hudson. She is a teacher at Lincoln High School. She said that Brian was known as a prankster but couldn't believe he'd do something this bad. Amy Chinn was the fifth witness and said that Stephanie was a quite girl who wanted to get good grades and was

picked on a lot. She felt bad for Stephanie because she was so embarrassed that she didn't want to come back to the school and got a stress related sickness. The very last witness was Brian Marshal. He claimed that he and his friends were at their lockers and thought it would be funny to mock Stephanie. When she was walking back past them he jumped behind her and his friend tripped him and he fell. But when he was falling the only thing to grab onto was Stephanie and her pants went down. He felt embarrassed and he ran away.

In the jury room four out of six people said he was innocent. The jury foremen spoke to them saying "it could have been an accident and Stephanie even admitted it could have been one." With that said the jury had come to a conclusion. When the judge, attorneys, and witnesses came back in, the jury foreman said, "We the jury find Brian Marshal innocent."

I spoke to the foreman, who said, "Stephanie herself said that it could have been an accident." Brian was set free.