

Beleaguered former coach to face misdemeanor charges

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Arrested and removed from staff in October

A former Miyamura High School football coach is no longer facing felony charges in connection with his arrest in October for stealing money from one of his players.

John Roanhaus, 42, still faces a misdemeanor charge of larceny in connection with the incident. He is scheduled to have a non-jury trial in Magistrate Court Jan. 16. The court held a preliminary hearing on the matter last week.

The New Mexico State Police issued a statement Oct. 7 stating that Roanhaus was arrested after police reviewed a video which allegedly showed him removing money from a football player's wallet, which the player had placed in his school locker.

Shortly after Roanhaus' arrest, the school district replaced him as the team's coach.