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Lawsuit alleges sexual assault at Salina military school

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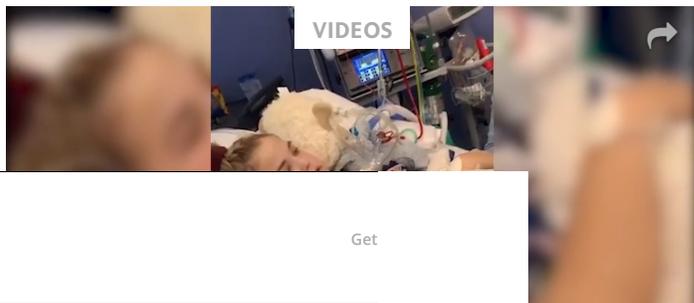


Entrance to St. John's Military School in Salina. (file photo)

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A Tennessee father sued a Salina military school on Friday, alleging its failure to adequately supervise cadets led to the sexual assault of his 12-year-old son by another student.

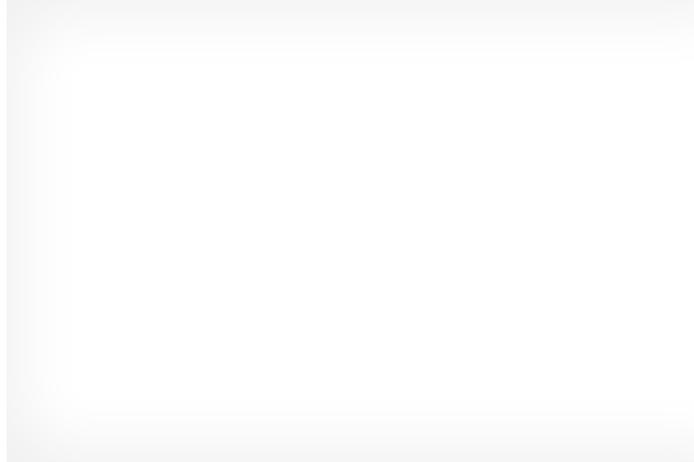
The lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in Kansas against St. John's Military School, is the latest in a series of lawsuits that has dogged the school.



also names as a defendant the cadet accused of assaulting the boy.

The latest lawsuit stems from an accusation that in spring 2014 a grade-school boy sexually assaulted a fellow student in a dorm room.

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School officials did not learn of the accusation until a month ago when child welfare officials, who are investigating contacted them, said St. John's President Andy England. It was not reported when the boy was enrolled at the school.

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The school has not had a chance yet to go through the court filing and understand its contents, England said.

Attorney Daniel Zmijewski, who represents the boy, said the boy did not tell anyone about the alleged assault until months later after he had left the school. The lawsuit contends it took a "significant amount of time and therapy" before the boy had the safety and comfort to report his sexual assault.

No criminal charges have been filed, Zmijewski said.

[On its website](#), the school says that its students come from 32 states and s and other costs



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school educates cadets from grades 6 through 12, according to the lawsuit.

Two years ago, the school settled out of court a lawsuit filed by 11 former students who alleged the military school's practice of giving higher-ranking cadets authority to discipline younger cadets encouraged physical and mental abuse. Nearly 340 current and former students [have made complaints during the past five years](#) to St. John's Military School claiming they were beaten, hazed, harassed or abused, according to a court filing in that 2012 case.

Lawsuits have been filed alleging the school failed to supervise students who suffered physical abuse.

Zmijewski, who also represented some of those in that 2012 case, said none of the claims in all the civil lawsuits he has examined have included allegations of sexual assault at the school.

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