MEDIA STATEMENT
MALCOLM YOUTH SPORTS ASSOCIATION

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Today the Malcolm Youth Sports Association (MYSA) was notified that a Lancaster County warrant has been issued for Diana Hutchison on the charge of Theft by Deception (greater than $5,000), a class IIA felony.

Ms. Hutchison had previously worked for MYSA as a grant writer and consultant to raise money for the Malcolm Ballfields project. MYSA terminated her contract in February 2020 after discovering irregularities with certain grants. After investigating, MYSA discovered Ms. Hutchison had forged grant approval letters in order to receive advance commissions on the allegedly forthcoming grant proceeds. These advance commissions were paid out of money that was received from legitimate grant awards. This is the basis for the Lancaster County charges.

Ms. Hutchison has also been charged in Sheridan County with three (3) counts of Criminal Impersonation ($1,500 - $5,000), each a class IV felony, related to similar allegations.

MYSA is working closely with the Nebraska State Patrol and the Lancaster County Attorney's Office to ensure Ms. Hutchison is held accountable for her actions.

MYSA remains 100% confident the Malcolm Ballfield project will be a success. MYSA volunteers have taken over the grant writing responsibilities. Most importantly, the Malcolm community and individual donors have already stepped up to push the project forward.

Background: The Malcolm Youth Sports Association is a non-profit association of parents, community members, and other supporters dedicated to providing sports opportunities for children in Malcolm. MSYA has been raising money to build new baseball and softball fields for use by Malcolm teams as well as other youth teams from around the region.

Media or donation inquiries can be directed to MYSA President Matt Thieman at 402-525-1445 or MYSA attorney David Solheim at 402-381-3765.