

The Minnesota State High School League provides educational opportunities for students through interscholastic athletic and fine arts programs and provides leadership and support for member schools.



Member of the National Federation of State High School Associations

To: Member Schools
From: David V. Stead, Executive Director
Re: Sherwin Shayegan aka "The Piggyback Bandit"
Date: February 10, 2012

On Thursday afternoon, February 9, 2012, I was notified that the North Dakota High School Activities Association (NDHSAA) had banned Sherwin Shayegan from any NDHSAA sanctioned event at any member school in North Dakota. Shayegan has also been banned from school activities in Montana, Oregon, and Washington.

Shayegan has been known to mingle in a crowd at a sporting activity and, at a point in time, jump on the back of athletes. He did so at a soccer game in Montana where he was arrested and plead guilty to two assault charges. He was recently seen in Bismarck, ND where he attended three high school sporting events, and it was reported that he found his way into a locker room.

On February 9, 2012, Shayegan was seen in St. Cloud, MN, and he is now known to be in Minneapolis today, February 10, 2012.

Sherwin Shayegan is known to cause a direct threat to the health and safety of student athletes and others. Therefore, in my capacity as the Executive Director of the Minnesota State High School League and on behalf of the member schools of the Minnesota State High School League, I am immediately banning Sherwin Shayegan from all MSHSL regular season and post-season MSHSL-sponsored athletic and fine arts activities.

I have attached the notices sent to the member schools in North Dakota, Oregon, and Montana. A similar notice was sent to schools in the state of Washington.

If Sherwin Shayegan is found to be in your school or school community, I suggest that you immediately take action as appropriate to address his attendance at your events, contact the local police department, and notify the League office regarding his sighting.



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April 7, 2010

Through a recent report from one of our member schools, the OSAA was notified about an individual whose behavior both here and in Washington state gives rise to concern. Sherwin Shayegan, age 27, was seen last month at OSAA basketball tournaments in Pendleton, Corvallis, and Eugene. At one of those tournaments, he made his way into one of the team's locker rooms without authorization and sought autographs from team members and photographs. Later, he met players in the parking lot and jumped on them, receiving piggy back rides.

According to the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association website (see <http://www.wiaa.com/ardisplay.aspx?ID=442>), he has done similar things in Washington. They report that he travels to school events, enters through pass gates or purchases a ticket, and attempts to join a school on the field/court/deck/locker room. He offers the team water and/or Gatorade to pose as the team manager. He may try to wear the apparel of that school. He has been known to jump onto the back of one of the participants for a piggyback ride.

Shayegan is a two-time convicted felon for burglary and theft. He has an extensive record in Washington of burglary, theft, trespass (23 convictions), criminal impersonation, possession and other related charges. The OSAA will serve Mr. Shayegan with a "Trespass and Exclusion Notice" for all OSAA playoffs and championships.

As a general precaution, please be aware of Mr. Shayegan should you see him at any of your school's activities or events.



October 28, 2011

**TO: 2011 MHSA POST SEASON VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT MANAGERS
AND FOOTBALL PLAYOFF MANAGERS**

FROM: MARK BECKMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RE: ALERT – PERSON OF CONCERN ATTENDING YOUR EVENTS

At the 2011 MHSA Class AA State Soccer Tournament in Helena, Sherwin Shayegan, age 27, was arrested for assault on two soccer players. Mr. Shayegan went onto the field after one of the games, without authorization, and attempted to receive a piggy back ride from one of the players. He proceeded to jump on two players without their knowledge. Because of his similar behavior in the states of Oregon and Washington, this individual has been banned from attendance at all MHSA Activities.

In Oregon, he has made his way into team's locker rooms without authorization and sought autographs from team members and photographs. Later, he met players in the parking lot and jumped on them, receiving piggy back rides.

The WIAA has confirmed that he has done similar things in Washington. They report that he travels to school events, enters through pass gates or purchases a ticket, and attempts to join a school on the field/court/deck/locker room. He offers the team water and/or Gatorade to pose as the team manager. He may try to wear the apparel of that school. He has been known to jump onto the back of one of the participants for a piggyback ride.

Shayegan is a two-time convicted felon for burglary and theft. He has an extensive record in Washington of burglary, theft, trespass (23 convictions), criminal impersonation, possession and other related charges. I am issuing a directive that Mr. Shayegan will be banned from all MHSA regular season and post season events.

As a general precaution, please be aware of Mr. Shayegan should you see him at any of your schools' activities or events. It is my concern that if Mr Shayegan is released on bond in Helena, he may travel to other MHSA regular season or post season events. If you see him at any of your events, please contact the proper authorities and if you have any questions, please call me at 431-7245.





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February 9, 2012

Dear Member School Administrators:

On December 19, 2011, I notified you regarding the possibility of Sherwin Shayegan alias "The Piggyback Bandit" showing up in our state. He has shown up in Bismarck at three high school sporting events and has jumped on the backs of two students. In addition, he found his way into a Bismarck locker room. He was found guilty of misdemeanor assault in Helena, Montana.

Therefore, as Executive Secretary of the North Dakota High School Activities Association, I hereby declare Sherwin Shayegan banned from attending any North Dakota High School Activity sanctioned event at any member school function.

Sincerely

Sherman Sylling
Executive Secretary