

## **Prominent Racine Area Youth Soccer Chief Abruptly Resigns After House Is Raided By FBI**

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Parents of kids in a large youth soccer organization in western Racine County are in the dark about the abrupt resignation of the head of the organization who also served as coach of numerous soccer teams of players between the ages of five and nine.

Steven Rezmer had been the director of a large umbrella soccer group called Racine Area Soccer Association/AFC Union. He resigned right after a multi-agency raid of his large home in a high-end neighborhood in Kenosha County. The raid was conducted, according to reports, by the FBI and Kenosha County Sheriff's Department.

Much of the information here was originally reported by a website named Kenosha County Eye. I have been in contact with parents who say the soccer organization has given them no information as to what is going on with Rezmer. He has not been charged with any crimes. He has, however, lawyered up and is represented by Patrick Cafferty, one of the most prominent criminal defense attorneys in the Racine-Kenosha area.

The parents are alarmed, for obvious reasons. The FBI in Milwaukee led the raid. A spokesperson for the FBI confirmed the raid to Kenosha County Eye and said it occurred after the issuance of a search warrant.

The FBI searching your home is, in and of itself, not proof of wrongdoing. But when the raid occurs at the home of the leader of a huge youth association and occurs in an expensive neighborhood, there are going to be concerns and questions. Rezmer himself has pulled down his social media accounts which were blank when I checked Friday morning. He has not commented but his lawyer, Cafferty, is quoted by the Kenosha website as pointing out Rezmer so far has not been charged with anything.

That's true. But when the head of a big kids' organization abruptly quits, there's usually an explanation. The Racine Area Soccer Association has so far offered up nothing.

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