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In response to complaint OC13-031 dated December 17, 2013

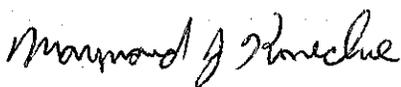
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In response to the allegations of not calling for a, locate on the Kimball school project in Kimball, SD. I was called by Dennis who was hired by the Kimball School to be the construction manager for the construction project at the Kimball School, he wanted me to come and dig in a propane line that would be paid for by the Kimball School. He wanted it done right away due to the fact that he had concrete contractors coming tomorrow. I stated I needed to call for a, locate (811) he stated and insisted that everything was located and there was nothing there but the water line which you could see the cover for the shutoff by the school. Dennis stated that we would be north of this and only around 3 feet deep. He stated as we looked to the South and East that the flags locating the electrical lines were in place and that everything had been located many times and nothing else was here. I still stated I needed to call (811) and he again stated everything is located and there is nothing here but the water line. I finally agreed to do this.

There were no markings Dennis just showed me where he wanted this trench dug from the school to the propane tank.

If I had called 811 they would have contacted the major utilities in the area and any private utilities would have to be located, by the owner. Which, the electrical lines had been located marked with flags where the line was, the telephone lines were way north going from the School to the shop and Ag building, and the City only locates to the shutoff for the school in the street which is to the South off the street. They do not locate water lines on private land. Any others would have to be located by the school due to the fact that digging was being done on school land. The fuel oil lines were never located by the school so I did not know they were in the area. So as I dug in the propane line I had no idea the fuel oil lines were in the area. If I had known the fuel lines were in the vicinity I would hand dug and remained 2' away from them with the trencher.

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