
May-December Prom Dates

Posted by Kathy - 2008/02/16 12:28

Tonight a new friend to our family asked me what I thought of her going to prom with another friend. Normally this would be an, oh wow hope you both have a good time, sort of question.

Here's the kicker. The boy is just barely 17 years old, she is 46 years old and the ink isn't even dry on her papers from her very nasty divorce being done in California. :ohmy: The ex husband is a real jerk from what I have heard. This woman has a daughter who is the same age as this boy, that is living with her ex until she finishes school. I can only imagine what she might think about her mom doing this.

I honestly was so stunned by the question I didn't know quite how to respond. Part of me wanted to scream, good God what heck are you thinking, to both of them. I honestly felt sick and disgusted at the very idea. :sick: What gets me even more is not only does this boy's mom approve, but the school actually approved this woman as the boy's date (bear in mind I don't live in California anymore)! I was very shocked to hear that. I honestly do not think this is a healthy relationship for either one of them. In fact this brings both parties into a whole new light that makes me wonder if I would not rather just begin distancing myself from both of them. This kid was only recently placed back into his mom's care from foster care so I know that child welfare must still be keeping an eye on the situation. I sure hope so. Personally if I worked for that system I would probably yank him right back out of his mom's care because I do not feel she is using good judgement in allowing this relationship.

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Re:May-December Prom Dates

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/02/16 23:54

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Posted by reneep - 2008/02/17 05:31

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I agree with Maybenotdumbcomment on this Kathy. Be there to support the fall out...You didn't come out and say it, but is the 17 yr old DATING the 40+? Or is the 40+ just going as a chaperone because the 17 yr old doesn't have a date? Either way, the school should be reprimanded for allowing this to occur and the parents should be talked to (maybe by you since you have the relationship with them?). This can't be good and come on, this is the real world, not the celebrity one where this type of thing is "ok". Good luck to you!

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Re:May-December Prom Dates

Posted by Kathy - 2008/02/17 11:32

My family met this woman through a family member's job. There was some common ground so a bit of a friendship developed. One of my kids was introduced to the boy because of them having a lot of interests in common. He seems to

be a nice kid who has had some hard knocks in life. The woman has too. This is not a case of her being an adult chaperone but rather his date and I fear she is reading much more into the original intention here or at least what I think was the original intention. She asked me what I thought during a party with a room full of people. I was stunned and didn't want to make a scene so I went the route of saying I could not imagine the school approving it and so fourth. I tried to make it clear I didn't approve without being mean or rude about it. I would have liked to just slap her. Being a mom if this were my 17 year old she would get my size 10s in her backside. I honestly think the whole idea was hers. It is disgusting.

My feeling is this nutty woman is off her rocker because of her divorce and needs a good shrink. I also think the young man doesn't feel comfortable with the girls at his school for some reason. He is a bit akward and goofy for his age. He's also a big (tall, not fat) guy who looks older than his years. Not the kind of guy many young girls go for. I feel like he needs a responsible adult lending a voice of reason to the situation to protect him, but really ultimately both of them from making a very serious mistake that could prove very costly. I fear if this continues much longer he could wind up being removed from his mom's custody again. I have not had a chance to talk with his mom about this and I barely know her. I sure want to talk to her about it. I get the feeling I was being told she was okay with something she may not be fully aware of. I honestly have felt physically sick all day about this. I am just that disgusted. This woman is just a little younger than me and looks older. I am really just sick about this and the mom in me feels a need to protect this boy.

Re:May-December Prom Dates

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/02/17 13:29

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Re:May-December Prom Dates

Posted by Kathy - 2008/02/18 02:35

I am hoping to be able to do something about the situation today. I am not able to get around well and short of walking to his house (which I am unable to do) I have no way to contact her. He had planned last week to come by today with school being out so I am hoping for a one on one chat with him. Maybe I can wake him up. My husband feels that given there is still a couple of months before prom the situation may defuse itself. He could be right. He is usually a pretty good judge of people. I'm just not sure we should wait for that to happen.

Post edited by: Kathy, at: 2008/02/18 02:39

Re:May-December Prom Dates

Posted by reneep - 2008/02/20 13:27

Good luck with that, and I agree with maybe as well...get the word to the mom ASAP. If she gets angry, you've done your best and your heart was in the right place...

Re:May-December Prom Dates

Posted by Dog - 2008/02/22 00:50

Let me get this strait. A 17 year old boy wants to take a 46 year old "woman" to the prom? What is wrong with this picture?

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Re:May-December Prom Dates

Posted by Kathy - 2008/02/22 03:26

Everything! He would be better off going stag.

Still working on solving this one. I am just about frustrated enough to just flat out report it but right now it would be our word against theirs.

I haven't been able to get in touch with the mom yet.

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Re:May-December Prom Dates

Posted by saywhat? - 2008/02/24 01:25

Why don't you call the school and let them know whats going on. I can't believe they would approve something like this!!

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Re:May-December Prom Dates

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/02/24 01:50

I've reread this Kathy and since the boys Mom approves and the school approves there is only one thing left to do. He is under age but will he be when the prom comes. If not, call Child Protective Services.

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Re:May-December Prom Dates

Posted by Kathy - 2008/02/24 04:12

Yes he will still be 17 when prom comes. Age of consent here is 16 but he is still a minor otherwise and still being watched by CPS until he is 18.

Considering what now seems to be going on I may not need to call CPS. They are being so open that they are going to slip up eventually. Right now I am so sick from all this (literally) I am just putting distance between them and myself. I have to take care of my health.

Right now it is just my word and my family's against theirs (the boy is now lying to cover this up too). I know CPS would need more than that. If opportunity presents itself to get proof I will take it and make the best use of that proof to put a stop to this.

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Re:May-December Prom Dates

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/02/24 08:29

You can only do what you can do. Try not to worry.

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Re:May-December Prom Dates

Posted by Kathy - 2008/02/24 14:04

This woman's problems are so deep she really does need professional help. But I am not going to let her or anyone do this to any kid if I can stop it.

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Re:May-December Prom Dates

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/02/24 17:33

Sometimes you can only do so much and you have no control over a situation. It may be that you have to let this go. It will be tough but if it was meant for you to help you would be able to. It sounds as if it is taking over, and more than you can handle. If you haven't been able to get yourself to call CPS, and this looks like the only solution at this point then there is nothing left you can do.

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Re:May-December Prom Dates

Posted by Kathy - 2008/02/25 08:45

The boy came by today. Seems he is getting wiser and so was his mom. :) I spoke to her briefly on his cell when she called him while he was here, at his insistence. The mom had begun to realize the woman was not someone she wanted around so has been trying to ease out of the friendship. Like me she has realized the woman is not too tightly wound. She had told her son to avoid the woman already. He has not seen her for three days. So he is listening to mom finally and to me. He knew I was upset but now he understands why.

Added to that one of my kids ran into the 46 year old's sister today. They had an interesting conversation. Sis has been providing this woman with a place to live. Well she is so fed up with the woman's nonsense she is about to kick her out but just found out from my child that her sister got fired over a week ago and has been lying about it to her. Needless to say the sister was furious. I would love to be a fly on the wall at her house right now. :whistle:

Update: I talked to the boy again after he went home to get something to help me with a project I was working on. We talked and he revealed some details I hoped not to hear. Inappropriate touching. I think that scared him and woke him up. He wanted to tell his mom but was afraid to do it alone. So I talked with her with him tonight. She is going to report this to her case worker right away so that he does not hear it from someone else. She took it pretty well but I know inside she wants to throttle that woman, so do I.

I am just glad this young man felt he could come to me for help with this. The woman called his cell three times while he was here. The first time he answered and blew her off. Once he had told me what happened I told him "you cannot answer when she calls." He didn't after that and now knows he can just push ignore. I feel certain his number will be changed very soon. At least now he is not bearing the burden alone and knows there are people who really do care about what is right for him. I wish he could have been spared some of the pain but thankfully he didn't let it go as far as I was afraid it might. He's going to be okay. Nobody is going to let her hurt him again and he knows that.

Post edited by: Kathy, at: 2008/02/25 15:01

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Re:May-December Prom Dates

Posted by atracymom - 2008/03/04 09:56

Wow! Well good thing you were there to help him in his time of need and NOW he can get the help he needs in getting psycho woman off his back.

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Re:May-December Prom Dates

Posted by Kathy - 2008/03/05 00:28

That is what his mom and those who actually do care about him are trying to accomplish. The boy is relieved. The worst of it is over. Sadly laws here don't protect kids as well as in California. Here the age of consent is 16 so there will be no criminal charges filed. Now it is a matter of ending the stalking. She has finally quit calling my home because I made it very clear her calls are not welcome and have cut all contact. The boy has to pay a fee to change his cell number but will be doing that soon. Maybe once he does that she will get the message. For now he just ignores her calls.

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Re:May-December Prom Dates

Posted by IMHO08 - 2008/03/16 13:12

A) Why didn't this stuff happen to me when I was 17? Hell why doesn't it happen now? :P

B) I am sure glad you aren't my neighbor, cause ya seem to have your nose in other folks business and ya seem to get great joy in airing it all out on the big I. WTH is up with that other than what appears to be a play to feed your own ego

IMHO

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