

Janelle Bynum was the subject of an ethics complaint and is now the subject of an active police investigation into allegations stemming from the complaint that she willfully covered up alleged sexual harassment and assault of a minor.

FOX NEWS HEADLINE: “Willful Coverup’: Democrat In Key House Race Hit With Ethics Complaint That Could Derail Campaign” (Andrew Mark Miller, “Willful Coverup’: Democrat In Key House Race Hit With Ethics Complaint That Could Derail Campaign,” [Fox News](#), 10/5/24)

According To Reporting, Janelle Bynum, The Democratic Nominee For Oregon’s 5th Congressional District, Is “The Subject Of An Ethics Complaint Alleging That She Had Failed To Act On Allegations Of Sexual Harassment And Assault Against A Man Working With Her Campaign.” “A Democratic House candidate in one of the most closely watched races in the country was the subject of an ethics complaint alleging that she had failed to act on allegations of sexual harassment and assault against a man working with her campaign.” (Andrew Mark Miller, “Willful Coverup’: Democrat In Key House Race Hit With Ethics Complaint That Could Derail Campaign,” [Fox News](#), 10/5/24)

- **The Complaint Alleges Bynum Engaged In A “Willful Coverup Of A Sexual Assault Of A Minor Volunteer Who Worked For Her During The 2022 Cycle.”** “During the 2024 primary election, I was contacted by an informant with information about Rep. Bynum and her willful coverup of a sexual assault of a minor volunteer who worked for her during the 2022 cycle,’ the complaint reads.” (Andrew Mark Miller, “Willful Coverup’: Democrat In Key House Race Hit With Ethics Complaint That Could Derail Campaign,” [Fox News](#), 10/5/24)

The Complaint Alleges That Bynum Failed To Be A Mandatory Reporter, When She Learned “Of Allegations Against A Man Working For The PAC That Staffed Her State Representative Campaign In 2022.” Fox News Digital obtained a complaint filed with the state's Legislative Equality Office against Janelle Bynum, running for Congress in Oregon’s 5th Congressional District, alleging that Bynum had failed to be a mandatory reporter of allegations against a man working for the PAC that staffed her State Representative campaign in 2022.” (Andrew Mark Miller, “Willful Coverup’: Democrat In Key House Race Hit With Ethics Complaint That Could Derail Campaign,” [Fox News](#), 10/5/24)

- **In Oregon, Members Of The Legislative Assembly Are “Required To Report Allegations Of Sexual Assault, Specifically Related To Children And Minors.”** “Rule 27 of the Oregon State Legislature says, ‘Members of the Legislative Assembly ... are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that is free of harassment and to discourage all harassment in the workplace and at professional meetings, seminars, or at any event at which the Legislative business is conducted.’ Multiple state laws on the books in Oregon deal with state legislators being required to report allegations of sexual assault, specifically related to children and minors, and legislators are commonly understood to be mandatory reporters of such allegations.” (Andrew Mark Miller, “Willful Coverup’: Democrat In Key House Race Hit With Ethics Complaint That Could Derail Campaign,” [Fox News](#), 10/5/24)

According To The Complaint, When She Learned Of The Alleged Allegations, “Bynum Was Dismissive And Even Threatened The Individual Who Had Reached Out To Her.” “The complaint also alleged that when confronted about the alleged actions, Bynum was dismissive and even threatened the individual who had reached out to her. ‘During the 2024 primary election, I was contacted by an informant with information about Rep. Bynum and her willful coverup of a sexual assault of a minor volunteer who worked for her during the 2022 cycle,’ the complaint reads.” (Andrew Mark Miller, “Willful Coverup’: Democrat In Key House Race Hit With Ethics Complaint That Could Derail Campaign,” [Fox News](#), 10/5/24)

The Complaint Continued To Outline How Bynum Received Credible Information About The Sexual Harassment, “Only For Nothing To Be Done.” “The complainant claims to have “personally spoken” with two former staff members who alleged that they had reported inappropriate sexual behavior by a field organizer ‘directly’ to Bynum, along with two others associated with the campaign, ‘only for nothing to be done.’ ‘For me, the primary issue here is that all Legislators are mandatory reporters,” the complaint says. ‘Bynum received credible information regarding one of her campaign staff sexually harassing and assaulting young volunteers, and not only

did she not report it, but she also threatened to report the person who blew the whistle....” (Andrew Mark Miller, “Willful Coverup’: Democrat In Key House Race Hit With Ethics Complaint That Could Derail Campaign,” [Fox News](#), 10/5/24)

- **In Text Messages Exchanged Between Bynum And Her Campaign Manager, Who Brought The Allegations To Her, Bynum Responded By Saying “I Asked You Not To Send Me Anything And I Meant That...I Really Can’t Take Anything Else On My Plate.”** “Fox News Digital obtained text messages between a former Bynum campaign manager and Bynum in which Bynum appeared to show little interest in bringing attention to the alleged impropriety against her former staffer. ‘I asked you not to send me anything and I meant that,’ Bynum says in a November 17th text in response to a warning from a former campaign manager about the staffer harassing women associated with the campaign. ‘I really can’t take anything else on my plate.’” (Andrew Mark Miller, “Willful Coverup’: Democrat In Key House Race Hit With Ethics Complaint That Could Derail Campaign,” [Fox News](#), 10/5/24)
- **When The Campaign Manager Attempted To Revisit The Allegations, Texting Bynum, “I Am NOT Siting (Sic) By While Someone Like This Gets Off Scott Free Treating Young Women Abusively Like That,” Bynum Replied, “Are You Threatening Me?”** “While as unfortunate as this may be for you or [redacted] I am NOT siting (sic) by while someone like this gets off scott free treating young women abusively like that,’ the former campaign manager texted Bynum on November 21, 2022. ‘If he gets a job down there this won't be the last you hear of it I promise.’ Bynum responds by asking, ‘Are you threatening me?’” (Andrew Mark Miller, “Willful Coverup’: Democrat In Key House Race Hit With Ethics Complaint That Could Derail Campaign,” [Fox News](#), 10/5/24)
- **According To Sources Familiar With The Matter, Multiple Staffers At FuturePAC “A Campaign Arm Of Oregon House Democrats That Staffs Local Campaigns, Were Aware Of Concerns And Allegations Against The Individual During The Campaign.”** Fox News Digital reviewed text messages between Bynum and a FuturePAC staffer between November 22, four days after the text exchange with the former campaign manager, and November 30 where she attempted to get him on the phone about an unspecified matter. Two sources familiar with the situation told Fox News Digital that multiple staffers at FuturePAC, a campaign arm of Oregon House Democrats that staffs local campaigns, were aware of concerns and allegations against the individual during the campaign but told staffers it would be addressed after the campaign concluded. A spokesperson for FuturePAC denied these allegations.” (Andrew Mark Miller, “Willful Coverup’: Democrat In Key House Race Hit With Ethics Complaint That Could Derail Campaign,” [Fox News](#), 10/5/24)

Oregon State Police “Have Conducted Interviews Regarding The Complaint Which Was Recently Forwarded To Them In The Last Couple Of Weeks.” “However, two sources familiar with the situation told Fox News Digital that state police have conducted interviews regarding the complaint which was recently forwarded to them in the last couple of weeks. The nature and scope of that investigation is not known at this time.” (Andrew Mark Miller, “Willful Coverup’: Democrat In Key House Race Hit With Ethics Complaint That Could Derail Campaign,” [Fox News](#), 10/5/24)

- **According To Further Reporting, Oregon State Police Are Investigating This Matter And “It Remains An Active Investigation.”** “The Oregon State Police confirmed they have received the complaint about the campaign staffer and are investigating, but would not comment further since it remains an active investigation.” (Ken Boddie, “Bynum campaign denies Fox story on 2022 campaign harassment,” [KOIN 6](#), 10/7/24)
- **The Oregon State Police Confirmed That They Have Received A Complaint Against Bynum, Stemming From The Initial Complaint.** “A spokesperson for the Oregon State Police confirmed they have “received an initial complaint” regarding the July complaint against Bynum but would not comment “in regards to the status or scope of an investigation” or on where the complaint they received originated.” (Andrew Mark Miller, “Willful Coverup’: Democrat In Key House Race Hit With Ethics Complaint That Could Derail Campaign,” [Fox News](#), 10/5/24)