

**Community Advisory:** Extortion**Date:** October 30, 2019**Details:**

Sex offenses are increasingly being committed through the use of social media sites and other electronic tools. Check your privacy settings frequently and before using social media to interact with others in a way that might seem O.K. (i.e. sharing nude photographs/videos) consider how someone else might exploit those same tools against you (i.e. further circulating those photographs/videos or using them to blackmail you).

Safety Tips:

- Keep in mind when setting your social network page to private, it does not guarantee that your information is completely private.
- Don't forget that your friends may be able to see your other friends' posts and pages even if they are not friends with each other.
- If you start to feel concerns about a person or situation, trust your feelings and try to remove yourself as quickly as possible from the potential threat, even if it is someone with whom you know and even if it feels awkward to do so.
- The UCI Police Department Safety Escort program is available to anyone by calling (949) 824-SAFE. This is a free service provided to members of the UCI community as a safe alternative to walking alone at night.

Resources:

- The UCI CARE office provides confidential support and advocacy to students who have experienced sexual assault, relationship abuse and stalking www.care.uci.edu or (949) 824-7273.
- UCI's policies and support resources for sexual violence www.sexualviolence.uci.edu
- UCI's Green Dot Bystander Program can be found at www.care.edu/greendot/index.php.
- Waymaker's is available to provide 24-hour crisis and referral services www.waymakersoc.org or (949) 831-9110.
- UCI Police Department (949) 824-5223.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Griffin
Police Chief

What is this Community Advisory? Community Advisories are released when certain events that warrant an advisory are reported on or near UCI property, as deemed necessary by the UCI Police Department. These advisories are intended to raise awareness about safety-and security-related incidents among the UCI Health community.

