



Community Advisory

Community Advisory: Extortion

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Details:

Sex offenses are increasingly being committed through the use of social media sites and other electronic tools. Consider how someone might exploit your photographs, messages and/or videos against you (circulating those photographs/videos or using them to blackmail you).

A recent incident included a UCI student who accepted a friend request from a nonaffiliated student on social media. The two exchanged private pictures of themselves and the nonaffiliated student requested money immediately or the private pictures of the UCI student would be shared publicly.

For assistance with reporting online extortion offenses, please contact UCIPD.

Safety Tips:

- Keep in mind when setting your social network page(s) to private, it does not guarantee that your information is completely private.
- Do not 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.
- 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 <https://care.uci.edu> or (949) 824-7273.
- UCI's administrative policies and support resources for sexual violence can be found at OEOD: <https://oeod.uci.edu/sho/resources-sexual-violence.php>
- UCI's Green Dot Bystander Program can be found at <https://care.uci.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,

Liz Griffin

Chief of Police

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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 community.

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