

# RE: Media inquiry

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Dillon—

Please see below the answers to your questions.

Regards,

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1. Specifically, looking for an on-camera intvw about the disparity between reported rapes and arrests and why the rapes are more often reported in residence halls than elsewhere (plus — which residence halls do they happen in).

The University of Georgia Police Department investigates every individual report of sexual assault that it receives. However, many of the reports are submitted by a third-party, and often the survivor declines to have contact with law enforcement. With regard to the location of each incident, the UGA Equal Opportunity Office (EEO) says the reports are from members of the UGA community which include students who live in the residence halls.

2. Finally, looking for an intvw on what the University is doing to combat rising rape / sexual assault.

UGA strives to create a fair and respectful environment for living, work and study and is committed to responding compassionately and comprehensively to members of the community who are impacted by sexual assaults.

UGA devotes extensive resources for sexual assault programs that provide education, counseling, prevention, and victim/survivor care. These programs are led by Student Affairs, the Office of the Provost, the Equal Opportunity Office (EEO) and UGA Police.

UGA has made extensive efforts to increase awareness and educate the campus community about sexual assault prevention and reporting. We have many educational and awareness campaigns on campus. UGA has a Sexual Assault Response

Team (SART) that meets monthly. This team's membership represents units from across campus and our satellite campuses. The team coordinates UGA's awareness and prevention efforts which are reviewed and evaluated in these monthly meetings. In addition, EOO, RSVP and UGAPD are members of the ACC Community SART.

Health Promotions, more prominently RSVP, is the primary source for student education and awareness. EOO also has several training sessions and events with RSVP throughout the year. EOO has several training sessions throughout the year to discuss the policies and procedures that address sexual assault in the UGA Community. These tools can be targeted for specific audiences or open to the public. RSVP also has peer educator groups where students are trained and equipped to coordinate events. The university also has a 24-hour response line for sexual misconduct issues which is hosted by RSVP. In the end, the university's goal is a campus free of sexual assault.

Below is a list of the current initiatives and resources that exist at the University of Georgia for all members of the community:

### **#ItsOnUs**

A nation-wide initiative by the Obama Administration about sexual assault education and prevention on college campuses in which UGA has been an active participant.

**Student Conduct Code** section on **community expectations** focuses on the expectations set forth for responsible membership in the University community.

**University Health Center Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention (R.S.V.P.)** is a resource for support, healing and empowerment for those impacted by relationship and sexual violence. R.S.V.P. works with students directly and indirectly (secondary survivors) impacted by all forms of sexual violence.

**WatchDawgs** program raises awareness, provides skill building, promotes confidence to act, and educates individuals to recognize the continuum of violence, and is built on national examples of bystander intervention.

**Haven** is an on-line mandatory sexual assault prevention training for all incoming first year and transfer students.

**Orientation for incoming students** includes a session that introduces bystander intervention concepts, how to be safe regarding alcohol and sexual assault.

**Orientation session for parents** includes a 30-minute session that discusses the partnership between parents and the university and how to help their student to be safe regarding alcohol and sexual assault.

**Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention (RSVP) program** is a resource in the University Health Center's Health Promotion department that provides support, healing, and empowerment for those impacted by relationship and sexual violence.

**Risk Management training for fraternities and sororities** provides substance abuse and sexual assault education that includes a risk matrix and harm-reduction models for their events.

**Awareness Tabling**, which includes education and outreach, provides informational literature and other information at key times of the year in common spaces around campus.

**Bus Cards** with messaging around prevention and safety are rotated on all UGA buses monthly.

**Training is provided for ALL Resident Assistants** related to alcohol and sexual assault.

**Bar Outreach** for downtown establishments includes safe server information and sexual assault prevention training for staff.

**Community Outreach** to area high schools and middle schools (UGA feeder schools) include alcohol and other drug education and interpersonal violence prevention.

**University Housing** offers several programs to educate students about alcohol and sexual assault. Undergraduate RAs partner with UGAPD, Student Judiciary and the University Health Center to ensure proper information is communicated to residents. Program examples include: Spring Break Safety, Women's Self Defense (UGAPD), and General Self Defense (UGAPD).

**Recreational Sports** sponsored two late-night programs at the Ramsey Center this semester focusing on sexual assault awareness and prevention.

### **Greek Life**

**"Walk a Mile in Her Shoes,"** was an opportunity for men to show and raise awareness about sexual violence by literally

walking a mile in women's high-heeled shoes.

The PanHellenic Council and Alpha Delta Pi sponsored a **Women's Domestic Violence Workshop** in which the UGA Crime Prevention Unit instructed participants on strategies for avoiding and preventing dangerous situations.

**Additional resources:**

Women's Resources website: <http://women.uga.edu/about.html>

Safe & Secure: <http://safeandsecure.uga.edu/preventing.html>

UGA Police: <http://www.police.uga.edu/stoppingsexualassault.html>

Equal Opportunity Office: <https://eoo.uga.edu/focus-on/what-do-if-you-or-someone-you-know-has-been-sexually-assaulted>

Institute for Women's Studies: <http://iws.uga.edu/events/social-media-counter-space-campus-sexual-assault-activism-presented-chris-linder>

Georgia Center for Continuing Education: <http://www.georgiacenter.uga.edu/courses/legal/victim-advocacy-certificate-course>

Athletic Department: <http://compliance.sports.uga.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Reporting-Obligations.pdf>

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**From:** Dillon James Richards

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**Subject:** Media inquiry

Hi Bob,

Mellisa Jackson told me to reach out to you (I also reached out to Kim Vachon).

I'm a reporter for Grady Newsource and we're looking for info on the rape and sexual assault statistics in the UGA Safe & Secure report.

Specifically, looking for an on-camera intvw about the disparity between reported rapes and arrests and why the rapes are more often reported in residence halls than elsewhere (plus — which residence halls do they happen in).

Finally, looking for an intvw on what the University is doing to combat rising rape / sexual assault.

Deadline is early afternoon today.

Thanks for your help.

Best,

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