

Northfield Police Department

1615 Riverview Drive Northfield, MN 55057

(507) 645-4477



Case #: NO17000620

Incident Data

1520 SAINT OLAF AVE NORTHFIELD (RICE), MINNESOTA 55057

Report Type: HARASSMENT
Reported Date: 05/09/2017 10:52:00
Incident Start Date: 05/09/2017 10:52:00
Synopsis: A report of harassment and stalking was reported about an incident that occurred on St. Olaf Campus. The mentioned party declined to file a report and this case is closed.
Disposition: - CLOSED

Location Data (1)

SAINT OLAF COLLEGE

Address: 1520 SAINT OLAF AVE
Business Phone: (507)-786-2222
City: NORTHFIELD
State: MINNESOTA
Zip Code: 55057
County: RICE

Person Reporting Incident Data (1)

CROSBY-LEHMANN, CARL DAVID

Address: 1520 SAINT OLAF AVE
City: NORTHFIELD
State: MINNESOTA
Zip Code: 55057
County: RICE

Person Mentioned Data (1)

WELLS, SAMANTHA MARIE

Address: 1520 SAINT OLAF AVE
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State: MINNESOTA
Zip Code: 55057
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Charge (1)

DISHAR DISTURB HARASSMENT 9000 NON-REPORTABLE 9999

Narrative Data (1)

MAIN REPORT - Inv. Brian Kramer #6426

KRAMER, BRIAN 6426

05/09/2017

On 5/9/2017, I was assigned to follow up with a St. Olaf student, Samantha Wells, about an incident that occurred on 4/29/2017 at about 4:30 p.m. by Police Chief Nelson.

On 5/4/2017 and 5/5/2017, St. Olaf Vice President and General Counsel Carl Crosby-Lehmann filed a report with Chief Nelson about incidents which occurred on the St. Olaf campus.

According to a report taken by St. Olaf Public Safety, Wells went to her vehicle in the far back area of Skoglund parking lot around 4:30 p.m. and found a note on her windshield.

The note read, "Samantha Wells, I am so glad that you are leaving soon. One less nigger that this school has to deal with. You have spoken up too much. You will change nothing. Shut up or I will shut you up."

Wells showed the note to others and they agreed the paper the note was printed on was "smoother and thicker" than paper commonly used in Stoprint locations. They believed the paper came from an off campus printer.

Wells reported she no longer had the note because she didn't want to look at it or have it anywhere near her. Wells said she took the note outside and had a "ceremonial" burning to destroy it. No vehicle information was obtained in the St. Olaf report.

At 9:30 a.m., I placed a phone call to Wells. I introduced myself to her and told her I had received the information about the incident she was named a victim in. I offered to take a report about the incident from her, if she wanted to make a report. Wells told me she still wasn't sure if she wanted to make a report and was focusing on finishing school at the moment. Wells said she was also discussing the incident with her parents.

I asked Wells if I could email her my contact information in case she decided to make a report. Wells agreed and gave me her email address. I told Wells I would appreciate an answer from her, either way, when she decided about making a report to police. Wells and I then ended the conversation and I sent her an email at 9:37 a.m.

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At 2:37 p.m., I received an email response from Wells. It said,

"Hello Mr. Kramer,

Thank you for reaching out to me about everything that has happened here at St. Olaf. I have been thinking about the idea of filing a report for a while now and I have decided that I am not going to be filing a report. I am graduating in 19 days and then leaving for Germany in June. I would rather not spend the end of my college career and my last month and a half in the US worrying about an investigation. I have not been harmed and if it ever comes to that, I will be sure to file a report. I also have expressed to the school that I did not want an investigation due to the stress that I have been under. I do hope that others have come forward who have wanted to, but for me, I do not want an investigation, I am stressed enough as it is. Again, thank you so much for reaching out and taking the case seriously.

Best,

Samantha Wells"

This case is closed.

Inv. B. Kramer 6426

Officer Data (2)

Approving Officer:	HAIDER, PAUL (6406)	05/09/2017 15:19:26
Reporting Officer:	KRAMER, BRIAN (6426)	05/09/2017 11:22:00