



Office of the Vice Provost for Educational Equity

# BIAS MOTIVATED INCIDENTS REPORT Spring 2012 Posted on June 27, 2012

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## THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

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Start Date: January 9, 2012	Closing Date: May 11, 2012
Total Number of Reports (All Sources)	4
Report Hate Web Site Reports: 2 from undergraduate students 0 from graduate students 2 from faculty/staff members 0 unknown	4
Report from University Police:	0
Referred Directly to the Diversity Advocate for E-mails from a Penn State staff member	
Distribution of Campus Locations for Report University Park Campus Beaver Campus Worthington Scranton Campus	rs: 2 1 1
Statistical Breakdown	for Bias Incidents Reported
Status of Targeted Persons: Undergraduate Students = 2 Graduate Students = 0 Penn State Community in General = 2 Faculty/Staff Members = 0 Unknown = 0	
Gender Identity of Targeted Persons:  Male = 0  Female = 2  Do not wish to answer = 0	
Sexual Orientation of Targeted Person(s):  Heterosexual = 0 disclosures  Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender = 0  Do not wish to answer = 0  Unknown = 0	disclosures

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Race/Ethnicity (Actual or Perceived) of Targeted Person(s):
      White = 0
      Latino/Hispanic = 0
      Black = 2
      Asian = 0
      Indian (from India) = 0
      Pacific Islander = 0
      Indian (Native American) = 0
      Arab/Muslim = 0
      Bi/Multiracial = 0
Religious Belief (Actual or Perceived) of Targeted Person(s):
       Arabic Descent/Muslim = 0
      Jewish = 0
      Christian = 1
      Buddhist = 0
      Atheist = 0
      Other = 0
Submitter's Status:
      Undergraduate Students = 2
      Graduate Students = 0
      Faculty/Staff Members = 2
      Penn State Alumni = 0
      Unknown = 0
Submitter's Gender Identity:
      Male = 0
      Female = 3
      Do not wish to answer = 0
      Unknown = 1
Submitter's Sexual Orientation:
      LGBT = 0 disclosed
      Heterosexual = 3 disclosed
      Unspecified/Unknown = 1
Submitter's Racial/Ethnic Identity:
      White = 1
      Latino/Hispanic = 0
      Black = 2
      Asian = 0
      Arab/Muslim = 0
      White = 0
      Indian (Native American) = 0
      Multiracial = 0
      Unspecified/Unknown = 1
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Submitter's Religious Belief:
      Islam = 0
      Judaism = 0
      Christianity = 1
      Atheism = 0
      Buddhist = 0
      Other = 3
Identification of Perpetrator(s) Known (most often unknown), or Believed to be:
      Student = 2
      Male (actual or suspected) = 1
      Female (actual or suspected) = 2
       White = 3
      Black = 0 (includes those of Caribbean and African ancestry who identify as Black)
      Latino/Hispanic = 0
      Asian = 0
      Sorority Members = 0
      Fraternity Members = 0
       Christian = 0
      Heterosexual = 2
      Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender = 0
Targeted Issues (motive behind the intolerance of perpetrators; sometimes multiple motives):
      Sexual Solicitation = 0
      Sexual Orientation = 0
      Race = 2
      Ethnicity = 0
      Religious/Spiritual Beliefs = 2
      Physical Appearance or Disability = 0
       Culture = 0
      Motive Unknown = 0
Type of Offense (how bias was demonstrated--may involve more than one type):
      Harassment (verbal/written/e-mail/phone) = 4
       Verbal Attack/Comment = 2
      Intimidation = 2
      Physical Assault = 0
       Vandalism = 0
      Hostile Attitude/Environment Created = 2
      Mischief/Mocking = 2
      Motive Unknown = 0
Geographic Location:
      On Campus = 2
      Off Campus = 2
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Month Incident Occurred:
       January = 2
       February = 1
       May = 1 (period ending May 11)
Day of Incident:
       Sunday = 0
       Monday = 1
      Tuesday = 1
       Wednesday = 0
      Thursday = 0
       Friday = 0
       Saturday = 2
       Unknown = 0
Time of Incident:
       6:00 \text{ a.m. to Noon} = 0
       Noon to 6:00 \text{ p.m.} = 2
       6:00 p.m. to Midnight = 0
       Midnight to 6:00 a.m. = 0
       Unknown = 2
Intoxicant Involved:
       Yes = 0
      No or Unknown = 4
Weapons Involved:
       Yes = 0
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No or Unknown = 0

### **Bias Motivated Incidents Report Discussion**

- A total of four (4) incidents were reported during spring 2012. Incidents where students report staff or professors usually are referred to the Affirmative Action Office at University Park.
- Four (4) incidents were reported for the spring 2012 semester as compared to six (6) reports for summer/fall 2011.
- The four (4) reports received were from University Park (2 reports), Beaver (1 report), and Worthington Scranton (1 report).
- As always, confidentiality of identities and information was respected, unless otherwise indicated by the submitter or targeted person.

• Multiple categories often exist for the status of Targeted Persons, Race/Ethnicity, Targeted Issues, and Types of Offense. An effort is made to indicate one choice and which best describes an incident or individual, or how that individual may identify themselves. However, in some instances when appropriate and where overlap exists, more than one category is chosen and indicated. This accounts for the occasional slightly higher numbers within a category than the total number of reports given. In addition, two or more perpetrators may act in concert, two or more submitters may report together on the same incident, and two or more targeted persons may be affected by a bias incident.

Finally, the intended target for a perpetrator may be more than one student, a student organization, the University community in general, or a subgroup of the community. Also, the numbers of those targeted persons involved can be higher than the number of reports made or may not be able to be determined.

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