



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN

NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY
NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS POLICE

AND

ALEXANDRIA CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
RAPIDES PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE
RAPIDES PARISH DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3399.14, as amended by Act 439 and 472 of the 2021 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, this Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is a collaboration between the Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office, Rapides Parish District Attorney, Alexandria City Police Department, Northwestern State University Police Department, (the "Law Enforcement Group"), and Northwestern State University (the "Institutions"), each represented by the authorized signatory below.

The law requires that all public institutions of higher education shall enter into and maintain a written memorandum of agreement with local law enforcement agencies, including the campus police department, if any, the local district attorney's office, and any law enforcement agency with criminal jurisdiction over the campus, to clearly delineate the responsibilities and share information, in accordance with applicable state and federal confidentiality laws, including but not limited to trends regarding power-based violence committed by or against students of an institution.

With signature to this MOU by all parties, representatives are demonstrating a commitment to the requirements of La R.S. 17:3399.14. This agreement shall be reviewed annually by each institution's chancellor/president, Title IX coordinator, and the executive officer of the criminal justice agency, and shall be revised as considered necessary.

Nothing in this MOU entered into by the Parties shall be construed as prohibiting a victim or responsible employee from making a complaint to both the institution and a law enforcement agency.

The parties agree as follows:

1. **Northwestern State University Police Department, Alexandria City Police Department, Rapides Parish District Attorney's Office, Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office, agree to:**
 - a. Designate a liaison to serve and work with the Institutions, including each Institution's campus security and Title IX Coordinator, and to serve as the agency's contact person;
 - b. Maintain communication and contact with the Institutions and Title IX Coordinators at the Institutions, to the extent able to do so without jeopardizing their own investigation, to the extent such would not potentially impede the investigation or prosecution of
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any case or is not otherwise prohibited by law, including meeting with their Title IX Coordinators or others to assist those institutions in resolving power-based violence committed on their campuses by or against students of an institution, and to promote the proper methods of preservation of evidence;

c. Notify the respective Institutions, to the extent able with respect to any confidentiality requirements imposed by law, of any report of power-based violence committed on their campuses by or against students of an institution to the extent such would not potentially impede the investigation or prosecution of any case or is not otherwise prohibited by law ;

d. Coordinate investigations with the Institutions, to the extent able to do so without jeopardizing their own investigation, to assure that any reported incident involving power-based violence committed on their respective campuses by or against students of an institution is fully investigated, to the extent such would not potentially impede the investigation or prosecution of any case or is not otherwise prohibited by law;

e. Assist in the development and implementation of training for use by the Parties hereto related to sharing information and conducting investigations into power-based violence committed on their campuses by or against students of an institution, to the extent such would not potentially impede the investigation or prosecution of any case or is not otherwise prohibited by law ;

f. Share general information with the Institutions about power-based violence committed within the jurisdiction of the parties hereto with the goal of promoting and improving campus safety, to the extent such would not potentially impede the investigation or prosecution of any case or is not otherwise prohibited by law;

g. Include on its police reports information related to the status of the alleged victim as a student of an Institution; and

h. Develop and support policies and procedures to establish and maintain meaningful communication between all signatories to this MOU.

2. Northwestern State University agrees to:

a. Designate a liaison to serve and work with the Law Enforcement Group, and to serve as the Institution's contact person;

b. Maintain communication and contact with the Law Enforcement Group, to the extent able to do so without jeopardizing their own investigation, including meeting with their Title IX Coordinators or others to assist those in resolving power-based violence committed on their campuses by or against students of an institution, and to promote the proper methods of preservation of evidence;

c. Notify the Law Enforcement Group, to the extent able with respect to any confidentiality requirements imposed by law, of any report of power-based violence committed on their campuses by or against students of an institution;

d. Coordinate investigations with the Law Enforcement Group, to the extent able to do so without jeopardizing their own investigation, to assure that any reported incident involving

power-based violence committed on their respective campuses by or against students of an institution is fully investigated;

e. Assist the development and implementation of training with the Law Enforcement Group, for the sharing of information and conducting investigations into power-based violence committed on their campuses by or against students of an institution;

f. Share general information with the Law Enforcement Group, where applicable, about power-based violence committed on their campuses by or against students of an institution, with the goal of promoting and improving campus safety; and


g. Develop and support the policies and procedures to establish and maintain the communication between all signatories to this MOU.

3. **Term:** This MOU shall be reviewed annually and revised as needed.


This Memorandum of Understanding is hereby accepted and adopted by the following authorized representatives:



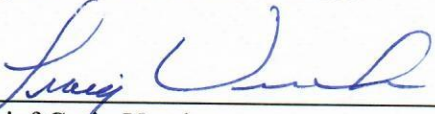
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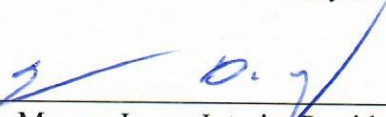
Philip Terrell, Jr.
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Date 11/21/22



Sheriff Mark Wood
Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office
Date 11/28/22



Chief Craig Vercher
Northwestern State University Police Department
Date 12/12/22



Dr. Marcus Jones, Interim President
Northwestern State University
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