

# Sexual Assault Talking Points

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## Response to Litigation

Mt. San Antonio College takes all allegations of sexual misconduct very seriously, and is committed to maintaining a safe learning and working environment. We cannot discuss the specifics of any pending litigation.

The district is confident it has done its due diligence, including working closely with external law enforcement agencies. We take seriously our ongoing responsibility to create a safe learning and working environment. When an allegation arises, we take swift and immediate action and honor the rights of all involved parties.

## Response if ambushed by reporter

*(Try to look and feel as calm and open as possible)*

This is a highly sensitive and confidential matter. I wish I could talk more about it. But everything we can share has been provided by the Public Affairs office. We are committed to ensuring the safety of the campus community and protecting everyone's rights on this campus, including their right to privacy.

## Campus Statement

Mt. San Antonio College takes all allegations of sexual misconduct very seriously, and is committed to maintaining a safe learning and working environment. The College is also committed to maintaining the privacy rights of our students and employees, which limits the amount of information we can share with the general public.

In April 2015, we became aware of a video by a former student employee who described an allegation of sexual assault on the Mt. San Antonio College campus. This incident was reported to the college in February 2014 and was thoroughly investigated in a timely manner. The evidence did not support the allegations nor did it show the accused represents a threat to the campus community.

This case was also referred to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, which conducted a separate investigation. In addition to notifying the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, the College referred the individual to the College's Student Health Services Center, the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights and the California Community College Chancellor's Office.

In May 2014, a student tutor notified the department director that a student tutee inappropriately touched her. The matter was handled between the two students. The student tutor reported the issue was concluded to her satisfaction. No complaint was filed.

Mt. San Antonio College appreciates the public's interest in sexual assault awareness and prevention. We accept our ongoing responsibility to create a safe learning and working environment. When an allegation arises, we take swift and immediate action and honor the rights of all involved parties.