

## UW Statement on Violent Facebook Post

April 25, 2013 -- Following is a statement from University of Wyoming Vice President for Student Affairs Sara Axelson, regarding a post on a non-university-affiliated Facebook page that included a reference to sexual violence against a specific UW student:

“The university became aware of the hateful, intolerable Facebook post early this morning. The UW Police Department is investigating to determine who was responsible for the post and is considering whether it constitutes a criminal violation.

“The University of Wyoming doesn’t tolerate any form of violence. The Facebook post likely constitutes a violation of the student and employee codes of conduct, and appropriate action will be taken if any students or employees were responsible. In addition, the university has reached out to the student to whom the post was directed to provide support and as part of our investigation. No student should have to deal with such threatening language.

“In the meantime, it’s important to note that the ‘UW Crushes’ site is not affiliated with the university, and action has been taken regarding the unauthorized use of the UW trademark seal.

“We take campus safety very seriously and have many resources available to students and university community members through the Dean of Students Office, UW Police Department and the University Counseling Center.”

Questions about those resources may be directed to:

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