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***Special to the State News***

“The State News recently threatened legal action against the University in response to the University’s decision to deny a reporter’s FOIA request for police records that relate to an ongoing criminal investigation. University counsel has addressed the legal merits of this threatened action directly with the attorney for the State News. Our decisions to deny the reporter’s FOIA request and appeal were based on our belief that we should use available FOIA exceptions to protect the integrity of the criminal process and the safety and privacy of individuals caught up in that process. Our position is supported by and reflected in Ingham County Prosecuting Attorney Stuart J. Dunnings III’s attached letter of May 4, 2006. Our decisions to deny the request and appeal at this time were based on strong legal and ethical grounds.”

Terry Denbow, Vice President, University Relations

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May 4, 2005

Chief Jim Dunlap  
M.S.U. Police Department  
87 Red Cedar Road  
East Lansing, MI 48824

Re: MSU 06-2467

Dear Chief Dunlap:

I am writing in regard to charges currently pending against Albert Robinson, Joel Hamlar, and Roy Holt. These cases originated from an incident investigated by your department on February 23, 2006. It is my understanding that your department is still engaged in looking into additional charges that may stem from the altercation. As of today's date only Mr. Holt's case is in Circuit Court, the other two defendants are currently set for preliminary examination. All three of these charged cases are still under investigation by my office. The release of the police reports relative to this incident at this time would compromise our ability to investigate the matter, effectively prosecute the defendants, and could adversely effect the defendant's right to a fair trial.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Stuart Dunnings III