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DIVISION OF SOCIAL JUSTICE  
CIVIL RIGHTS BUREAU

By Mail

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COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY  
STREET  
CITY, NEW YORK, ZIP

Re: *Accurate Reporting of Campus Crime*

Dear Sir or Madam:

Today, Attorney General Andrew M. Cuomo announced that this Office reached a Settlement Agreement with a New York college to resolve an investigation by the Attorney General into allegations that the college falsely reported its campus crime statistics. Specifically, the Attorney General found that the college published information regarding its campus crime statistics in its annual student handbook that was false.

In an effort to ensure that all colleges and universities in New York, including yours, comply with State and Federal laws, please review this letter and take any other necessary steps to educate yourself about the requirements of reporting campus crime statistics – to ensure that your institution does not violate the New York State Law.

*The Law*

As you know, federal law requires that college and university campuses accurately report campus crime statistics, as well as publish other relevant security and safety related information. Additionally, institutions of higher education must prepare, publish, and distribute an annual report disclosing information about campus safety policies and procedures and campus crime statistics for the three most recent calendar years.

Failure to report campus crime statistics accurately – including the number, location or nature of reported crimes – may also constitute fraud under New York State law.

Therefore, I urge you to promptly review your institution's policies, procedures and practices regarding campus crime reporting to ensure your compliance with these important reporting requirements.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (212) 416-8250.

Sincerely,

Alphonso B. David  
Bureau Chief  
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