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## UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

- 911 (emergency)
- 601.266.4986 (non-emergency)
- Bond Hall, First Floor West



## The University of Southern Mississippi Police Department

The University of Southern Mississippi Police Department (UPD) is the police force of original jurisdiction on campus. The Hattiesburg Division is staffed by 26 duly sworn, state-certified police officers with full arrest powers. The Gulf Coast Division is staffed by five duly sworn, state-certified police officers with full arrest powers and seven security officers who patrol the Gulf Park campus, Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, and Cedar Point.

Patrol and dispatch services are provided 24 hours a day with access to local emergency services. Each officer has successfully

## WHOM TO CALL IN AN EMERGENCY

In the event of an emergency, you should dial 911 from any of The University of Southern Mississippi's campuses or facilities. Callers should

## REPORTING A CRIME

The university encourages prompt and accurate reporting of all crimes, suspected crimes and other emergencies.

All reports are responded to quickly by the appropriate emergency personnel. When reporting a crime or other emergency, the

following information should be provided: (a) date, time and location of the incident; (b) name of the reporter; (c) a description of the incident; (d) any injuries, damages or losses; (e) any other information that may be helpful in the investigation.

- Alert others if you can without endangering yourself.
- Evacuate the area by a safe route if possible.
- If the emergency is an active threat and you are unable to evacuate the area, attempt to seek an area of safe refuge.
- If you must seek refuge, secure doors and windows as quickly as possible and barricade as many items between you and the threat.
- Do not attempt to make contact with the individual(s) responsible for the threat unless no other option is available.
- Once in a secure location, do not open the door for anyone but the police.

evacuation procedures during the drills, the process also provides the university an opportunity to test the operation of fire alarm

door hangers that alert would-be victims to their potential security and/or theft risk. Unlocked doors, wallets or purses, book bags, bikes or anything left exposed to a potential thief would receive a “Lock It Up” card.

## **CAMPUS SAFETY TIPS**

Safety is a shared responsibility. As members of the campus community, everyone should help to make the campus a safer place.



Students who violate this policy may be criminally prosecuted and be subjected to disciplinary actions ranging from probation with educational sanctions to suspension to expulsion. Students accused of violating these policies are afforded full due process under the University Code of Student Conduct. The university reserves the right to assign special circumstances to each individual case.

The Office of the Dean of Students reserves the right to notify the parents of students under the age of 21 who violate alcohol and other drug provisions of the Code of Student Conduct, or who in our professional judgment are considered to be a danger to themselves or others.

Upon receipt of an alcohol or other drug violation by a student under the age of 21, the dean of students will staff the case and make a decision regarding parental notification based on the particular circumstances of the offense and the student's history. Parents will be notified by letter or phone, depending on the circumstances of the case.

Sanctions against university employees range from a letter of reprimand to termination of employment. The university may also refer cases for criminal prosecution. For information on federal and state laws, go to [http://www.fda.gov/oc/ohrt/](#)

Annually, each employee and student will be provided with a written statement concerning

- (a) the applicable legal sanctions under local, state and federal law regarding unlawful possession, use or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol;
- (b) the health risks associated with use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol;
- (c) the available drug or alcohol counseling, treatment and/or rehabilitation programs; and
- (d) the disciplinary sanctions that will be imposed on employees and students for the unlawful possession, use or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol.

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based on a consideration of the following factors:

- (i) The length of the relationship.
- (ii) The type of relationship.
- (iii) The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

Dating violence is currently not specifically defined by Mississippi Code.

§ 97-3-107 – Engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to— a) fear for his or her safety or the safety of others, or b) suffer substantial emotional distress. For the purposes of this definition,

- A) *Course of conduct* means two or more acts, including, but not limited to, acts which the stalker directly, indirectly or through third parties, by any action, method, device or means follows, monitors, observes, surveils, threatens or communicates to or about a person, or interferes with a person's property;
- B) *Reasonable person* means a reasonable person under similar circumstances and with similar identities to the victim; and
- C) *Substantial emotional distress* means significant mental suffering or anguish that may, but does not necessarily, require medical or other professional treatment or counseling.

Mississippi State statute, 97-3-107 – Stalking is consistent with the VAWA definition.

A – An offense that meets the definition of rape, fondling, incest or statutory rape as used in the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program. Per the National Incident-Based Reporting System User Manual from the FBI UCR Program, a sex offense is "any sexual act directed against another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent."

- *Rape* is defined as the penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim.
- *Fondling* is defined as the touching of the private parts of another person for the purposes of sexual gratification, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental incapacity.
- *Statutory rape* is defined as sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited 9 (r)-14n.3 (i)9lu(f h6 (e)-.1 (t)-2.7J0 Tw -1 -1.244 Td(•)Tj/Spa

Neither the victim's consent nor the victim's lack of chastity is a



## Procedures Victims Should Follow if a Crime of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Occurs

The following information provides steps to follow should a sexual assault occur:

- 1.

**Rights of Victims and the Institution's Responsibilities for Orders of Protection, "No Contact" Orders, Restraining Orders, or Similar Lawful Orders Issued by a Criminal, Civil or Tribal Court or by the Institution**

The University of Southern Mississippi complies with Mississippi state law in recognizing orders of protection issued by a court of

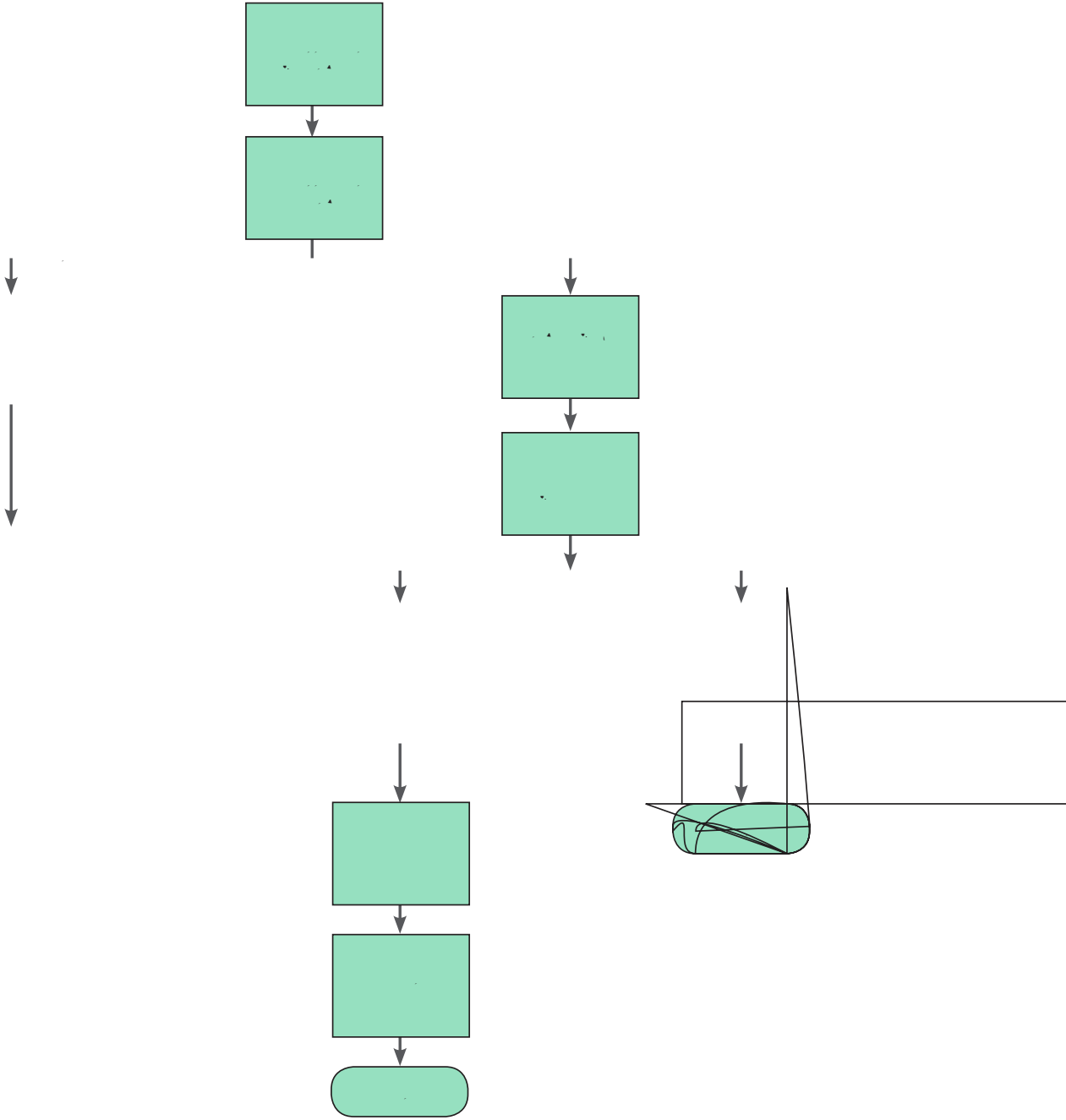
students can pick the form up at the Gulf Park campus in Long Beach. Students who are not able to come to either campus can send an inquiry to registrar@usm.edu, and a form with return instructions will be sent to the student.

Regardless of whether a victim has opted out of allowing the university to share "directory information," personally identifiable information about the victim and other necessary parties will be treated as confidential and only shared with persons who have a specific need to know, i.e., those who are investigating/adjudicating the report or those involved in providing support services to the victim, including accommodations and protective measures. By only sharing personally identifiable information with individuals on a need-to-know basis, the institution will maintain as confidential, any accommodations or protective measures provided to the victim to the extent that maintaining such confidentiality would not impair the ability of the institution to provide the accommodations or protective measures.

The university does not publish the name of crime victims or other identifiable information regarding victims in the Daily Crime Log or

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The University of Southern Mississippi's Sexual Misconduct Procedure





PROHIBITED BEHAVIOR/CONDUCT	RANGE OF SANCTIONS



§ 130.50 - Defined as nonforcible sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent

§ 130.51 - Defined as taking or attempting to take anything of value from the car, custody or control of a person or persons by force or

**Hate Crime - Sexual Orientation** – A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons based on their sexual attraction toward, and responsiveness to, members of their own sex or members of the opposite sex

**Hate Crime - Race** – A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons of the same race or national origin who share common or similar traits, languages, customs and traditions

**Hate Crime - Disability** – A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons based on their physical or mental impairments/challenges, whether such disability is temporary or permanent, congenital or acquired by heredity, accident, injury, advanced age or illness.

**Hate Crime - Gender** – A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons because the perceived gender of those persons may be different from the gender traditionally associated with their gender at birth

## GEOGRAPHY DEFINITIONS FROM THE CLERY ACT

**On-campus** – On-campus is defined as (1) any building or property owned or controlled by an institution within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area and used by the institution in direct support of or in a manner related to the institution's educational purposes, including residence halls; and (2) any building or property that is reasonably contiguous to the area identified as paragraph 1, that is owned by the institution but

controlled by another person, is frequently used by students, and supports institutional purposes (such as a food or retail vendor).

**Off-campus** – A non-campus building or property is defined as (1) any building or property owned or controlled by a student organization that is officially sponsored or SBTp cri (o)1.9 (n)12.9 7s offici nsoporintng ors (such as sty owned or cont4) a)-24.5 (n)0.6 (y b)--3.9 (e)-12.2 (d b)-5.6 (y a s)-8.9 (t)-38.3 (u)-4.f t or

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## Crimes Reported by the University Police Department

**CRIME SUMMARY** for The University of Southern Mississippi Police Department  
**Crimes Reported by University Officials or Other Law Enforcement Agencies**

Month	Year	Category	Sub-Category	Count	Percentage	Total	Average

[Redacted content]

**Crimes Reported by University Police Department at Gulf Park campus, including John C. Stennis**





# CRIME SUMMARY

Crimes Reported by University Police Department at Southern Miss Gulf Coast Research Laboratory and Cedar Point

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Crimes Reported by University Officials at Southern Miss Gulf Coast Research Laboratory and Cedar Point or Other Law Enforcement Agencies

## HATE CRIMES

The University of Southern Mississippi strives to foster a safe and healthy learning environment that embodies diversity and inclusion of all members of the Southern Miss community. The hate crime statistics are separated by category of prejudice. A hate crime is a criminal offense committed against a person or property which is motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender's bias. Bias is a preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons based on their race, gender, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, national origin or gender identity. The numbers for most of the specific crime categories are part of the overall statistics reported for each year. The only exceptions to this are the addition of simple assault, intimidation, and any other crime that involves bodily injury that is not already included in the required reporting categories.

Hate Crimes are those crimes that manifest evidence that the victim was intentionally selected because of the perpetrator's bias. If a hate crime occurs where there is an incident involving intimidation, vandalism, larceny, simple assault or other bodily injury, the law requires that the statistic be reported as a hate crime even though there is no requirement to report the crime classification in any other area of the compliance document.

### Hattiesburg Campus

No hate crimes were reported to The University of Southern Mississippi Police Department during 2016, 2017, or 2018.

### Gulf Park Campus

There were no reported hate crimes reported for the years 2016, 2017, or 2018.

### Gulf Coast Research Laboratory and Cedar Point

There were no reported hate crimes during 2016.

## Criminal Offenses Reported by Hattiesburg Police Department for the City of Hattiesburg



# ANNUAL FIRE SAFETY REPORT 2015 for The University of Southern Mississippi














around the fraternity houses. This includes live Christmas trees.

5. 

• If you need more outlets than you have, use a power strip with a built-in circuit breaker.
6. 

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*The University of Southern Mississippi is firmly committed to promoting a safe campus environment for all students, faculty, staff and visitors. Southern Miss takes great pride in its long history of safe campus conditions. Public safety involves a cooperative effort between law enforcement, the community and individuals.*

**A Division of Student Affairs**

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