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November 19, 2013

Honorable Judge
Hamilton County Common Pleas Court
1000 Main St
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Your Honor,

The University of Cincinnati has partnered with the Cincinnati Police Department to redouble our efforts to reduce crime and promote safety within the Uptown neighborhoods surrounding campus. We have dramatically increased the number of street lights, funded additional security cameras and hired more than a dozen off-duty police officers to provide additional patrols seven days per week. Even so, our students continue to be victimized at a troubling rate that is simply unacceptable.

We need your help. ***You have the ability to send a clear, forceful and reverberating message to criminals and the broader community that predatory targeting of UC students will have severe consequences.*** We respectfully ask that you do so whenever possible.

We also want to draw your attention to our new *Case Watch* program—which provides an enhanced suite of support services to victims within our campus community. In particular, the program will provide victims with transportation to court hearings; education about the process of a criminal case; and assistance with preparing an impact statement. Additionally, we plan to send a sworn officer from the University's police department to all relevant sentencing hearings to underscore our mission-critical commitment to public safety.

We hope that you will work with us to make the Uptown area an increasingly safe and secure environment for our community members to live, learn and grow. Thank you for your leadership and service to our city and region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Santa J. Ono'.

Santa J. Ono
President
University of Cincinnati

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chief JB'.

Jeffrey Blackwell
Chief of Police
Cincinnati Police Department

cc: Joseph T. Deters, Hamilton County Prosecutor