

Aggressive Police Investigation Underway for Individuals Involved with Latest UC San Diego Incident

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UC San Diego police are investigating the discovery about 11 p.m. Monday of what appeared to be a white pillowcase that had been crudely fashioned into a KKK-style hood with a hand-drawn symbol. It was placed on a statue outside the main campus library, and a rose was inserted into the statue's fingers.

The items have been removed and the police are processing them for evidence, including fingerprint and DNA analysis. An aggressive police investigation is underway. University officials noted that this incident will be pursued with all of its authority, and individuals who are responsible will be punished to the full extent of the Student Code of Conduct and all applicable laws.

"We will not allow this incident, or any incident, to deter the progress we are making to change and heal our university community," said UC San Diego Chancellor Marye Anne Fox. "We will not tolerate these despicable actions. We stand in firm solidarity with our students and are fully committed to instituting their recommendations. We know these changes will make this university a better place and will help us improve our campus climate."

If you have any information about this incident, please call the UC San Diego Police Department at (858) 534-4359 or email detective@ucsd.edu.

To assist in keeping the campus and community informed, visit the UC San Diego "Battle Hate" website at <http://battlehate.ucsd.edu> for details and updates of actions underway.

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