

# Timeline of 2019-2020 sexual assault investigations involving two U of U students

In late November 2019 the University of Utah learned U Student 1, had reportedly committed a rape at his apartment. The apartment is located in a private building downtown from which the university leases units. Both U Student 1 and his roommate—U Student 2, who was in the apartment at the time of the reported incident—were members of the university's football team. (While the assailants' names are public, the timeline refers to them as U Student 1 and U Student 2 because their criminal cases are pending.) A criminal investigation into the report began immediately. Around the same time, the university received a report of another sexual assault; the report initially did not include any information about the perpetrator. In January, the university received reports of two different sexual assaults involving U Student 2. Investigative and administrative actions ensued in all four cases, as the university navigated jurisdictional issues, lack of identifying information about the parties involved, and victim-survivor considerations. This timeline tracks these events, highlighting each case in a different color, while safeguarding the privacy of the victim-survivors.

	CASE 1	CASE 2	CASE 3	CASE 4
<b>Nov. 25, 2019</b>	The University of Utah Police Department receives a report that U Student 1, had raped a person "on campus" on Nov. 20, 2019  UUPD detective interviews the victim-survivor			
<b>Nov. 26, 2019</b>	The UUPD detective, who was new to Salt Lake City, learns that Block 44, the location of the reported rape, is not owned by the University of Utah, though the U leases apartments in it for students  Based on this information, the UUPD detective and a UUPD sergeant contact an investigations sergeant with the Salt Lake City Police Department (SLCPD), which has jurisdiction over crimes that occur at Block 44  Because the UUPD detective is already well into the investigation, the Salt Lake City Police Department defers the case to UUPD	The University of Utah's Office of Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action, and Title IX (OEO) is contacted by an employee of a campus department about a reported sexual assault; the employee is provided no additional details, or the identity of the perpetrator  OEO begins working to identify whether any additional information is available		
<b>Nov. 26-Dec. 4, 2019</b>	U Student 1 and U Student 2, who are roommates, are interviewed by a UUPD detective about Case 1			
<b>Dec. 5, 2019</b>		A University of Utah victim-survivor advocate reaches out to the victim-survivor in Case 2		
<b>Dec. 22, 2019</b>		A University of Utah victim-survivor advocate reaches out a second time to the victim-survivor in Case 2		
<b>Dec. 30, 2019</b>		OEO reaches out to the victim-survivor in Case 2		
<b>Jan. 7, 2020</b>	UUPD screens charges in Case 1, involving U Student 1, with the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office			
<b>Jan. 21, 2020</b>			U Student 2 reportedly sexually assaults a person at his apartment in Block 44  Victim-survivor reports sexual assault to UUPD without disclosing assailant's name	
<b>Jan. 22, 2020</b>			UUPD turns Case 3 over to SLCPD because Block 44 is in the city's jurisdiction  UUPD informs OEO and Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT) of Case 3 and that it has been turned over to SLCPD  BIT discusses Case 3	
<b>Jan. 23, 2020</b>		Victim-Survivor Advocate outreach completed	OEO receives a report from a university employee about Case 3, naming U Student 2 as the assailant; SLCPD has not yet received his name	U Student 2 reportedly sexually assaults a person at his Block 44 apartment
<b>Jan. 26, 2020</b>				A university employee is informed by a third-party of Case 4 sexual assault and that victim-survivor has received subsequent threats of blackmail; the employee receives only victim-survivor's first name and is told U Student 2 and U Student 1 are involved  The employee shares reported information with Housing & Residential Education resident advisor  Resident advisor and a Housing & Residential Education supervisor file an online report about U Student 1 and U Student 2 with OEO and the Office of the Dean of Students
<b>Jan. 27, 2020</b>	Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office declines to file charges against U Student 1 in Case 1; however, SLCPD decides to re-investigate Case 1 for potential additional information justifying charges against U Student 1  UUPD sergeant realizes Case 1, involving U Student 1, was not shared with OEO, a process error that is later corrected		OEO employee seeks clarification on whether Case 3 involves the same perpetrators  Office of the Dean of Students administratively suspends U Student 2 from the university and, at the request of the victim-survivor in Case 3, issues a no-contact order  UUPD asks SLCPD to confirm whether Case 3 involves both U Student 1 and U Student 2	OEO reviews online reports from HRE and university employee regarding Case 4  OEO employee seeks clarification on whether Case 4 involves the same perpetrators  UUPD asks SLCPD to confirm whether Case 4 involves both U Student 1 and U Student 2
<b>Jan. 28, 2020</b>	UUPD sends U's Office of General Counsel Case 1 (U Student 1) report		UUPD send's U's Office of General Counsel Case 3 (U Student 2) report  OEO files GRAMA request with SLCPD to get Case 3 reports on U Student 2  Housing & Residential Education supervisor files administrative complaint with OEO against U Student 2 related to Case 3	Housing & Residential Education supervisor files administrative complaint with OEO against U Student 2 related to Case 4  University employee who first received Case 4 report tells OEO that U Student 1 may have known about sexual assault, that victim-survivor is a minor, and is not a U student  OEO informs victim-survivor advocate about age and non-student status of victim-survivor in Case 4  OEO contacts U's Office of General Counsel and Office of the Dean of Students to discuss reporting Case 4 to SLCPD and/or the Division of Child and Family Services; decision is made to discuss with BIT and Athletics the next day
<b>Jan. 29, 2020</b>			OEO seeks consent from victim-survivor in Case 3 to share case notes with SLCPD  OEO shares its records about reported sexual assault committed by U Student 2 in Case 3 with SLCPD	BIT team discusses Case 4 sexual assault report involving U Student 2  BIT discusses administrative suspensions of U Student 1 and U Student 2 and agrees that Case 4 must be reported to SLCPD regardless of victim-survivor consent  U employee who initially received Case 4 information is told that case must be reported to SLCPD given victim-survivor's age and is advised to inform the victim-survivor of this development  OEO sends U Student 2 an email informing him of investigation in Case 4  UUPD sergeant sends text to SLCPD sergeant requesting to speak to him about Case 4 and is referred to another sergeant  UUPD sergeant emails Case 4 information to SLCPD sergeant  U Student 1 is administratively suspended; SLCPD interviews U Student 1 about Case 4 before he moves out of university-supported housing  SLCPD interviews victim-survivor in Case 4  OEO shares its records about reported sexual assault committed by U Student 2 in Case 4 with SLCPD
<b>Jan. 30, 2020</b>	UUPD reports information about Case 1 to OEO	Victim-survivor in Case 2 informs U employee that U Student 2 was the assailant  U employee informs OEO that U Student 2 is the perpetrator in Case 2		OEO learns last name of victim-survivor in Case 4 and provides victim-survivor advocate with that last name  SLCPD arrests U Student 2 and refers charges to Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office
<b>Jan. 31, 2020</b>	OEO reaches out to victim-survivor in Case 1 to offer support  SLCPD expresses concerns to university about a perceived delay in providing documents	OEO learns victim-survivor in Case 2 is undecided about a course of action	OEO learns victim-survivor in Case 3 may engage with OEO	Victim-survivor advocate reaches out to victim-survivor in Case 4 to offer support  OEO learns victim-survivor in Case 4 is willing to visit with OEO but may not proceed  Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office files rape and aggravated kidnapping charges against U Student 2 in Case 4
<b>Feb. 2, 2020</b>				Victim-survivor in Case 4 decides not to proceed with OEO, but is interested in following up with victim-survivor advocate
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<b>Feb. 4, 2020</b>	SLCPD asks U not to communicate with U Student 1 or U Student 2 until its criminal investigation is completed			
<b>Feb. 4, 2020</b>	OEO reaches out to victim-survivor in Case 1 to offer support			
<b>Feb. 4, 2020</b>	UUPD and SLCPD meet to discuss cases  SLCPD detective requests complete set of all university files related to U Student 1 and U Student 2			
<b>Feb. 4-Feb. 6, 2020</b>	OEO provides additional files to U's Office of General Counsel for review			
<b>Feb. 6, 2020</b>	Chief Safety Officer Marlon Lynch provides OEO records to SLCPD			
<b>Feb. 7, 2020</b>	Housing & Residential Education supervisor files administrative complaint with OEO against U Student 1 related to Case 1  SLCPD says decision in Case 1, involving U Student 1, is likely to be made by Feb. 12, 2020  U Student 1 remains suspended from housing but is eligible to attend classes because of prior decision of Salt Lake County District Attorney to decline charges in Case 1 and because an investigation is pending with OEO			
<b>Feb. 12, 2020</b>	SLCPD gives U approval to proceed with its OEO administrative processes in cases 1, 2, 3 and 4			
<b>Feb. 21, 2020</b>	Salt Lake County District Attorney's amended filing includes four additional felony charges against U Student 2 based on reported assaults that occurred in 2018  Athletics, which has previously suspended him, dismisses U Student 2 from the football team		Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office files two rape charges against U Student 2 in Case 3	
<b>April 1, 2020</b>	OEO issues finding of insufficient evidence to proceed in Case 1, involving U Student 1, after victim-survivor elects to participate in criminal process rather than OEO process			
<b>April 16, 2020</b>	Salt Lake District Attorney's Office files rape charge against U Student 1 in Case 1			
<b>May 8, 2020</b>	OEO issues final report on U Student 2, closing cases 2, 3 and 4 and Office of the Dean of Students dismisses him from the university			