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MEMORANDUM

TO: USU Social Clubs, Organizations, Fraternities, Sororities, etc.
FROM: Cache County Attorney, N. George Daines
DATE: January 6, 2009
RE: Michael Starks Tragedy

You should be aware of the serious charges that have been filed as a result of the death of Michael Starks. These charges include misdemeanor charges lodged against twelve of your fellow students. They also include third degree felony charges against the local chapters of both the Sigma Nu Fraternity and the Chi Omega Sorority. The charges against these two entities do not involve their national organizations as it is clear the local chapters were acting outside of policies and standards. The charged activities clearly violate the University Student Code.

There has been some public discussion about what kind of consequences may result from these charges against the two local Chapters. Let me assure you that there are very serious consequences for organizations that are charged with and found guilty of criminal acts. Your organization may wish to discuss the range of these consequences with persons familiar with criminal proceedings. A discussion with either Mr. Anthony Peacock, Esq. of the Political Science Department or Mr. Craig Simper, Esq., University Counsel, might be most enlightening for your leadership and organization.

I understand that there are rumors swirling about that the local police are stepping up their efforts to enforce alcohol and substance laws. These rumors are that there is surveillance and infiltration of other campus organizations and social clubs and that informants are being used to attend, monitor and make reports about on and off campus parties, social gatherings, etc. You may have heard that some individuals having substance abuse issues are being given the opportunity to obtain leniency in return for their ongoing participation. Further, that those individuals may even be carrying cameras and/or are wired.

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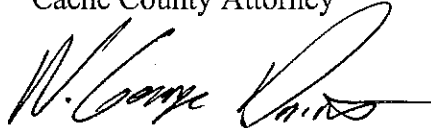
Let me confirm your suspicions in this regard. All of the things you think might be happening are indeed happening, will continue to happen, and there may even be a few efforts you haven't thought of. The "sum of all your fears and then some" is the new reality. Be assured that the local police are creative and have many friends.

You and your organization would be well advised to respond by making absolutely sure that your organization is not participating in any inappropriate conduct or condoning the same in any manner. If some of your members have difficulties with substance abuse, advise them to seek assistance from University Health Services. We will not be asking for information from Health Services as to those it treats or assists.

If some of your members cannot control their risky behaviors you may wish, for the sake of your organization, to separate such persons from your organization.

The tragic Michael Starks death is more than enough for this community. I do hope you will find this Memorandum threatening.

Cache County Attorney

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. George Daines", written in a cursive style.

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