



STATEMENT

from South Carolina State University President

The safety of our students is of utmost importance. As you may be aware, there was a shooting death (non-student) discovered outside of University Village Residential Complex. Although there are several students living in the residential facility, it is technically not SC State University property. University Village is owned and operated by the SCSU Real Estate Foundation and not the University. It is located adjacent to the front of the campus on private property and houses students from SC State and surrounding colleges. Therefore, the incident is under the jurisdiction of the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office which is currently conducting its investigation. SC State University is not the investigative or responding agency. As such, we have very limited information on what has occurred.

A shooting on or near our campus, as well as our students, are of major concern. We want parents and stakeholders to know that we care deeply about the safety of our students, as well as other students who reside in or near University Village. Therefore, our work toward strengthening our safety measures and protocols are an ongoing and high priority undertaking.

Grief counseling is being made available by the Counseling and Self Development Center to students in need of support. The Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The Counseling and Self Development Center is located adjacent to Brooks Health Center on campus.

In the event of after hour emergencies or crises, please contact the University Police Department at (803) 536-7188 or (803) 536-4111 for emergency assistance.

The University would like to offer its deepest condolences to the family and loved ones of the victim during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

James E. Clark
President