



FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT



NOTIFICATION

TIMELY WARNING BULLETIN - May 11, 2022

FIUPD would like to warn the community of recent reports that have been received involving Sextortion. This is a serious crime in which cyber-criminals target victims on public social media accounts. The perpetrator engages the victim within one social media platform and then asks the victim to continue the conversation on another. It is usually in the second social media platform that the Sextortion occurs. The victim is asked to share an explicit photograph of themselves, or to initiate a video chat in which the victim is encouraged to engage in compromising behavior. The perpetrator will subsequently record the encounter and immediately demand payment to an account i.e., Zelle, CashApp, etc. Failure to comply will result in threats to distribute the photo and/or video and may result in demands for more money, threats to ruin the victim's reputation, and in some cases, the distribution of the photo and/or video to the victim's family and friends.

Here are some tips to avoid becoming a victim:

1. Ensure your social media accounts are private. If your social media accounts are open to everyone, the criminal may be able to obtain personal information about you and/or your loved ones.
2. Be aware of anyone you encounter online for the first time. Block or ignore messages from strangers. Do not open attachments from people you do not know.
3. Be aware that people can pretend to be someone they are not online. Videos and photos are not proof that a person is who they claim to be.
4. Be suspicious if you meet someone on an online game or app and then they ask to chat on a different platform.
5. Never send compromising images of yourself to anyone, no matter who they are.

If you feel you are a victim of sextortion, please contact FIUPD at (305) 348-2626.

In the event of an emergency call 9-1-1 or (305) 348-5911.

FIU provides 24-Hour psychological resources for all students who wish to speak with a licensed clinician. Appointments can be made by calling the Student Health Center at (305) 348-2277 (CAPS). FIU Employees should contact the Office of Employee Assistance at (305) 348-2469.

In compliance with federal *Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1998*, we are issuing this "Timely Warning Notice" to report an incident that may pose a serious or continuing threat to the campus community.

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