



Penn State frat suspended for 3 years after nude pics

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WASHINGTON (WUSA9) -- The Penn State fraternity, Kappa Delta Rho, was suspended for three years following an investigation. They made national headlines in March, when they were accused of posting graphic images of women on a private Facebook page.

A university investigation found some of the fraternity's members had engaged in sexual harassment creating a "persistent climate of humiliation for several females."

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Police continue to investigate the case and told Centre Daily Times on Thursday that they were still trying to identify one woman who appeared nude and apparently unconscious in some photos. They hope she will contact police.

State College Lt. Keith Robb said other women who have been identified were given options regarding pressing charges of harassment and invasion of privacy, but none have rendered a decision yet. A man in some photographs has also been identified and could choose to press charges.

The investigation started in January when former Kappa Delta Rho member James Vivenzio of Great Falls, Va. shared information about the secret Facebook pages with police. Thursday, Vivenzio released a statement through his attorney, which reads"

"I am pleased that Penn State is finally taking seriously the documented allegations of hazing and other misconduct at KDR that I first brought to the attention of (u)niversity officials and then to the attention of local police. Suspending KDR now is only a small step toward what needs to be done to stop the blatantly abusive practices at KDR that I experienced firsthand, and at other fraternities," Vivenzio said.

"I am committed as one individual, who has been supported by many others, to bringing about positive and permanent change to eliminate hazing and sexual harassment. Penn State can and must do much more to stop hazing and sexual harassment and should commit to lead by example."

Vivenzio's parents released a statement to our news partners at the Washington Post earlier, saying, "Our son did the right thing here and voluntarily reported abhorrent and dangerous criminal activity to the authorities."

The Washington Post (http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/at-penn-state-one-girls-rule-at-frat-parties-dont-go-upstairs/2015/03/23/1f87f318-d0a0-11e4-a62f-ee745911a4ff_story.html?tid=sm_fb) and OnwardState.com (<http://onwardstate.com/2015/03/24/who-is-james-vivenzio-the-informant-behind-the-kdr-allegations/>) note that he no longer attends the school and that he's had run-ins with police in Fairfax County, Va. and at Penn State in recent years. Vivenzio's family said the charges in Fairfax County were dropped and that he was charged with a driving infraction. The Charges from the State College Police Department were still pending when Vivenzio went to police with information on the private KDR Facebook page, reports Onward State.

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