



# Brandeis University

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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Avraham Gold  
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Dear Avraham,

I am in receipt of a Community Standards Report (CSR) BR-001079 with your name on it. The CSR alleges that:

This is a violation of the following section or sections of our code:

| Violation                           | Violation Description   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| 2.11 Electronic Devices and Privacy | Refrain from using computers, cellular phones, tablets, cameras or other electronic devices in any manner that causes disruption to or invades another individual's privacy in a classroom, library or other campus facility or any campus event.<br>This includes misuse of computer and/or cellular devices with photographic, audio or video recording or streaming, or text messaging capability (see sections 3.3.e, 10.2, 10.3, 10.4 and 16.1). The interception or recording of another person by any technological means without the subject's consent, including offline or Internetconnected devices, will be considered a violation of this section. |

Brandeis's Student Code of Conduct, Rights and Responsibilities, describes its Student Conduct process in Section 18. In accordance with the process, please schedule a meeting with me within 2 business days from this letter. If you would like to read more about the process, you can view Rights and Responsibilities at: <http://www.brandeis.edu/studentlife/srcs/rr/pdfs/RR%202015-16.pdf>

In this meeting, you should be prepared to discuss the incident, and decide how you would like to resolve the matter. To assist you with this decision, I have attached the CSR, "Your Rights as a Student in the Conduct Process," and a chart that explains your options. This meeting should last anywhere from 45-60 minutes so that you can fully understand your options.

Again, please schedule a meeting no later than two business days from this email. My expectation is that you will avail yourself at your soonest availability outside of your academic obligations. My office is located in Shapiro Campus Center 201.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. I look forward to meeting with you to discuss this process and come to a better understanding of this incident.

Respectfully,

Kerry Guerard

Director, Student Rights and Community Standards

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Here is a full narrative of the incident in question:

On Thursday, April 23rd, 2015 at roughly 8pm I participated in and facilitated "Take Back the Night". I shared some of my own experiences with violence which were later quoted in an article published by The Justice. It was later revealed to me and then confirmed, by a member of the editorial board, that the journalist present at the event recorded the personal narratives of many students' experiences of sexual violence without their knowledge or explicit consent. No individuals were made aware of the presence of The Justice, or their decision to record the confidential event and did not consent to their stories being shared in a school paper. I wish to file this CSR against the Justice editorial board, whom, to my knowledge, were aware of the recording, the fact that it was not authorized by organizers, and allowed for the publication of this harmful article.