

DATE: July 11, 2024
TO: Campus community
FR: Nader Oweis, Chief of Police
RE: CRIME BULLETIN: Potential Hate Crime and Vandalism (594 PC, 422.6(b) PC;
Case 24 - 118)

REPORTED CRIME: The Sonoma State University Police Department is investigating a potential hate crime and vandalism that was reported to us on July 9, 2024.

University staff reported that between July 7, 2024, at approximately 2 p.m., and July 9, 2024, at approximately 1 p.m., the cable hoisting the Pride Flag was severed. The flag itself was still in place, and was not damaged. The flag has subsequently been returned to the HUB.

There is no suspect information at this time.

We do not know the motives of the individual(s) involved in this incident. Sonoma State University is committed to maintaining an inclusive and equitable community that values diversity and fosters mutual respect. Any act of bias or discrimination based upon a protected class is prohibited pursuant to the [CSU Policy Prohibiting Discrimination, Harassment, Sexual Misconduct, Sexual Exploitation, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Stalking, and Retaliation](#).

IF YOU KNOW SOMETHING: Anyone with information that might assist with the investigation is urged to call Sonoma State University Police at (707) 664-4444.

SUPPORT RESOURCES: [Counseling and Psychological Services \(CAPS\)](#) is available for any student seeking support at 707-664-2153. Our [Employee Assistance Program](#), LifeMatters by Empathia, is available for any staff and faculty seeking support. A [Confidential Advocate](#) is also available at 707-664-2698. Another resource is the [Office for the Prevention of Harassment and Discrimination \(OPHD\)](#) which can provide supportive measures and receive complaints related to sexual misconduct, harassment, and discrimination on behalf of the university. OPHD can be reached at 707-664-4140.