

January 23, 2026

TO: Campus Community
FR: Nader Oweis, Chief of Police
RE: TIMELY WARNING: Arson (451 PC; Case SS26-10)

This Timely Warning is being issued in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Act and the purpose is to provide preventative information to the campus community to aid members from becoming the victim of a similar crime.

REPORTED CRIME: The Sonoma State Police Department is investigating an arson that took place near the Flora complex in Zinfandel Village at approximately noon today.

A witness saw a group of four or five teens setting fire near an outdoor table. The fire was quickly extinguished and caused minor damage.

The teens ran toward Rancho Cotati High School after being seen by the witness. Officers are working with high school administrators in an attempt to identify the teens.

No additional suspect information is available at this time.

If you know something: Anyone with information that might assist with this investigation is urged to call the Sonoma State University Police Department at [707-664-4444](tel:707-664-4444).

The Sonoma State University Police Department reminds the campus community of the following safety tips:

- Immediately and promptly report any suspected crime, suspicious persons, or activities on campus to University Police by calling or texting 911 or the non-emergency line at [707-664-4444](tel:707-664-4444).
- If you believe that you or someone else is in an unsafe situation, please do not delay calling or texting 911 or seeking assistance from others.
- Be alert to your surroundings. Your actions as an active bystander can help prevent crimes from occurring within our campus community.

You are not at fault for any harm done to you. The above safety tips are not intended to imply otherwise.

SUPPORT RESOURCES: [Counseling and Psychological Services \(CAPS\)](#) is available for any student seeking support at [707-664-2153](tel: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](tel: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](tel:707-664-4140).

Physical descriptions of a suspect or subject, including race or gender, are included in timely warnings only when they provide details that might help distinguish the suspect's or subject's appearance from the general population.

Crimes reportable under the Clery Act are defined on the [Clery Compliance website](#).