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**UCT investigating allegation of rape incident
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The University of Cape Town has noted various allegations on social media of a rape that allegedly occurred in a building on its campus. Once it was made aware, the institution immediately activated the necessary support services to assist those involved in the incident, and a UCT senior investigator was assigned to immediately investigate all the aspects of the case. Allegations of this nature are extremely upsetting. We acknowledge the devastating trauma for those closely involved. We have ensured that appropriate support is made available urgently.

It is also critical that the South African Police Service is assisted in investigating the case thoroughly. In this regard, we encourage anyone with information about this particular case to email Mr Steven Ganger on steven.ganger@uct.ac.za or contact him by telephone on 021 650 2222/3.

We are aware that allegations are being levelled against a particular individual who allegedly was involved in the sexual assault of a female student. The accused in the case must be treated according to fair and appropriate legal process. It is for the justice system, not social media, to find the person guilty or innocent, after due process.

We have seen that the incident is alleged to have taken place at a building often used by a particular student group. We recognise the student group for discussing the matter openly and assisting with due legal process to investigate the matter properly.

We ask people to consider the fact that rape and sexual assault is a dreadful reality for citizens of our country. It is therefore important to treat the matter with utmost seriousness, and within due process and due legality. UCT certainly intends to do so.

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