

Academic Institutions Claims Examples

Kidnap, Detention, Abduction

A 20-year-old US exchange student at a university in Jerusalem was kidnapped on a trip to Nablus. He was videotaped holding his university ID saying that his kidnappers would execute him if Israel did not release Palestinian prisoners.

A PhD candidate in Cultural Anthropology at a private university on a research trip in Armenia was detained and convicted of smuggling when he attempted to leave the country with books he had bought in secondhand bookstores for his research.

A school assistant principal in Connecticut reported that a man tried to abduct a female third-grader during lunch recess. Her would be abductor, who was said to be driving a red sport utility vehicle, exited his vehicle and asked her to enter his car. Police said the third-grader, fearful of the man, ran from the school parking lot where she and her classmates were playing. This was the third attempted abduction in the district in 30-day period. Police increased patrols in the area.

Extortion

A medical transcriptionist in Karachi, Pakistan, where work had been outsourced, attempted to extort money from a California public university by threatening to reveal confidential material about patients.

Public school district administrators in New Mexico enhanced security measures at area schools following a threatening letter received by city officials by suspected extortionists. The letter said "bodies will fall on school yards" if city officials did not pay money demanded.

School administrators temporarily called off recess for elementary students, while trying to keep all students inside buildings as much as possible.

Voilence

A graduate student at a public university in the Midwest opened fire on students in a lecture hall, killing five before turning the gun on himself.

Taking six girls hostage at the high school in a Colorado mountain town, a gunman used them as human shields for hours before he shot and fatally wounded one of the girls and then killed himself as a SWAT team moved in. The hostage situation started when the gunman walked into the school, announced that he had a bomb in a backpack and fired several shots inside a classroom.

A 15-year-old male middle-school student in Florida was shot by a SWAT team after pulling out a gun in class, briefly taking another student hostage, and running through the school. The student, who police said was suicidal and threatening to kill himself, was isolated in a restroom where he was shot by the SWAT team after he reportedly pointed the gun at a deputy. The gun was later found to be a pellet gun fashioned to resemble a 9mm handgun, which is what the police believed he held, they reported later. The boy died from his injuries the next day.

Political Evacuation

Eight U.S. undergraduate students and their staff leader were suddenly caught in post-election violence in Kenya. Commercial transportation was unavailable, forcing them to embark on a 40-mile journey without security to the Ugandan border.

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