Chi Phi Fraternity

Building Better Men

Founded December 24, 1824

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Statement from Chi Phi on Cornell University Case

(Roswell, GA) - Trey Robb, Interim Executive Director of Chi Phi Fraternity, responded to news reports concerning the Cornell University case, saying:

"We are aware of the significant public attention surrounding Chi Phi's disbanded Xi Chapter at Cornell University. Chi Phi is committed to establishing the facts, and with legal proceedings underway, we will not comment on matters before the courts or under investigation. We can, however, share the actions our Fraternity has taken and the reasons behind them.

"It should not need to be said, but we will say it plainly: Chi Phi condemns sexual assault and drug and alcohol abuse in the strongest possible terms. Neither has any place in our fraternity or on college campuses.

"Our records confirm that just three days after 'Jane Doe' filed a police report, the Xi Chapter voted unanimously to remove the accused members from its rolls. The Chapter also recommended that our National Fraternity permanently expel them, and our Grand Council did so at a subsequent meeting.

"These actions went beyond anything the law or Cornell University required of us. As a private membership Fraternity, Chi Phi acted within its own authority at both the Chapter and national levels to remove men suspected of betraying the values of our Brotherhood. They failed to meet the standards we set for every Brother, and accountability is how we will always respond to behavior that falls short of those standards.

"In this case, our national headquarters acted consistently with Chi Phi's values and governing documents. Our role is to educate members about the standards and ideals of our Fraternity. It then falls to each Chapter and its members to comport with those standards. Headquarters does not have day-to-day operational control of our Chapters, which manage their own affairs, and we rely on their reporting to keep us informed. That is exactly what happened here.

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"We acted swiftly because any man who breaks our rules or disregards our values undermines the work we do every day to build communities where young people can thrive. Our National Fraternity has long partnered with RAINN, the nation's largest anti-sexual violence organization, and has given our members extensive education on drug and alcohol abuse prevention and intervention. Each year, our foundation provides $200,000 in grants to educate our Chapters, develop our members as leaders and bring in new men who share our commitment to Truth, Honor and Personal Integrity.

"At every level of Chi Phi, we will take steps like these whenever they are needed to protect the integrity of our Fraternity and the safety of our communities."

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Founded in 1824, Chi Phi Fraternity is the oldest men's social Fraternity in the U.S. More than 70,000 men have been initiated as Chi Phi Brothers. Guided by its founding principles of Truth, Honor and Personal Integrity, Chi Phi's mission is Building Better Men through lifelong friendships, leadership opportunities and character development. The Fraternity, which currently operates 45 collegiate Chapters, is headquartered in Roswell, Georgia. Learn more at chiphi.org.