

# Hate crimes rise across nation

## INCIDENTS ON CAMPUS ARE AN INDICATION OF A BIGGER PROBLEM

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Ever since the election of the 45th President of the United States, Donald Trump, the issue of hate crime has become more prominent. With people thinking he is a Nazi-sympathizer and a racist, many Americans with racist intentions have come out of hiding to cause what are known as "hate crimes."

According to FBI statistics, the frequency of hate crime has increased over the last few years. Back in 2014, there were 3,227 victims of racially biased hate crimes in the U.S. In 2015, the year President Trump announced his candidacy and started campaigning, there was a reported amount of 4,216 victims who experienced racism. One might assume Trump's announcement speech spiked such incidents, but how?

During his speech, President Trump stated, "When Mexico sends its people, they're not sending their best...they're sending people that have lots of problems, and they're bringing those problems with us. They're bringing drugs. They're bringing crime. They're rapists. And some, I assume, are good people."

Though President Trump referred to undocumented immigrants, his words were reported as his view on the Mexican people in general, which may have empowered those with racist views.

Unlike the 2014 statistics, the FBI included an 'Anti-Hispanic or Latino' section on their statistics table. In 2014, Hispanics were counted in the 'Other' minority, and there was a reported amount of 118 victims of other races. In 2015, there was a

reported amount of 392 Hispanic or Latino victims. 2016 statistics that were released on Nov. 13 show that the number of Hispanic and Latino victims has risen to 483.

Alongside these statistics, there is also the news media's recent reporting of these hateful incidents. Richard Collins III, a college student in Maryland, was an African-American allegedly stabbed to death by a white male known as Sean Urbanski, who was reportedly a member of a racist Facebook group. That trial will take place in January 2018.

College students now have to be aware that they could be subjected to hate crimes.

Clackamas Community College and its students have recently fallen victim to these specific offenders. Phillip Zerzan, director of Campus Safety, stated that crimes took place on the campus in 2016 and 2017.

"We had two reported hate crimes, both that were on the Oregon City campus," said Zerzan.

The first crime involved a student who owned a Quran who was on the Oregon City campus in May 2016. While the student was carrying the Quran, an offender walked up to the victim and knocked the Quran out of his hands. The victim declined to file a police report.

The second was discovered in December 2016 and was identified by Zerzan as vandalism. The hate crime was a message that was graffitied in the men's bathroom at the Oregon City campus Community Center and the graffiti that was written said the N-word, and in addition a swastika was drawn after the message.



photo by Sam Weston

### Two of the crimes committed at CCC involved racist written messages in the campus bathrooms.

A third, and the latest crime was also graffiti in another bathroom in the Streeter hall building. The graffiti read "I will finish Hitler's job," according to Zerzan. This last hate crime took place in October of this school year, so offenders are still pretty active.

The situation is surprising to students such as Christian Nolasco, who didn't know hate crimes are an active problem on the campus.

"I think we need to keep track on all the bad things that have happened, and maybe form some club or committee to put a stop to it," said Nolasco.

"[The offenders] shouldn't express it outside, they should keep it to themselves," said Adan Meza, another student.

*Ian Van Orden contributed to this story.*

## COLLEGE LOSES TRANSPORTATION ANALYST: LUKE NORMAN

A position is empty here at Clackamas Community College, and it is a very important one for students who are acquainted with CCC's shuttles.

A few weeks ago, CCC lost a staff member, Luke Norman, who was the college's transportation systems analyst.

Norman has been an analyst for CCC since March 2016 and left around October for a job at TriMet.

Back in July 2015, Norman was also a Transportation System Coordinator for Clackamas Community College and was in charge of developing and making a marketing strategy for the college, in order to ensure that students, staff and other faculty were aware of the transportation available to them from the college.

As the coordinator, Norman had collaborated with many transportation corporations such

as the Oregon Department of Transportation, TriMet, Clackamas County and Metro in order to improve accessibility of transportation services to CCC students. This includes things such as carpooling and state transit.

Now that Norman is gone though, CCC must find someone to be analyst for transportation here at the college. John Ginsburg, interim associate dean who was Norman's boss, said the college is going through a process to find someone to

fill his position.

"It's going through the typical process of human resources to replace him," Ginsburg said.

Once the position is reviewed by human resources and other off-campus associates, a position requisition will be made. For now the position will remain empty, but if there is some urgent need for transportation analyst services, the responsibilities would go towards Ginsburg, for now.

— Liam Anderson

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