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Dear Iowa State Community,

We are writing to inform you of racist criminal activity that occurred overnight in Roberts Hall. This morning, a staff member reported their residential storage room was burglarized and vandalized with racist slurs in a terrible and senseless act. Iowa State University Police are investigating and will prosecute those responsible to the fullest extent of the law.

Our primary concern is the harm this racist criminal act caused our staff member and for their continued safety and well-being. The Department of Residence and other campus units are providing support and resources to the staff member and will be reaching out to other residents of the hall.

My leadership team and I are outraged by this cowardly act. Iowa State University condemns racism, white supremacy, and all racist acts.

If you have any information about this specific incident, please contact Iowa State University Police at 515-294-4428.

As we investigate this situation, we encourage everyone to remain vigilant with respect to personal safety and well-being. Please look out for each other and never hesitate to contact police if you feel unsafe.

If you need additional support, please access the following resources:

- [Student Counseling Services](#), 515-294-5056
- [Student Assistance](#), 515-294-1020
- [Thielen Student Health Center](#), 515-294-5801
- [Crisis Text Line](#), text “ISU” to 741741 (available 24/7)

In addition, Iowa State University has a [Campus Climate Reporting System](#) to collect incidents of bias and connect support and resources with members of the university community who are impacted by bias incidents.

We are committed to providing campus with timely information about incidents of racism or bias. [The Campus Climate website](#) is the central source for Iowa State news and information about racism and bias incidents and other campus climate news.

Finally, all members of the ISU community are expected to uphold our [Principles of Community](#). These are six pillars that can make a difference in creating an environment where all students, faculty, and staff feel valued, included and supported.

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President