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Email #16


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Fwd: Note

From : Sabina Burton <burtons@uwplatt.edu>

Thu, Oct 11, 2012 08:29 AM

Subject : Fwd: Note

 1 attachment

To : Thomas E Caywood <caywood@uwplatt.edu>

The note was slipped to the student in class yesterday. She now is very uncomfortable around Dr. Gibson.

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: "Alexandra B Zupec" <zupeca@uwplatt.edu>

To: "Sabina Burton" <burtons@uwplatt.edu>

Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2012 11:28:33 PM

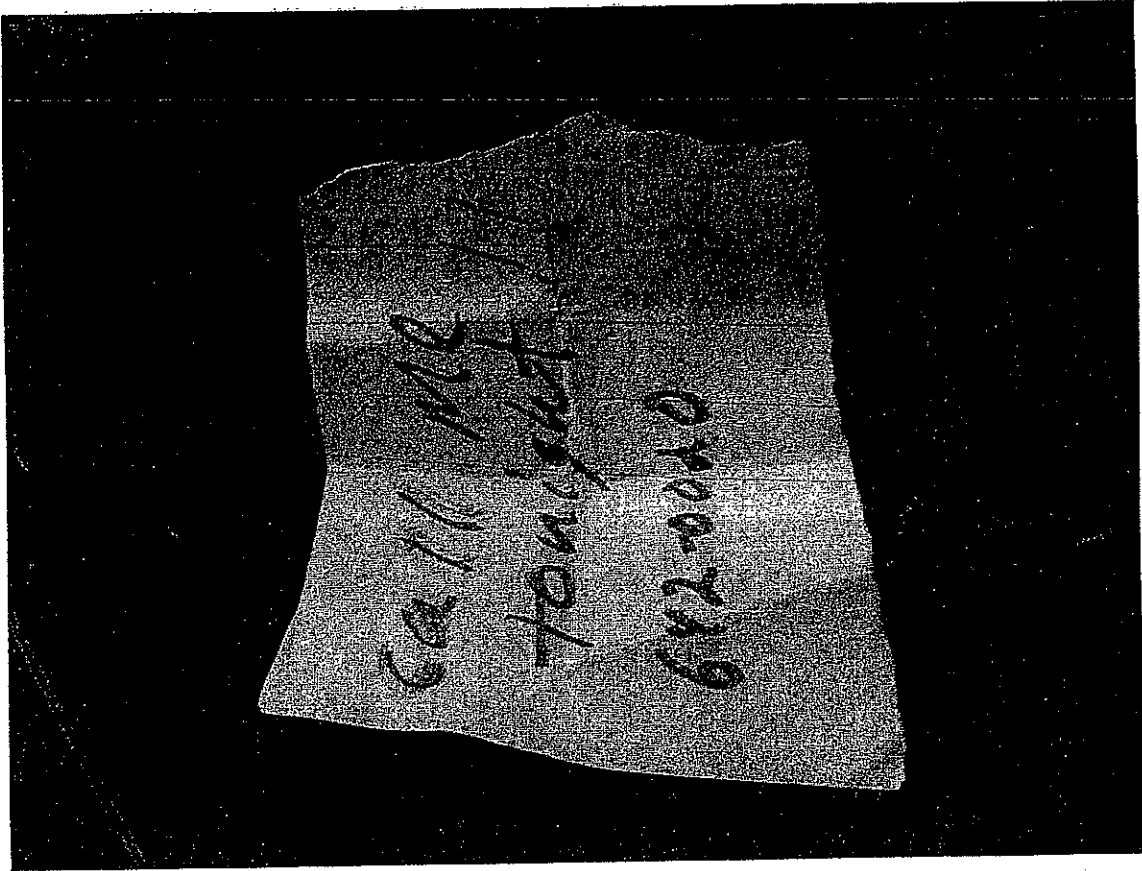
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Re: Lorne

From : Sabina Burton <burtons@uwplatt.edu>

Thu, Oct 11, 2012 09:31 PM

Subject : Re: Lorne

To : Thomas E Caywood <caywood@uwplatt.edu>

Tom,

I understand what a breach experiment is. We are not a psychology department nor do I believe the experiment was conducted well. If the committee for Human Subject approved the experiment and the guidelines for the experiment were followed then there is no concern. Was I part of the experiment and included in the human subject form?

██████████ is still upset about the incident. I can understand why. Nobody likes to be a guinea pig and sexual harassment is a very sensitive matter (perhaps not the best choice for a breach experiment when it comes to teacher-student relations).

Sabina

----- Original Message -----

From: "Thomas E Caywood" <caywood@uwplatt.edu>

To: "Sabina Burton" <burtons@uwplatt.edu>

Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2012 8:19:52 PM

Subject: Re: Lorne

Sabina:

I would like the name of the student who came to you with the note.

So I can interview her to find out exactly what happened.

Here is a brief definition of a breach experiment. In the field of social psychology, a breaching experiment is

an experiment that seeks to examine people's reactions to violations of commonly accepted social rules or norms.

This sounds exactly what he did - pass a note to a student which is a violation of a commonly accepted norm. Particularly

inappropriate behavior since we all received the warning from the Dean about student contact.

Tom

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This is very serious, Tom.

Liz

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----- Original Message -----

From: "Thomas E Caywood" <caywood@uwplatt.edu>
To: "Elizabeth A Throop" <throope@uwplatt.edu>
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2012 8:39:29 PM
Subject: Re: IRB concern

I am trying to find out the name of the student to determine exactly what happened. I will meet with Lorne again to find if he told students ahead of time what he was doing or if this type of experiment was part of a reading assignment that was related to lecture and he was providing students an actual example in class. I'll know more when I talk to Lorne and the student. I'll find out if he did the same thing in his other research class as well.

Tom

----- Original Message -----

From: "Elizabeth A Throop" <throope@uwplatt.edu>
To: "Thomas E Caywood" <caywood@uwplatt.edu>
Cc: "E.Jeanne Durr" <durre@uwplatt.edu>, "Mittie Nimocks Den Herder" <denherderm@uwplatt.edu>
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2012 8:13:13 PM
Subject: Re: IRB concern

? I don't understand what you're saying. Your email is unclear.

I understand what a "breach" is. I have served on IRBs at every institution at which I have worked, and I have dealt with IRBs at R1s for my own research. If he passed a note with that message and a phone number without explaining, ahead of time, what he was doing, and he did it, in addition, in such a way as to create an atmosphere of potential sexual harassment, this is a profoundly serious issue.

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I am very disturbed by this entire incident and by your response to it. Please see me at your earliest convenience. You're right in that perhaps it is not an IRB issue. It could well be a significant HR and Title IX issue.

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From: "Thomas E Caywood" <caywood@uwplatt.edu>
To: "Elizabeth A Throop" <throope@uwplatt.edu>
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2012 7:16:44 PM
Subject: Re: IRB concern

This was example of a specific type of breach experiment. Its not an IRB issue. There is no "research" being conducted. If a student taking intro to college life is assigned to interview a faculty member about advising this falls under class work it does not require a proposal sent to or approved by the IRB. I spoke to him and directed him to send a email to both sections of his research class to explaining what he did and why he did if. If you would like I can forward the email he sent to his reseach students.
Tom

----- Original Message -----

From: "Elizabeth A Throop" <throope@uwplatt.edu>
To: "Thomas E Caywood" <caywood@uwplatt.edu>
Cc: "Lorne Gibson" <gibsonlo@uwplatt.edu>, "Mittie Nimocks Den Herder" <denherderm@uwplatt.edu>, "E.Jeanne Durr" <durre@uwplatt.edu>
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2012 5:44:55 PM
Subject: IRB concern

Tom,

I am given to understand that Lorne Gibson passed a note to a student saying "CALL ME!" and providing a phone number. It has been explained as an "experiment."

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I would like to see the IRB proposal for this experiment and the approval that they gave, please, ASAP. In the absence of that, I must direct Lorne to halt any experiments involving human behavior and human subjects until I have had a chance to discuss the role of the IRB in such experiments here at UW Platteville. No more notes of this nature, or of any nature, may be passed to students until I have had a chance to talk with you and your faculty member.

Such a note could be rightly interpreted as sexual harassment regardless of intent. This behavior must cease immediately.

Thank you.

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