

December 18, 1997

TO: Michael deHaven Newsom
Associate Dean

FROM: Dawn V. Martin
Visiting Associate Professor

RE: Security Problem on Campus: Leonard Harrison

This memorandum is written in response to our conversation today. You asked me for an update on the "stalker" situation, as outlined in my previous memoranda, beginning with my memorandum to Dean Bullock on November 25, 1997. As I explained, I have not heard anything from Leonard Harrison since he was chased from my office, off campus, "down" Van Ness, and into the woods by Officer Dowdy on December __, 1997. As I explained, however, since his telephone message that morning indicated that he was upset that I had called security about him, and because he was chased off campus and MPD has visited the shelter about him, I do not expect that he will announce his arrival anymore. He certainly realizes now that if he does, security will be waiting for him; therefore, it is not clear whether he has stopped stalking, or simply stopped announcing his visits. Since classes have ended and my hours on campus have varied, he can no longer rely on my posted office hours to determine when I will be here.

You asked me today what I thought should be done. Like you, I am not an expert in security matters; however, it is clear to me that **at minimum**, a notice should be posted in both the security office and the library so that if Leonard is seen on campus, security should be notified. Since Leonard has a criminal record, MPD has a photograph of him, which should be requested and posted. I also believe that all faculty and staff should be notified of the facts, as outlined in my previous memoranda, and given a description, if not a photo, of "Leonard." Certainly, when Leonard did announce his arrival, **at minimum**, the guard at the desk should have been informed of the problem when main campus had sent Officer Dowdy to sit with me in my office anticipating Leonard's arrival. Certainly Leonard should not have been able to walk into this building at his announced time, come up to my office on the third floor, then run out of the building, off campus and down Van Ness, with Officer Dowdy chasing him, **without being noticed by any other security officer**. I have been carrying mace on my key chain since this incident. I am not a paranoid person, but I do not feel at all protected by campus security.

Most importantly, I believe that the administration should be consulting with both campus security and MPD about the matter, since they are the "experts" in the matter. The experts

apparently need to be told that the law school administration is taking this matter seriously wants some action taken. This "stalking" situation could happen to anyone. Why "Leonard" chose me to be his "long lost wife" is a complete mystery to me; however, where the campus and library opens its doors to everyone, faculty, staff and students are exposed to anyone who chooses to walk into either of the buildings. Since our names are posted on our office doors and some biographical information is listed in the AALS directory, available on campus, it was probably easy for "Leonard" to learn information like my middle name and that I taught a class in "Race as a Factor in American Law," although not at Howard (which he did not realize, and requested to audit this class).

You asked me to write up the notice which should be posted. Frankly, I think that all law school personnel should be notified of all of the events which have occurred, and that it should have been discussed in at least one of the faculty meetings which we have had since the first incident on November 20th, 1997; however, the content and wording of such a notice is within the authority and discretion of the administration. Since you have asked me to write a description of Leonard to be posted, I have done so on the attached page, including the absolute **minimum** information which I believe should be posted..

cc: Dean Alice Gresham Bullock

Security Notice!

**Notify Campus Security and /or the Metropolitan Police Department Immediately
if you see the following person!**

**Leonard Harrison: African-American male, approximately 6 feet tall and thin; dark
complexioned, thin facial features, glasses (dark or clear); age 40, "salt
and pepper hair color. Often wears a red handkerchief tied on his
head; may be carrying bags and/or a stick.**

**A stalking complaint has been filed against this subject and he has been
barred from campus. MPD wants him for questioning regarding the stalking complaint.
The MPD Detective assigned to this case is Det. Brian Henry, of the Second District,
282-0043.**

**Campus Security should not release Leonard Harrison without consulting with
MPD and main campus security.**