



### Redacted – Michael Gardner

#### Incident Summary for Case 20170264

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A peaceful demonstration, identified as the Save the Union Protest or Lab Class, occurred on the Rensselaer campus on October 13, 2017. The protest, held on October 13, 2017, was not approved by the Dean of Students Office. An application to hold this demonstrated on October 13, 2017 was submitted by [REDACTED] to the Dean of Students on September 28, 2017 and denied by the Dean of Students, Travis Apgar, on October 4, 2017. During the demonstration it is reported that demonstrators moved a barrier and entered a restricted area of campus in the area of the VCC. When the demonstrators entered a restricted area of campus, professional staff was instructed to identify demonstration participants. At the conclusion of the demonstration, Arno was able to view news article (print and video) of the demonstration, as well as pictures of the demonstration on Reddit. In addition, representatives from the Dean of Students Office and Public Safety were permitted to view video footage from the demonstration. Video was provided by Public Safety and Troy Police. Public Safety video footage was viewed on October 18, 2017 and Troy Police video was viewed on October 26, 2017.

Upon review of the information provided by professional staff at the demonstration, the information available online, and the information from the video footage, [REDACTED] and Michael Gardener (661237409) appear to be involved in the leadership of the protest. Specifically, Michael Gardner is identified in online photos using bullhorn to communicate with demonstrators and Gardner is identified as a protest leader on Channel 10 news: <http://news10.com/2017/10/13/rpi-students-hold-demonstration-to-protect-student-union/> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=81PncNb4w-A>. [REDACTED] submitted the application for a peaceful demonstration, is seen in online photos present at the protest, and is featured on Channel 6 news promoting the protest <http://cbs6albany.com/news/local/rpi-students-protest-over-control-of-student-union>. There is not information provided that indicates [REDACTED] and Gardner displayed actions to prevent the demonstrators from entering the restricted area of campus or to encourage demonstrators to leave the restricted area of campus. In addition, there is no information presented that indicates [REDACTED] or Gardner, presented alternative dates to hold the demonstration / protest.

Upon review of the information provided by professional staff at the demonstration, the information available online, and the information from the video footage, the following students were present at the protest and present in a restricted area of campus:

- [REDACTED]



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