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## DEALING WITH CYBERCRIMES AND SEXTORTION

Cybercrimes and sextortion\* are very real, and can affect individuals on campus. The following are steps one can take if they have been a victim of these types of crimes:

- 1. Cut off all communication, and do <u>not</u> send any money! Be reassured that these scammers are looking for money. They usually stop bothering victims once they do <u>not</u> receive money.
- 2. Contact the University of Miami Police Department (UMPD) if you believe you are a victim of these types of crimes at 305-284-6666.
- 3. Report the information to the FBI at <u>ic3.gov</u> and provide as many details as possible.
- 4. Connect with the University's Counseling Center for additional support by calling 305-284-5511. For more information, visit counseling.studentaffairs.miami.edu.
- 5. Reach out to UMPD's Crime Prevention unit on campus at 305-284-1105. They are an excellent resource. This office also provides presentations on campus about this issue.

\*Sextortion (a word combining "sex" and "extortion") refers to a type of blackmail carried out using photographs, videos, or other digital media of a sexual nature. Once the material is in their possession, the blackmailer demands money or other favors from the victim, threatening to send the images, photos or videos to their friends and family or upload them to online platforms if their demands are not met.

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