

## **Case Study: Theresa & Scott**

### **Background Information:**

Theresa and Scott are students at USG University. They previously shared a one-year long romantic relationship, but stopped seeing each other three months ago. Theresa and Scott remained friends following the end of their romantic relationship.

### **Information Provided by Campus Police and Scott:**

Last Thursday, at 12:00 a.m., police responded to a phone call from Scott. Scott stated that his ex-girlfriend, Theresa, broke into his on-campus apartment. Scott told the police the following:

Theresa had called him multiple times asking for a ride back to her house, but he refused to give her a ride. Theresa then showed up to his apartment and broke the side window. After breaking the window, Scott stated that Theresa came into the living room, where he was sitting on the couch, and began yelling at him. Theresa then proceeded to lunge at him, so he grabbed her by the arms and tried to calm her. When Scott grabbed her arms, Theresa proceeded to bite him on the face. After this, Theresa waited approximately five minutes and then left Scott's apartment.

When a police officer arrived, the officer noted that the side window of the house had been broken and that Scott had an abrasion on his face.

### **Information Provided by Theresa:**

Theresa stated that she broke the window because she was intoxicated and upset that Scott would not respond to her and would not help her out by giving her a ride home. She stated that she would never hurt Scott and that nothing like this had ever happened in their relationship or friendship. Theresa also stated that the only reason that she bit Scott was because he grabbed her arms.

### **Alleged Violation**

Theresa was charged with the following violation(s) of the Code of Conduct:

- Sexual misconduct including but not limited to such unwanted behavior as dating violence, domestic violence, nonconsensual sexual contact, nonconsensual sexual penetration, sexual exploitation, sexual harassment, and stalking.
- Vandalizing, destroying, damaging, engaging in conduct that reasonably could cause damage to, or misusing private or public property, including but not limited to University-controlled property.

Theresa accepted responsibility for some of the violations, but does not believe she is responsible for violating the university's Sexual Misconduct Policy. Therefore the Sexual Misconduct Policy violation has to be investigated.