NEWS RELEASE: Reported Racial Incident Investigation

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TO: News Media Representatives
FROM: Lieutenant Allan Baron
DATE: March 2, 2016
SUBJECT: Reported Racial Incident Investigation # 16-0209-0004

On Feb. 9 at approximately 2:20 p.m., the Texas A&M University Police Department (TAMU PD) was contacted regarding reported racial slurs that were made to a group of prospective students and their counselors from Uplift Hampton Preparatory school in Dallas, while walking on the south side of Walton Hall. Responding officers met with the reporting party, and a counselor with the students, who provided details about the incident.

The case was thoroughly investigated by a team of TAMU PD personnel. The information obtained in the investigation was presented on Feb. 28 to the Brazos County Attorney’s Office for review and possible action.

TAMU PD received notification from the Brazos County Attorney’s Office on Feb. 29 that the case would not be prosecuted unless additional incriminating information was uncovered and formally presented.

In response to questions and concerns regarding the initial police response, Police Chief Mike Ragan identified several commendable areas of the UPD response, as well as opportunities for improvement regarding how the initial call to report the incident was handled by his department. As a result, appropriate steps, including additional training, have been taken to help ensure such information is handled more appropriately in the future.

While the investigation is closed, at least at the present time, based on the information TAMU PD has been able to obtain, anyone with information not previously reported regarding this incident is asked to contact the TAMU PD at (979) 845-2345.

The safety of our community does not have borders. It is the goal of every law enforcement agency to protect the citizens that we serve. Be the eyes and ears of your police department. When you see suspicious activity contact the Texas A&M University Police Department at 979-845-2345, the College Station Police Department at 979-764-3600, or the Bryan Police Department and the Brazos County Sheriff’s Office at 979-361-3888. Together we can make a difference in our community.