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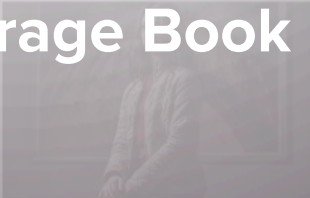
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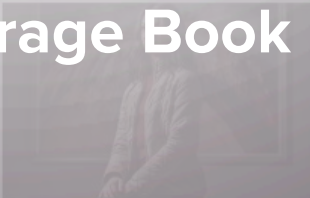
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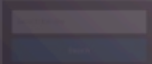
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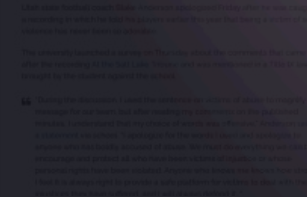
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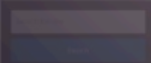
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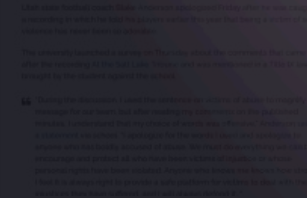
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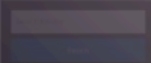
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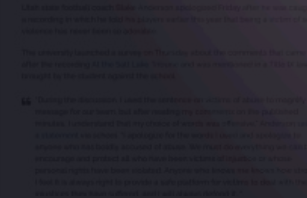
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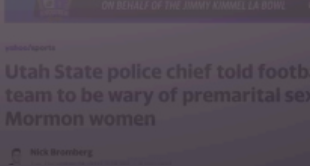
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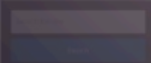
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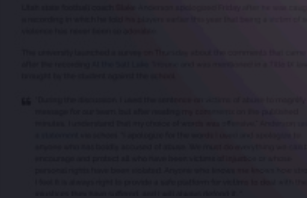
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A new lawsuit is releasing details to how Utah State University responds to reports of sexual assault, after years of controversy at the school and a damning report from the Department of Justice that blamed mishandling of rape.

Student Courtney Towner alleges an individual named Brad Torrey that the university continues to prevent football players' awareness of sexual assault.

USU football coach apologizes for saying it's 'glamorized to be a victim' of sex assault

The remarks came in a recorded meeting after USU police chief had warned players about having sex with LDS women.



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Utah State University head football coach Blake Anderson acknowledged in a statement Friday that he had told his players "it's glamorized to be a victim" of sexual assault. And he apologized for saying it.

"I regret the words I said, and I apologize to anyone who has been harmed since I said those words," Anderson said in a statement released by the school.

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(Leah Hogsten | The Salt Lake Tribune) Kaytriauna Flint poses for a photograph in her attorney's office, Dec. 13, 2021. Flint reported she was sexually assaulted in 2019 as a student at Utah State University.

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Standing in a room full of football players this fall, the police chief for Utah State University told each young man to make sure that when he has sex that it's consensual — especially if he's with a Latter-day Saint woman.

USU police Chief Earl Morris warned the team that LDS women will often tell their bishop, when questioned about it, that sex was nonconsensual because it's "easier." They might be "feeling regret," he continued, for having sex before marriage, which goes against the faith's teachings of abstinence, so they'll say it was assault.

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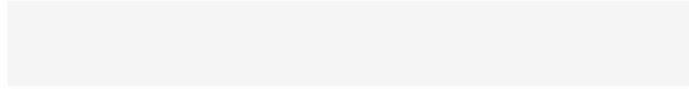
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“And if you’re not used to a Mormon community, folks, I’m here to tell you, the Latter-day Saints community ... young ladies, they may have sex with you, but then they’re going to go talk to their minister, their bishop, priest, whatever you want to call it,” Morris said during a team meeting as the school year began — according to a recording recently obtained by The Salt Lake Tribune.

Members of the team laughed and hollered in response to Morris’ comments.



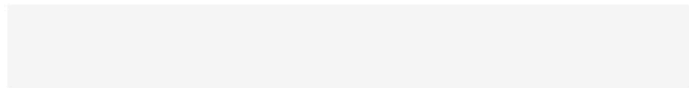
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The campus police chief then told the players that no matter what prompts it, if they’re accused of assault, his officers are forced to investigate. And, he added, “the cards are stacked against you from the moment that happens.”

This recording was referenced in a federal lawsuit filed Tuesday by student Kaytriauna Flint, who alleges in court papers that the university continues to protect its football players and deliberately brush aside women when they report they were sexually assaulted by a member of the team, which she said happened to her.

“My trust had just been completely broken by this person,” Flint said. “But the little trust that I had left in me, I put into the school to do whatever they needed to do so then I could get help. And for nearly two years, they made me relive this horribly painful experience.”

Her claims about the player come after USU football linebacker Torrey Green was [convicted in 2019](#), after his graduation, of sexually assaulting six women while he was a student at the Logan school.



Four women told Logan police in 2015 that they had been assaulted by Green, but no charges were filed until prosecutors reexamined their cases [after The Tribune published an investigative report](#) about their claims. Prosecutors said in court papers that 19 women in total came forward with similar allegations, and the trial involved allegations of six of those women.

Flint was shocked to learn, as USU investigated her case, that the U.S. Department of Justice had detailed a pattern of mistreatment of victims at the school in a [blistering report released in 2020](#). Federal investigators found that Utah State repeatedly mishandled cases of sexual assault on campus, failing to act when it knew about misconduct — which meant it was leaving “additional students vulnerable.”

The federal report largely focused on USU’s treatment of football players and fraternities, which both had members accused in high-profile cases of sexual assault and misconduct in recent years. Those cases received “[minimal investigation](#)” when a report was filed to USU, investigators found.

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The northern Utah university settled the federal investigation by agreeing to improve its response in the future. At the time, USU President Noelle Cockett said the school would promptly respond to accusations moving forward and “should have done better.”

But the school has done little to improve, wrote Flint's lawyers, Michael Young and Lauren Hunt, saying its mishandling of Flint's case was similar to its failures in the past. And the same attitudes prevail, the lawyers say, pointing to the recording of the police chief as evidence that nothing has changed.

Her lawsuit was filed days before Utah State football is scheduled to face Oregon State in the inaugural Jimmy Kimmel LA Bowl on Saturday.

In a statement about the recording, USU said it “will be reviewing this matter.” Utah State said it did not have access to the recording, but said the statements described by The Tribune “are not consistent with the university's trainings.”



The school said it “has made a great deal of progress in our sexual misconduct prevention and response efforts over the last five years,” while noting that cultural change takes time. “Students and employees bring their own developed perceptions and beliefs around sexual misconduct with them to our campuses,” it said. (See USU's full statement below.)

Notified of Flint's lawsuit by The Tribune, USU did not immediately respond to her claims on Tuesday.

A confusing investigation

Flint had just started her sophomore year at Utah State in the fall of 2019. She'd gotten a job as a resident adviser at the dorms. She was enjoying her classes on the Logan campus and making friends.

When she thinks back now on the morning of Nov. 26, 2019, she remembers how happy she felt. But that night, she said, she was raped off campus by a man she had known since her freshman year, who was a member of the university football team.

“And I just kept thinking about how happy I was the day before and how I may never feel that way again,” Flint said in an interview. “... Getting raped by someone you know is really devastating. It's really confusing.”

Flint had a flight the next morning for a planned visit to her dad in Montana. As soon as her plane landed, she said, she went to the emergency room there for a sexual assault examination. The hospital reported the case to Logan police, where officers opened an investigation.

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Flint reported it to USU's Title IX Office when she returned to Utah on Dec. 3, 2019. [Title IX is a federal law](#) that charges universities with ensuring students receive education without sex-based discrimination, and offices provide support services to students who have been sexually assaulted.



The Title IX investigation, she said, was a confusing ordeal.

She was forced to switch between multiple investigators and had to repeat what happened to her again and again, she said. The lawsuit notes that the school lost the recordings of her interviews more than once.

At one point, she said, an investigator at the school's Title IX office told her it would "probably be easiest" if she just left USU.

(Leah Hogsten | The Salt Lake Tribune) Kaytriauna Flint talks about her sex assault in 2019 when she was a student at Utah State University, Dec. 13, 2021.

Under the federal Title IX law, schools are charged with collecting evidence. But Title IX staff told Flint they weren't able to get her rape kit from the Montana hospital or Logan police, she said, and pressured her to get it herself if she wanted it considered in her case.

She eventually obtained her examination report from the hospital, which the lawsuit says noted injuries on her genitals.

The Title IX Office reviewed it and then released a report two months later, saying it was more than likely Flint was raped.

The alleged assailant appealed, according to the lawsuit, and said he asked for consent during their encounter. A panel held a closed hearing to weigh both sides in July and again upheld Flint's account.

That decision then went to USU President Cockett for a final response.



Flint heard nothing. She continued to take classes, though she fell behind and was constantly worried about running into the football player on campus since no action had yet been taken against him; she said she had to cope "with the fact that he gets publicly praised" in his position on the team. Her mental health, she said, deteriorated.

After five months of waiting — and more than a year after her alleged assault — she decided to email the school's Title IX coordinator, other administrators and Cockett directly. Two days later, on Dec. 4, 2020, Cockett responded.

The lawsuit says Cockett ruled that the football player hadn't had enough opportunity to appeal, and

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The tribunal says Becker ruled that the football player didn't have enough opportunity to appeal, and she returned the case back to the Office of Equity to start over again.

Flint was again assigned a new investigator.

The Tribune generally does not identify alleged victims of sexual assault, but Flint agreed to the use of her name.



Her alleged assailant is not identified in the lawsuit, and The Tribune is not identifying him because he was never charged with a crime. While Logan police submitted the case for potential prosecution, the Cache County attorney declined to do so, according to Young, Flint's attorney.

Logan police did not immediately respond Tuesday to requests for comment from The Tribune. Cache County attorney John Luthy said: "We screened the case and there was just insufficient evidence for us to move forward with the prosecution."

Case dismissed

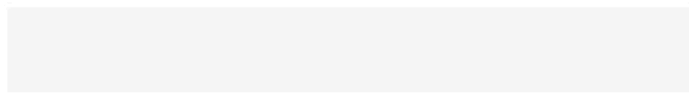
By the start of 2021, new federal rules had taken effect and changed the process for how universities handle allegations of assault with students. Under then-President Donald Trump, schools were expected to allow students the opportunity to cross-exam their accuser, which meant an alleged victim could be questioned directly by the alleged perpetrator or their attorney.

If the alleged victim failed to show up or failed to provide witnesses, their account could be ignored in making a determination in the case.

Flint said she tried without success to reach an informal conclusion, where both students would sit down with a Title IX staffer and agree on a resolution. Flint said she wanted the player to be disciplined in some way. She said, though, that he would consent to only small consequences, such as listening to a 30-minute podcast on assault, for example.

By May, Flint said, a staffer at the Title IX Office had told her in an email that her case would proceed with new hearings. She also was told by the office that she would need to get the Montana nurse who had done her sexual assault exam to testify for that evidence to be accepted, the lawsuit alleges, and that she would also need testimony from the Logan officer who took her report.

She'd need to set those witness appearances up on her own, they told her, according to the lawsuit. And she'd need to testify herself in front of the football player.



The alleged perpetrator was also requesting to see the photos that had been taken as part of her sexual assault exam, Flint's lawyers say.

Flint said she wasn't sure what to do and was nervous about going forward.

Then, in July, a federal court struck down part of Trump's order and informed schools to stop

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Then, in July, a federal court struck down part of Trump's order and informed schools to stop requiring that victims be cross-examined. However, the lawsuit states, USU didn't adjust and never informed Flint of the change.

"Policies were changing," she said. "I didn't understand what was going on. I was confused constantly."

(Leah Hogsten | The Salt Lake Tribune) Kaytriauna Flint poses for a photograph in her attorney's office, Dec. 13, 2021. Flint reported being sexually assaulted in 2019 as a student at Utah State University.

In October, she said, Flint emailed the Title IX coordinator and said it was going to be too difficult for her to attend the hearing and be questioned by her alleged perpetrator. The coordinator told Flint that likely meant her case would be dismissed — which it was in November, nearly two years after Flint reported being assaulted.

But the lawsuit alleges that with the change to Trump's law, other evidence — such as testimony from the nurse — could have been considered by the school.

'Help us help you'

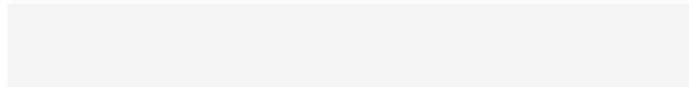
It was around the same time this fall that Logan's top law enforcement officials met with the football team in that recorded meeting.

Before the USU police chief made his comments about sexual assault, Logan Police Chief Gary Jensen told the team he wanted the players to "play good ball" and pledged to "work with you to the best of our ability."

"So help us help you," he said, "stay on the football team. Go to the NFL. Whatever it is your ultimate goal is."

Assistant Logan Police Chief Jeff Simmons urged the football team to work with his officers, and to not demand a search warrant if officers were coming to break up a loud party. And if they found themselves in trouble, he said, they could text him "asking for a friend."

Jensen did not immediately respond to a request for comment from The Tribune.



After the police chief said his department wanted to work with the players, USU police Chief Morris then said there was no tolerance for sexual assault.

In the meeting, Morris and the Logan department's assistant police chief gave out their personal cellphone numbers for the players to call if they needed advice or had concerns that an officer didn't treat them properly.

(Utah State University) Pictured is USU police chief Earl Morris.

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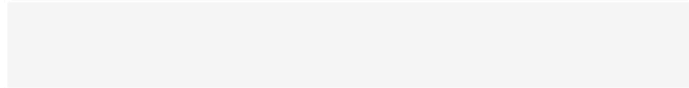
Morris has worked at USU as chief since July 2019 — since before the Department of Justice report criticizing USU and demanding changes was released. He previously worked in law enforcement at Brigham Young University’s campus in Hawaii, which is operated by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Utah State released its statement on his behalf.

In the recording, Morris said because of that previous position, he understood “the process” and that it was often easier for LDS women to say they didn’t consent while speaking to their bishop.

Flint said when she heard this recording, she felt sick to her stomach and started to cry.

“I should be able to trust that the school will take care of me and I should be able to trust that the campus police and the city police will take care of me,” she said. “But if behind closed doors they’re communicating with who I know is my perpetrator and other teammates, like that ... it made me feel like when I went to police in the first place, they didn’t take me seriously.”

Flint’s lawyers also pointed to another recorded meeting in the lawsuit. In this one, a football coach, who is not identified, told the team that it “has never been more glamorized to be a victim” and that the football team was a “target to some.”



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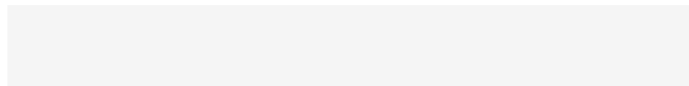
The Department of Justice report, which covered events from 2013 to 2017, noted that USU received more than 15 reports of alleged sexual assault involving USU football players. And investigators noted it was common for USU to close incident files involving football players after “only minimal investigation.”

The eventual charges against Green were among the biggest cases from that time; he is now serving a lengthy prison sentence.

When the DOJ issued its report in February 2020, USU had promised to “respond promptly, equitably, and adequately to known sexual harassment that has created a hostile environment.”

Utah State was also tasked with revising all of its policies regarding harassment, how it investigates cases and how offenders are disciplined. That included requiring all campus police reports to include the USU clubs or sports teams implicated (if any) and whether the university opened an investigation or its reason for not doing so, as well as listing the outcome.

If USU shows any lapses, the DOJ can step in and take legal action.



Flint would like to see employees at Utah State held accountable for how her case was handled, especially with it spanning two years. Her lawsuit alleges that USU showed deliberate indifference, enforcing an outdated policy that unfairly put the onus on her as the alleged victim.

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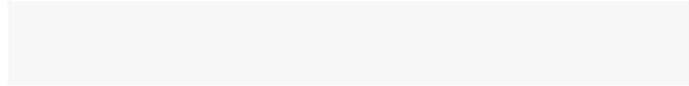
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“Despite that acknowledgment and explicit promise to do better,” the lawsuit states, “USU is not only still failing to uphold its obligations under Title IX, [it’s also] still giving preferential treatment to male athletes accused of sexual misconduct.”

She is asking for unspecified financial damages to cover the costs of therapy and tuition.

Flint, who is still a student at USU, said she had to quit her job as a resident adviser in the dorms after her assault. She said she couldn’t do it any more because she worried a student would confide in her about experiencing an assault. In those cases, she was supposed to recommend they seek assistance from the school.

But, Flint said, “I couldn’t, in good conscience, say the school is going to help.”



Correction: 10:15 a.m. Dec. 17, 2021: This story has been updated to reflect that Assistant Logan Police Chief Jeff Simmons urged the football team to work with his officers, and to not demand a search warrant if officers were coming to break up a loud party. And if they found themselves in trouble, he said, they could text him “asking for a friend.” Those comments were incorrectly attributed.

Full statement from Utah State University on the recording from the school’s police chief:

“We do not have access to the recordings and do not know the entirety of the discussion during which the statements were made. That said, it is important to USU that our messaging and trainings reflect the university’s efforts to prevent sexual misconduct, reduce barriers to reporting, and respond to it appropriately when it occurs. The transcribed statements, as presented by the Tribune, are not consistent with the university’s trainings on this matter.

The university has made a great deal of progress in our sexual misconduct prevention and response efforts over the last five years, including instituting mandatory prevention education for students and additional education for student-athletes, introducing the Upstanding program to our campus, conducting three campus climate surveys to gauge our students’ experiences and our progress, and participating in the annual Start by Believing event. Additionally, in January 2020, USU Police created a specialized unit that includes a confidential SAAVI advocate and a dedicated law enforcement detective to respond to reported incidents of sex crimes and domestic violence.

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However, we know cultural change takes time; students and employees bring their own developed perceptions and beliefs around sexual misconduct with them to our campuses. USU stands firm in its commitment to create a campus culture where individuals understand and practice sexual respect and survivors of sexual assault are supported.

We will be reviewing this matter further as we continue our ongoing work to build a welcoming campus environment for the USU community.”



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USU student says school mishandled her report of rape after it promised to do better

By Annie Knox, KSL-TV and Daniella Rivera, KSL-TV | Dec 15, 2021, 12:12pm MST

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Kaytri Flint, who says Utah State University mishandled her report of rape, speaks about her experience at her attorneys' office in downtown Salt Lake City on Monday, Dec. 13, 2021. | Carissa Hutchinson, KSL-TV

A Utah State University student says the school mishandled her report of rape over the past two years, improperly restarting an investigation based on old federal standards that favored the accused.

Kaytri Flint sued the university Tuesday in federal court in Salt Lake City, alleging it has not made good on its promises to do better after a 2020 U.S. Department of Justice report

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not made good on its promises to do better after a 2020 U.S. Department of Justice report found reports of sexual assault went unaddressed on the Logan campus.

The Deseret News does not typically name victims of alleged sexual assaults. Flint agreed to use her name.

The university is “still failing to uphold its obligations under Title IX,” her lawsuit states, referring to the federal law barring sex discrimination at schools.

Under Title IX, colleges are required to take steps to stop sexual harassment — including sexual violence — after an incident takes place. They’re tasked with investigating and resolving complaints from students, whether the conduct happened on campus or somewhere else.

Flint reported that she was raped by a football player she knew. She contends the school continues to favor male athletes accused of sexual misconduct — echoing a finding in the Justice Department report — and says it has flouted recent changes in guidance from the U.S. Department of Education.

Her assailant was still allowed to play football as her case dragged on, according to her lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court.

Flint, a 22-year-old sociology major, says an initial school probe and an appeals panel sustained her complaint of rape against a football player at the university. But at the next stage of review, USU President Noelle Cockett cited due process concerns for the player in a December 2020 memorandum.

Cockett sent the case back to the school’s Office of Equity. Title IX investigators in the office ultimately adhered to a Trump-era requirement that was rescinded while her case was pending.

The temporary change placed a greater burden on victims, subjecting them to cross-examination, and only allowing evidence if the person who provided it agrees to testify.

University spokesperson Amanda DeRito said the university has not yet received a copy of the lawsuit and would like to review it before commenting.

The university’s process for investigating Title IX is separate from police investigations — although both can occur at the same time — and considers whether school policy was violated.

Flint said the process became so overwhelming that she decided not to participate in another administrative hearing, and the school ended its investigation. But it shouldn’t have gotten to that point, she contends.

Her lawsuit notes that in a separate case, a different USU football player was formally



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Her lawsuit notes that in a separate case, a former USU football player was formally charged with rape in the wake of the DOJ report issued in February 2020. Ismael Vaifo'ou has pleaded not guilty in Logan's 1st District Court.

Flint said she also filed a police report but prosecutors did not file formal charges in her case.

A string of high-profile sexual assault cases at the university preceded the DOJ investigation.

The agency began its review in 2017 after students alleged the university failed to respond to several reports of sexual assaults. The probe followed a series of criminal charges for former USU football star Torrey Green, who was convicted of raping several women in 2019. Another student alleged that a one-time fraternity member at USU was accused of assaulting five women before he raped her.

Doug Hoffman, media relations director for USU athletics, deferred comment to the university.

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Let us be clear. Everywhere else cross examination is allowed. She is suing USU for allowing cross examination a basic right for the accused. If her anti-due process suit is upheld than it will spell the end for the rights of the accused.

This is a horrible suit seeking to destroy basic due process rights.

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John Pack Lambert of Michigan 3 days ago

Cases like this should be taken to the police and handled by the courts.

Let us be clear what her suit is alleging. She is seeing the university because it is operating under the due process protections that protect the accused everywhere accept under Obama-Biden education department handled schools.

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"But at the next stage of review, USU President Noelle Cockett cited due process concerns for the player in a December 2020 memorandum."

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USU has a huge problem with rape. And to have members of the football team be the assailants is inexcusable. The football program should be placed to probation.

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I love usu but this type of stuff was always going on back 30 years ago when I was there sad to see not much has changed.

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I'm guessing the USU Police Chief's recent comments to the football team won't help.

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Exactly. The recorded comments are part of her lawsuit. I wonder why the D-news didn't report that and remove comments telling the truth?

Flint's lawsuit refers to recorded statements USU Police Chief Earl Morris made to the school's football players this fall. • Morris warned the players to make sure that when they have sex that it's consensual — especially if they are with women who are Latter-day Saints. He said LDS women will often tell their bishop that sex was nonconsensual because it's "easier." They might be "feeling regret," he continued, for having sex before marriage, which goes against the faith's teachings of abstinence, so they'll say it was assault. • Flint's lawsuit refers to a second recording, in which a USU football coach, who is not identified, told the team that it "has never been more glamorized to be a victim" and that the football team was a "target to some."

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USU sex assault timeline: From police chief's recorded comments to Torrey Green and beyond

What you need to know about how USU has handled allegations of sexual assault in the past.



(Kim Raff | Tribune file photo) Old Main on the campus of Utah State University in Logan on Feb. 25, 2013. A new lawsuit is returning scrutiny to how the school responds to reports of sexual assaults.

By Courtney Tanner | Dec. 14, 2021, 9:03 p.m. | Updated: Dec. 15, 2021, 8:30 p.m.

A new lawsuit is returning scrutiny to how Utah State University responds to reports of sexual assaults, after years of controversy at the school and a blistering report from the Department of Justice that demanded reform last year.

Student Kaytriauna Flint alleges in a federal lawsuit filed Tuesday that the university continues to protect its football players against claims of sexual assault.

A stunning new recording

Flint's lawsuit refers to recorded statements USU Police Chief Earl Morris made to the school's football players this fall. The Tribune obtained a copy of the recording.

• Morris warned the players to make sure that when they have sex that it's consensual — especially if they are with women who are Latter-day Saints. He said LDS women will often tell their bishop that

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- Flint's lawsuit refers to a second recording, in which a USU football coach, who is not identified, told the team that it "has never been more glamorized to be a victim" and that the football team was a "target to some."

- In a statement about the recordings, USU said it "will be reviewing this matter," and said the statements described by The Tribune "are not consistent with the university's trainings." USU said it "has made a great deal of progress in our sexual misconduct prevention and response efforts over the last five years," while noting that cultural change takes time. "Students and employees bring their own developed perceptions and beliefs around sexual misconduct with them to our campuses," it said.

Flint's sexual assault report

Flint's lawsuit says the school mishandled her report to the school's Title IX Office, which is tasked with investigating sexual misconduct in order to comply with a federal law that requires schools to provide education without sex-based discrimination.

- Flint accused a USU football player of sexually assaulting her in 2019. Her lawsuit alleges the school misled her about what Title IX law required from her. Her Title IX case was dismissed two years later when she said she felt she could not comply with the school's requirements.

- Logan police sent the case to the Cache County Attorney for prosecution, but the office declined to file charges.

The case of Torrey Green

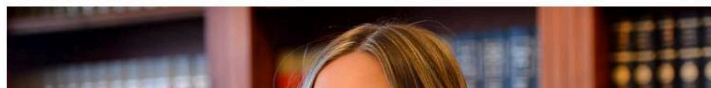
USU football player Torrey Green was [convicted in 2019](#) of sexually assaulting six women while he was a student at the Logan school.

- Four women told Logan police in 2015 that they had been assaulted by Green, but no charges were filed until prosecutors reexamined their cases [after The Tribune published an investigative report about their claims](#). Prosecutors said in court papers that 19 women in total came forward with similar allegations, and [the trial involved six of those women](#).

- The Department of Justice, which investigated USU after Green's convictions, said its [investigators found it was common for USU to close incident files involving football players after "only minimal investigation."](#)

Assaults by USU fraternity members

The DOJ [report](#) also detailed mishandled reports involving USU's Greek system.



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(Trent Nelson | The Salt Lake Tribune)Victoria Hewlett recently settled a rape case against Utah State University. Hewlett was photographed in Salt Lake City, Thursday July 5, 2018.

- Former USU student Victoria Hewlett sued the school for allegedly mishandling sexual assault allegations from her and multiple other women involving then-Sigma Chi fraternity member Jason Relopez. The lawsuit claimed that five women had reported to the school that Relopez sexually assaulted them before Hewlett's attack in 2015. The school said Relopez had been on its "radar" but denied receiving five previous assault reports.
- Relopez was sentenced in 2016 to a year in jail for attempted rape and attempted forcible sex abuse, and as part of his plea deal, admitted raping Hewlett and another USU student.
- Her suit also alleged USU mishandled similar reports involving Ryan Wray, then-president of Pi Kappa Alpha, which is around the corner from Sigma Chi. Prosecutors said Wray inappropriately touched a woman at the fraternity in 2014, while he was assigned to keep watch over incapacitated partygoers. He pleaded guilty to attempted forcible sex abuse and was sentenced to six months in jail.
- Hewlett accepted a \$250,000 settlement in 2018 that required the school to increase its oversight of its Greek system.

An abusive piano department

The DOJ report also mentioned USU's investigation into its piano department, noting that those who came forward with years-old complaints in 2018 did not know where to report discrimination during their time at USU.

- An investigator hired by USU found students had endured a "pervasive culture" of sexism, a "disturbing" pattern of sexual violence and psychological abuse by faculty.
- Administrators had done little to address that culture amid multiple students allegations of mistreatment by faculty as recently as 2017, a report said. That included a student alleging she was raped by a teacher in 2009.



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(Joy Wong | For The Salt Lake Tribune) Rachel Speedie at her home in Redondo Beach, Calif. Speedie won piano competitions at Utah State University and was named the school's most outstanding music student her junior year, but she left Logan in 2004 with a permanent elbow injury and no degree. She says she was required to overpractice, not given lessons she had paid for and denied the opportunity to play her required senior recital.

A settlement with DOJ

USU settled the federal investigation by agreeing to improve its response in the future. At the time, USU President Noelle Cockett said the school would promptly respond to accusations moving forward and "should have done better."

Editor's note • The Tribune generally does not identify sexual assault victims; the women identified in this story agreed to the use of their names.



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USU football coach apologizes for saying it's 'glamorized to be a victim' of sex assault

The remarks came in a second meeting after USU police chief had warned players about having sex with LDS women.



(Leah Hogsten | The Salt Lake Tribune) Utah State Aggies head coach Blake Anderson talks with his players as the Utah State Aggies host Brigham Young University Cougars at Maverik Stadium Oct. 1, 2021.

By Courtney Tanner | Dec. 17, 2021, 1:00 p.m. | Updated: 11:06 p.m.

Utah State University head football coach Blake Anderson acknowledged in a statement Friday that he had told his players it "has never been more glamorized to be a victim" of sexual assault. And he apologized for saying it.

"I regret the words I used, and I apologize to anyone who has bravely come forward with allegations of wrongdoing," Anderson said in a [comment released by the school](#).

On Thursday, Utah State University had said that it was investigating the comments that attorneys attributed to Anderson. The remarks from the coach came in a second recording obtained by The Salt Lake Tribune and are mentioned as part of a lawsuit filed this week by student Kaytriauna Flint.

The suit also referred to a recording of USU police Chief Earl Morris telling players in a separate meeting to [beware of having sex with Latter-day Saint women](#) because they might later feel "regret"

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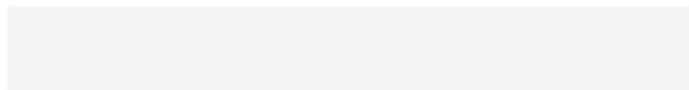
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meeting to clarify or clarify with later. My belief is that they might later feel regret and report it as nonconsensual. USU put Morris on administrative leave, saying its police chief “must have the trust of the campus,” and he later resigned Thursday.

After that, some pointed specifically to Anderson’s comment that it is glamorous to be a victim of sexual assault, and asked for the school to examine it as well. The Aggies are headed to a national bowl game against Oregon State this weekend.



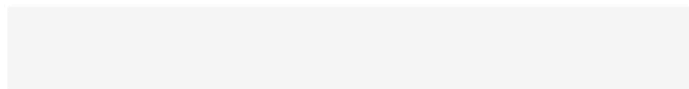
USU said in a new statement Friday that the comments from the coach came in August, the day after the chief had talked to the team. The school also noted that the meetings occurred a month after football team members participated in a required Title IX sexual misconduct prevention training.

The coordinator of USU’s Title IX office was at the meeting where the coach spoke, too, as was the outreach and prevention coordinator from the school’s Sexual Assault and Anti-Violence Information office, or SAAVI.

Those two USU employees are tasked with being advocates for sexual assault victims. USU spokesperson Amanda DeRito later clarified that they both left before the coach’s comments.

The school in its Friday statement added: “The university reiterates that students who experience sexual misconduct must be able to trust in USU so they feel comfortable coming forward, whether to seek help or report. ...

“USU will be working diligently to address these issues in our campus community and will provide more information on steps taken in the future,” the statement continued.



In the 40-minute recording of the meeting, Anderson goes on to warn the team that the players are “way more at risk” of being accused of assault than others because they’re athletes and are a “target to some.”

In response to one of the players’ questions about “false reporting,” he says it’s “never been more talked about in the news right now” to be a victim of assault.

“And so you don’t need to put yourself in a position that you can create a victim,” he said. “And it doesn’t take a whole lot. So it scares the s--- out of me.”

He tells the players to be “really, really smart” in relationships in order to “stay out of trouble.” And that’s when he makes the “glamorized” comment.



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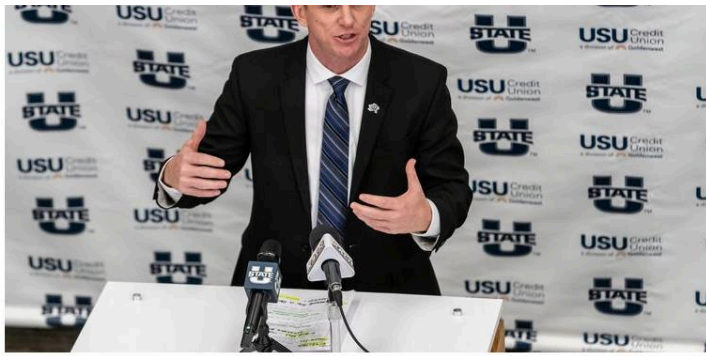
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(Courtesy of Wade Denniston, Utah State University) Blake Anderson speaks at a ceremony in Logan on Monday, Dec. 14, 2020 officially introducing him as Utah State University's 29th head football coach.

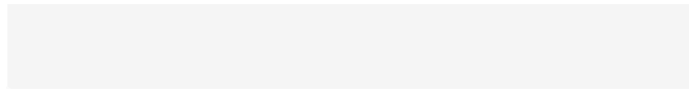
DeRito had said Thursday in response to The Tribune's questions about the coach that the school putting the chief on leave was a priority because of the position he held in responding to concerns from all students. She said USU was concerned about how Morris' comment would hurt "trust" in the police department.

Utah State originally said Tuesday, when the recordings were first released, that the statements "are not consistent with the university's trainings."

Attempts to reach Anderson directly were unsuccessful. USU Athletic Director John Hartwell did not respond to a request for comment.

Anderson, who was hired by USU in 2020 after previously leading the team at Arkansas State, has an annual salary of \$455,000, according to public records.

In his apology statement Friday, the coach said he appreciated "having an opportunity to address comments I made during a conversation with our team during our Fall camp." His message, he said, was to encourage players to do the right thing.



"In the course of that conversation," he added, "I used a phrase regarding victims of wrongdoing to magnify that message to our team, but after reading my comments in the transcript that was released, I realize my choice of words was hurtful."

He continued: "We have to do everything we can to encourage and protect anybody who has been the victim of a wrong, or whose personal rights have been violated. Anyone who knows me knows how strongly I feel about this. Giving victims a safe platform to address wrongs they've suffered is always the right thing to do, and something I'll always stand for."

In the recording, the coach had mentioned that the team has "a very, very close to zero tolerance policy here" for sexual assault.

"So if you do something wrong, you deserve every bit of what's coming," he said. "But if you didn't, you deserve every protection of what the law provides, and we'll do everything we can to help."

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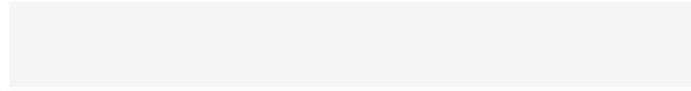
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He said, too, that if a player comes to his office to talk about assaulting someone, he is obligated to report it. "Even if I don't want to call, I have to do so. So you need to understand confidential space," he added.



Susan Chasson, a sexual assault examiner who has worked in Utah for 30 years, said Thursday that she was concerned by the coach's comments about victims.

"As a health care provider, I know what the lifelong impact is of sexual assault on women's health, and I also know the majority of women already never come forward," she said. "When comments like this are out there, what incentive would a woman have to come forward?"

She added: "It just sets up an environment where women will not be believed."

The process of reporting an assault is already very challenging, Chasson said, as survivors must repeatedly recount what happened and undergo being examined.

In 2020, the U.S. Department of Justice detailed a pattern of [mistreatment of victims at USU](#) and said allegations against the school's [football players and fraternity members](#) received "minimal investigation" when an accusation was made.



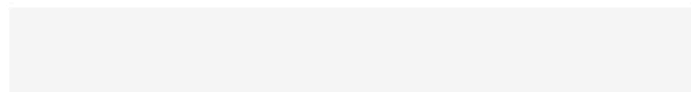
Chasson believes USU has started working to fix attitudes there, but said the comments to the football players are a setback and should be addressed from the top.

And she wants the Title IX Office there to note why that kind of attitude from a coach is problematic.

"It also needs to start with men, but obviously the type of education that was given to the football players is not appropriate," she said. "The reality is we are never going to prosecute every sex assault. But we certainly can prevent a lot of damage to women by treating them differently [than is done now]."

The Title IX coordinator told the players in the recorded meeting that most of the cases she sees deal with students not understanding consent. The two employees attended to explain the school's process when an allegation is made.

"Our office is the investigatory body that investigates allegations," the coordinator of Title IX said, according to the recording. "We also provide supportive measures and help individuals that have experienced sexual misconduct. And I want to emphasize first off that I have seen both sides of that with our football team."



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In response to a question from one player about continuing to play football after an allegation, she also noted that, “unless there’s like a really heightened immediate threat, the person is still going to continue to play until the process plays out, which takes about four months.” She said she wants the players to be successful and “have amazing careers.”

The coordinator from SAAVI talked about how the process at her office is confidential for people to get help.

The recordings surfaced as Flint, who reported she had been sexually assaulted by a football player in 2019, alleged in court papers that the university continues to protect its football team and brushes aside women who report assaults by members.



(Leah Hogsten | The Salt Lake Tribune) Kaytriauna Flint poses for a photograph in her attorney's office, Dec. 13, 2021. Flint was sexually assaulted in 2019 when she was a student at Utah State University.

Her claims about the player come after USU football linebacker Torrey Green was convicted in 2019, after his graduation, of sexually assaulting six women while he was a student at the Logan school.

—Tribune reporter *Jessica Miller* contributed to this story.

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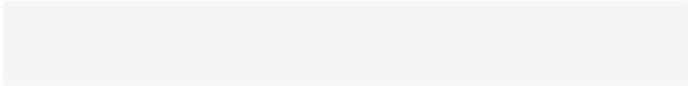


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The lawsuit alleges USU's investigation of a sexual abuse report inflicted more damage on the survivor, speaking to a broader pattern of mistreatment outlined in a 2020 U.S. Department of Justice report.

Utah State University continues to fail its students who've been sexually assaulted, according to a lawsuit filed in federal court Tuesday.

The lawsuit, filed on behalf of student Kaytriauna Flint, reported she was raped by a football player in 2019 and alleges the university failed to uphold Title IX protections in investigating her case. It also says the university took advantage of [shifting rules](#) to unfairly benefit the accused student athlete.

Flint's lawyers say such treatment occurred despite a 2020 Department of Justice investigation, which found university officials repeatedly failed to investigate and mishandle reported abuse over multiple years.

The [resulting settlement](#) ordered the school to provide training for students and employees on federal sexual harassment laws and respond "promptly, equitably, and adequately to known sexual harassment." It also credited the school for taking "proactive steps" such as staffing a dedicated Title IX Coordinator and creating a position dedicated to supporting students who have experienced sexual harassment or assault.

The lawsuit alleges, however, few improvements were made.

It details Flint's experience through a prolonged and poorly handled investigation, in which she was handed off to multiple investigators, went months without hearing from anyone and told it might be "easiest" if she left the school.

It also cites recordings of meetings between USU and Logan police officials meeting with the football team in 2021 — after the DOJ report — in which officers gave their support to players, provided personal phone numbers should they get in trouble and told players they would be taken care of "no matter what."

"When we talk about institutional betrayal, it's less about the underlying assault at issue," said attorney Michael Young. "It's more about an institution's response to that assault and how that will affect the victim. What we have is an administration that failed to just fundamentally understand their job and in doing so provided just further traumatization and victimization of our client."

For University of Utah law professor Amos Guiora, the pattern is all too familiar. His book, ["Armies of Enablers,"](#) examines how major institutions in high-profile abuse cases enable abusers by failing to act.

"Take out name of institution, plug in name of survivor," Guiora said. "The patterns repeat themselves, whether at the [University of Michigan](#), [Penn State](#), [USA Gymnastics](#), [the Catholic Church](#) and on and on. And that's what's so distressing."

When a lawsuit comes down, institutions typically go into crisis communication mode, he said. They release a statement about the importance of student wellbeing and promises to do better, which often ring hollow and rarely lead to meaningful change. Worse still, they patronize, infuriate and re-traumatize survivors.

The measures are designed primarily to protect the institution, he said, and limit financial and reputational damage. As a consequence, perpetrators are also protected, which fuels a culture of abuse and leaves survivors and other students vulnerable.

Guiora said real change requires institutions first to understand their primary duty is to protect survivors and place significant consequences on those who fail to act, such as job loss.

Institutions also need to provide in-depth, face-to-face discussion sessions for students, athletic departments and administrators on sexual harassment protections, he added, rather than "check-box" online trainings that most people shrug off.

As for Flint, Young said she is asking for accountability, including financial compensation for emotional distress and other damages as well as injunctive relief to ensure the school applies Title IX protections appropriately in the

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refer to ensure the school applies Title IX protections appropriately in the future.

“The lawsuit has laid out to a certain extent what they should have done,” he said. “At the end of the day, it’s almost as simple as, next time, do your job.”

Utah State did not respond to KUER’s request for comment.

If you or someone you know is a victim of sexual abuse, you can call the National Sexual Assault Hotline at 800-656-4673 or the online chat hotline at rainn.org/resources.

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USU student says the school mishandled her report of rape after it promised to do better

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Kaytri Flint, who says Utah State University mishandled her report of rape, speaks about her experience at her attorneys' office in downtown Salt Lake City on Monday. (Carissa Hutchinson, KSL-TV)

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SALT LAKE CITY – A Utah State University student says the school mishandled her report of rape over the past two years, improperly restarting an investigation based on old federal standards that favored the accused.

Kaytri Flint sued the university Tuesday in federal court in Salt Lake City, alleging it has not made good on its promises to do better after a 2020 U.S. Department of Justice report found [reports of sexual assault went unaddressed on the Logan campus](#).

KSL does not typically name victims of alleged sexual assaults. Flint agreed to use her name.

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The university is "still failing to uphold its obligations under Title IX," her lawsuit states, referring to the federal law barring sex discrimination at schools.

Under Title IX, colleges are required to take steps to stop sexual harassment — including sexual violence — after an incident takes place. They're tasked with investigating and resolving complaints from students, whether the conduct happened on campus or somewhere else.

Flint reported that she was raped by a football player she knew. She contends the school continues to favor male athletes accused of sexual misconduct — echoing a [finding in the Justice Department report](#) — and says it has flouted recent changes in guidance from the U.S. Department of Education.

Her assailant was still allowed to play football as her case dragged on, according to her lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court.

Flint, a 22-year-old sociology major, says an initial school probe and an appeals panel sustained her complaint of rape against a football player at the university. But at the next stage of review, USU President Noelle Cockett cited due process concerns for the player in a December 2020 memorandum.

Cockett sent the case back to the school's Office of Equity. Title IX investigators in the office ultimately adhered to a Trump-era requirement that was rescinded while her case was pending.

The temporary change placed a greater burden on victims, subjecting them to cross-examination, and only allowing evidence if the person who provided it agrees to testify.

University spokesperson Amanda DeRito said the university has not yet received a copy of the lawsuit and would like to review it before commenting.

The university's process for investigating Title IX is separate from police investigations — although both can occur at the same time — and considers whether school policy was violated.

Flint said the process became so overwhelming that she decided not to participate in another administrative hearing, and the school ended its investigation. But it shouldn't have gotten to that point, she contends.

Her lawsuit notes that in a separate case, a different USU football player was formally charged with rape in the wake of the DOJ report issued in February 2020. [Ismael Vaifo'ou has pleaded not guilty](#) in Logan's 1st District Court.

Flint said she also filed a police report but prosecutors did not file formal charges in her case.

A string of high-profile sexual assault cases at the university preceded the DOJ investigation.

The agency began its review in 2017 after students alleged the university failed to respond to [several reports of sexual assaults](#). The probe followed a series of criminal charges for former [USU football star Torrey Green, who was convicted of raping several women in 2019](#). Another student alleged that a one-time fraternity member at USU was

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Doug Hoffman, media relations director for USU athletics, deferred comment to the university.

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Utah State football coach apologizes after being recorded telling players that it 'has never been more glamorized to be the victim of sexual assault'

- Utah State football coach Blake Anderson issued the apology on Friday after making the comments during a conversation with the team during fall camp
- A recording of Anderson's talk with the team surfaced before Utah State was set to take on Oregon State in the Jimmy Kimmel LA Bowl on Saturday
- Utah State University has said it was investigating the comments, a day after its chief of police resigned on Thursday
- The video was mentioned in a lawsuit filed this week by a student who says the school mishandled her sexual-assault report involving a football player in 2019
- University police chief Earl Morris also warned players in a separate talk about having sex with women part of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
- He told them to do their due diligence before sexually engaging with the women because he said they might regret it later and report it as nonconsensual

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Utah State football coach Blake Anderson has apologized for telling his players it 'has never been more glamorized to be the victim' of sexual assault.

Anderson, 52, issued the apology on Friday after making the comments during a conversation with the team during fall camp in August. The meeting occurred a month after football team members participated in a required Title IX sexual misconduct prevention training.

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'In the course of that conversation, I used a phrase regarding victims of wrongdoing to magnify that message to our team, but after reading my comments in the transcript that was released, I realize my choice of words was hurtful,' Anderson said in a statement.

'I regret the words I used, and I apologize to anyone who has bravely come forward with allegations of wrongdoing.'

A recording of Anderson's discussion with the team surfaced shortly before Utah State was set to face Oregon State in the inaugural Jimmy Kimmel LA Bowl on Saturday.

Utah State University has said it was investigating the comments.



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Utah State University (USU) coach Blake Anderson, 52, made the remarks during a meeting with his players after USU police chief had warned players about having sex with women part of the Church of Latter Day Saints

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Utah State University said in a statement that the comments from the coach came in August, a month after USU football team members participated in a required Title IX sexual misconduct prevention training

The recording was mentioned in a lawsuit filed this week by student Kaytriana Flint who said the school mishandled her sexual-assault report in 2019.

'We have to do everything we can to encourage and protect anybody who has been the victim of a wrong, or whose personal rights have been violated. Anyone who knows me knows how strongly I feel about this,' Anderson's statement continued.

'Giving victims a safe platform to address wrongs they've suffered is always the right thing to do, and something I'll always stand for.'

The Salt Lake Tribune obtained a recording of Utah State University police chief Earl Morris, who stepped down on Thursday.

Morris was heard warning players in a separate meeting, held a day after Anderson's comments, about having sex with women who are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - the predominant religion in the state - because he said they might later feel regret and report it as nonconsensual.

'And if you're not used to a Mormon community, folks, I'm here to tell you, the Latter-day Saints community... young ladies, they may have sex with you, but then they're going to go talk to their minister, their bishop, priest, whatever you want to call it,' Morris said during a team meeting as the school year began — according to a recording recently obtained by [The Salt Lake Tribune](#).

Morris added that if players are reportedly accused of assault, then officers have to investigate and 'the cards are stacked against you.'

The institution called his comments 'reprehensible'.



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USU Police Chief Earl Morris resigned on Thursday after remarks he made to the university football team's players on sexual assault were made public. Morris had been chief since 2019



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The recording of Morris shows the police chief telling football players that some religious women, who are part of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, may say sex was not consensual because they regret it. The institution called his comments 'reprehensible'

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Morris and the assistant police chief for the city of Logan — where the university is located — also gave players their personal cellphone numbers to call if they needed advice or had complaints about officer treatment, according to the recording.

The video of the university police chief's warning was also mentioned in Flint's lawsuit against the school.

'The leader of the university's police department must have the trust of the campus community,' Utah State had said in a statement Wednesday.

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community, Utah State had said in a statement Wednesday.

His recorded comments 'are not consistent with the university's values or the trainings provided on sexual misconduct at Utah State, nor do they reflect USU's efforts to prevent sexual misconduct and reduce barriers to reporting.'

Dailymail.com has reached out to Morris, who had been chief since July 2019, for comment. He was placed on administrative leave by the university, a day prior to his resignation.

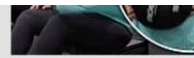
The school's previous scandal involved Torrey Green, who was convicted in 2019 of sexually assaulting six women between 2013 and 2015 when he was on the university football team. Four women reported to police being assaulted by Green, but no charges were filed until after the Tribune published a story about the case.



Former USU football player Torrey Green was convicted of sexually assaulting six women and was sentenced to 26 years to life in prison. Green, 25, was accused by six women of being sexually assaulted while on dates with him between 2013-2015, and jurors convicted him in January 2019 of crimes that included raping five women and sexual battery of a sixth



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Kaytriauna Flint reported that she was sexually assaulted in 2019, while she was still at USU. She sued the university after she alleged in court papers that the school continues to protect its football players and purposefully sets women aside when they report claims of sexual assault related to members of the team, which she said happened to her

The U.S. Department of Justice later found Utah State often closed cases involving football players after minimal investigation. The school promised to improve, but, Flint, who sued this week, said her 2019 sexual assault allegation against a different football player was still mishandled.

She said in the lawsuit the university continues to protect its football team and brushes aside women who report assaults by players, assertions that run counter to the chief's comments about investigations on the recording.

Utah State, for its part, says it has made progress in the last five years, including mandating prevention training for students and additional education for student athletes.

Dailymail.com has contacted Utah State University for comment.

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USU police chief resigns following 'unacceptable' comments to student-athletes

JACEE CALDWELL on December 16, 2021 at 10:30 am

***Editor's note: This is a continuing story that will be updated as more information is released.*

USU Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police Earl Morris resigned on Thursday after being placed on administrative leave by the university on Wednesday. Morris had been put on leave "pending confirmation of reprehensible and unacceptable comments made to USU student-athletes," according to a press release from the university.

Kent Harris, who has been a member of the USU Police for the last 12 years, has been named interim director and police chief.

According to an article released by the Salt Lake Tribune, Morris was recorded warning members of the Utah State Football team to make sure intimate relations with women, especially Latter-day Saint women, are consensual.

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The Tribune claims that in the recording, Morris said a Latter-day Saint woman will often go to her bishop after having sex and claim the act was nonconsensual because it is easier than admitting they broke the faith's law of abstinence.

The Tribune quoted Morris saying, "If you're not used to a Mormon community, folks, I'm here to tell you, the Latter-day Saints community ... young ladies, they may have sex with you, but then they're going to go talk to their minister, their bishop, priest, whatever you want to call it."

The article then said Morris told the players the USU police would be required to investigate any incidents reported and if that were to occur, the odds would be stacked against the athletes from the beginning.

The meeting was an informal Q&A session that was requested by Head Coach Blake Anderson that discussed what the SAAVI and Title IX resource offices do and what they have to offer.

It also allowed the athletes an opportunity to ask any questions related to sexual misconduct and consent.

Morris was unable to make a comment to the Statesman by the time of publication.

The Statesman does not have possession of and has not seen the referenced recording. The recording was, however, used as evidence in a federal lawsuit involving current USU student Kaytriauna Flint.

Flint said she was the victim of a sexual assault involving a USU football player in her freshman year of college in 2019. When the incident first happened, she said she was able to get a rape kit which indicated she was raped.

After reporting the sexual assault to the Logan City Police Department and USU's Title IX Office, it became a long and grueling process for Flint. In the Tribune article, Flint explains the Title IX investigation was confusing after seeing no forward progress.

The recordings of Flint describing the incident were lost on multiple occasions, she was forced to switch investigators more than once, she was told they weren't able to obtain her rape kit for proof and after the perpetrator appealed the lawsuit it was a long wait for a response, all while Flint continued to walk on eggshells around campus.

After five months, Flint reached out to the Title IX Office and the case was forced to start over again. After much frustration, Flint realized policies were changing without her knowledge.

In the article, Flint even says at one point a Title IX investigator told her the best and easiest option would be to leave USU.

Two years later, Flint has still not received justice or closure.

A previous article written by the Tribune in February 2020 revealed a Department of Justice report showing 15 reports of alleged sexual assault cases — all involving USU football players — that were closed after minimal investigation.

When the Tribune took to Twitter to release this statistic along with the rest of the recent article, many people took the opportunity to express their own opinions on the subject.

One of those people is Harry Palmdale — @NoSocksJonny — who wrote, "I love USU athletics so much, but the community and the university has to properly prioritize athletic success. There is no excuse for this."

Cadence Woodland — @csmalldog — wrote, "My whole body flamed with rage reading this. Because I worked for BYU PD and know for a fact that this assumption is real and pernicious."

DeRito claimed that over the last five years the university has made progress in regards to sexual misconduct prevention and has made positive changes including mandatory prevention education for students, additional education for student-athletes, updating policies and procedures, introducing an Upstanding program, and conducting three surveys a year to monitor progress.

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The DOJ Compliance Review and [Resolution Agreement](#) showed in 2017 the DOJ found system-wide failures in USU's processes regarding sexual misconduct.

The resolution agreement also noted that in 2020 the university acknowledged and accepted responsibility for failure to appropriately respond to such incidents and began a series of "sweeping changes."

However, the Tribune also quoted an unidentified USU football coach from the recorded meeting who told the team that in current times it "has never been more glamorized to be a victim" and the athletes are a target to some people.

In a recent [Utah State Today](#) article, Anderson owned up to the statement and apologized.

"After reading my comments in the transcript that was released, I realize my choice of words was hurtful. I regret the words I used and I apologize to anyone who has bravely come forward with allegations of wrongdoing," Anderson said in the article. "We have to do everything we can to encourage and protect anybody who has been the victim of a wrong, or whose personal rights have been violated. Giving victims a safe platform to address wrongs they've suffered is always the right thing to do, and something I'll always stand for."

The lawsuit states the recording is proof "USU is not only still failing to uphold its obligations under Title IX, (it's also) still giving preferential treatment to male athletes accused of sexual misconduct."

In her concluding comments on the issue, DeRito said the transcribed statements in the Tribune article do not match the university's training or values.

"USU stands firm in its commitment to create a campus culture where individuals understand and practice sexual respect and survivors of sexual assault," DeRito said.

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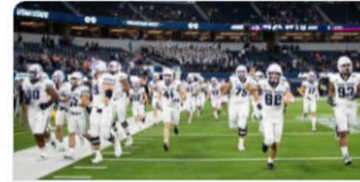
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To understand the latest reason why that is the case, consider this: Newly released records reveal that it was "standard practice" for a Brigham Young University police officer to share information from a police database, including details from sexual assault reports, with the school's Honor Code and Title IX offices.

The practice, stretching over years, is detailed in the latest reporting by my remarkable colleagues Jessica Miller and Erin Alberty, and based on records that the school fought for five years to keep secret. If you haven't read it, go do it now.

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"My assignment as the investigations lieutenant was to provide information to the Honor Code Office," Lt. Aaron Rhoades said in a court deposition.

That includes Katie Wilson's case. She remembers university officials pressing her on details of her sexual assault that she reported to police — and almost nobody else.

"I wasn't even at a point where I had talked to my friends about it," Wilson said. "I talked to police, I talked to the county attorney and I talked to my therapist, and that was about it."

The records show the Dean of Students Office requested information on specific students, which Rhoades provided. The police lieutenant also volunteered information on five women in 2015 who'd reported they had been assaulted and accessed information about assault victims in a database of rape investigations.

It is a deplorable and unimaginable violation of trust and, as Miller reported Friday, led to a concerted effort by state officials to **decertify and dissolve the BYU police department**. Unfortunately the effort failed.

But the BYU police are not alone in failing students — female students, in particular.

On Tuesday, Miller and Courtney Tanner reported on a young woman, Kaytriauna Flint, who is suing Utah State University over the school's handling of its investigation into her alleged rape.

As part of that lawsuit, a recording surfaced of **USU Police Chief Earl Morris warning football players to be careful about having consensual sex** with students who are members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, because they might regret violating the church teachings on abstinence and report it as a sexual assault.

(Leah Hogsten | The Salt Lake Tribune) Kaytriauna Flint poses for a photograph in her attorney's office, Dec. 13, 2021. Flint was sexually assaulted in 2019 when she was a student at Utah State University.

The harm this kind of backwards mentality can have in law enforcement should be obvious. If it's not, consider the recent study by BYU nursing professor Julie Valentine, that found that law enforcement agencies in Utah County dismissed **39% of reported sexual assaults in which an assault kit was collected to be "unfounded"** or lacked evidence, a rate nearly four times as high as in Salt Lake County.

When she presented the findings to law enforcement, Valentine said she was told it was because of "cultural" differences in Utah County, where women allegedly regret having sex and claim it was non-consensual.

That same mindset is evidently festering in the brain of the **now-former USU police chief** (Morris resigned on Thursday — as he should have) and is bound to bleed into the department and influence how officers deal with sex crime investigations and how those players perceive them, especially those involving LDS accusers.

That mentality at the top is corrosive to the department, it's damaging to the football program and the larger university community and it could potentially put women at an even greater risk. It has no place in any police department.

But it's especially disappointing coming from the chief of a police department at a **university that has failed repeatedly to respond to sexual assaults** on campus.

Utah State University was part of the botched response to a **string of sexual assaults by football player Torrey Green**, who wasn't convicted for six of them until years later. And just last year was **excoriated by the U.S. Department of Justice** for repeatedly mishandling multiple sexual assault cases and failing to respond to known misconduct



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mishandling multiple sexual assault cases and failing to respond to known misconduct leaving "additional students vulnerable."

Then, of course, there's the University of Utah police department's tragic ineptitude that led to the **murder of Lauren McCluskey**: delays in responding to McCluskey's report; a breakdown in communication with Salt Lake City police; the failure to engage in basic police work by checking her stalker's parole status (because they didn't know how); the disgusting exploitation of photographs of the young woman by the officer who was supposed to be investigating her complaint.

(courtesy University of Utah) Lauren McCluskey is seen on August 30, 2017 in Salt Lake City.

None of this is to say that poor policing, misguided leadership or corrupt officers are unique to university campuses.

On the contrary, the same video that USU Chief Morris made his comments shows Logan Police Chief Gary Jensen giving a wink-and-a-nod to players that the police want to "work with you."

And multiple law enforcement agencies ignored the assault allegations against former footballer Green.

So disbanding these forces won't solve all of the problems. But there seems to be an inherent tension in university police departments, where loyalty to the school or its athletics conflicts with the mission of enforcing the law and protecting students.

When policing breaks down, accountability is lacking and slow, if it ever comes. The bureaucracy of a university simply doesn't have the same leverage and oversight over its police department as an elected city council and mayor have over a municipal police force.

If universities feel like they need security staff to keep an eye on buildings or write parking tickets, fine. Keep a crew of glorified mall cops on the payroll to handle those tasks.

But when it comes to doing real police work, Utah campus police departments have proven themselves — repeatedly — to be incapable of fulfilling their duty to protect and serve and given us no justifiable reason they should continue to exist.

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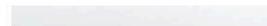


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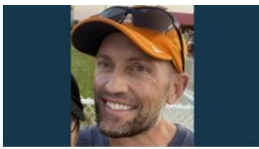
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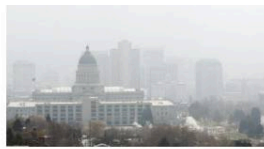
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The man, who was in his fifties and from Texas, died Monday after testing positive for the Omicron variant.

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University of Utah Probing Claim of UWV Recruiting on

... chief implied that because of their religious views, these women are inclined to feel guilty about premarital sex, which compels them to tell religious leaders that any sexual contact they've had has been non-consensual.

The comments come in the wake of a federal lawsuit filed against the university by Kaytriauna Flint, a USU student who alleges she was assaulted by a football player in 2019 and has accused the school of routinely backing athletes over women. The university said Morris' comments are "not consistent with the university's values or the trainings provided on sexual misconduct at Utah State."

Read it at [The Salt Lake Tribune](#)

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Bill O'Reilly: I Had to Console Trump After MAGA Fans Booed Him for Getting Vaccine Booster

| THERE, THERE |

Jamie Ross
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Jan. 6 Rioter Who Hit Cop Given 46 Months in Prison

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Devlyn Thompson, whose attorney argued hadn't understood what was transpiring on Jan. 6 as a result of an autism diagnosis, struck an officer with a baton at the



Newsnation

Bill O'Reilly has revealed that he had to console Donald Trump after he was booed by his own supporters for getting a vaccine booster shot. Trump told MAGA fans that he'd had his COVID-19 booster during Sunday's final stop on the "History Tour" he co-headlined with the disgraced ex-Fox News star. The revelation prompted a chorus of boos and jeers from anti-vaxxers in the crowd. In an interview with Dan Abrams on NewsNation, O'Reilly said Trump phoned him after the event and was apparently hurt by the reaction. "I told him that today, he called me," said O'Reilly. "I said 'This is good for you, this is good that people see another side of you, not a political side, you told the truth, you believe in the vax, your administration did it, and you should take credit for it, because it did save, I don't know, hundreds of thousands of lives.'" The ex-Fox News star later said Trump that will definitely run in 2024, telling Abrams: "I'm trying to tell President Trump, run on your record. He's going to run again, all right."



Read it at [The Hill](#)

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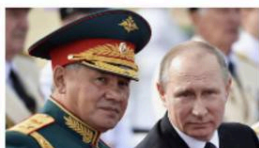
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WOW—This Light Therapy

Biden Promises 500 Million At-Home Tests Will Be Sent Out for Free to Fight Omicron

| INSIDE SWAB |

Jamie Ross
News Correspondent

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It took the Omicron variant just 20 days from when it was first detected in the United States to become the most dominant strain in the nation. On Tuesday, President Joe Biden will announce a long list of measures that he hopes will slow down its astounding spread. First up, the president will promise to buy a half-billion at-home, rapid tests that will be sent out to Americans for free starting in January, and is invoking the Defense Production Act to generate test kits. According to *The New York Times*, the government plans to create a website where people will be able to order tests to their homes at zero cost. On top of that, Biden will announce new federal testing sites that will be set up around the nation, the first of which will appear in New York City this week. The federal government is also deploying 1,000 military medical professionals to help at overburdened hospitals, and six emergency-response teams will be immediately deployed to Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, Arizona, New Hampshire, and

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Jillian Lucas
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A close friend of mine has a [Nespresso](#) machine on her kitchen counter and any time I'm at her place, I get to enjoy espresso with the touch of a button. It's a luxury that can easily be added to anyone's daily routine,

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that can easily be added to anyone's daily routine, especially when several Nespresso machines are marked down up to 20 percent off today for Amazon's Epic Deal Days event.

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Jan. 6 Investigators Consider Criminal Referrals Against Trump, Allies: Report

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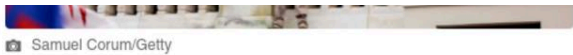
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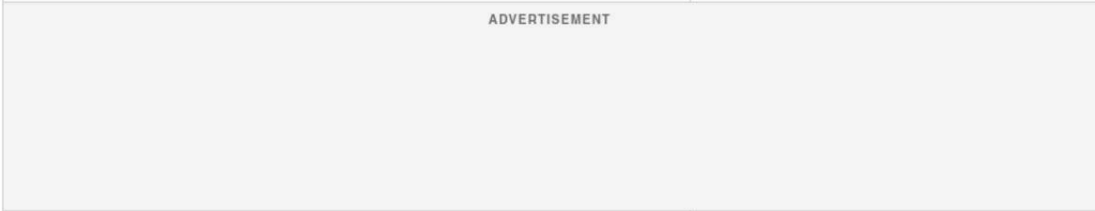
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Investigators for the House's Jan. 6 committee are reportedly weighing the possibility of pursuing criminal referrals against Donald Trump and his allies for wire fraud and obstruction of Congress. Citing sources briefed on the matter, *The New York Times* reports that investigators are zeroing in on any behind-the-scenes conversations Trump had with his allies following the Nov. 3 election last year, in the hopes of determining whether there is evidence to warrant a criminal referral for the disruption of Congress' certification of election results. The charge is the same one federal prosecutors have used against hundreds of people who stormed the U.S. Capitol, apparently spurred on by Trump's repeated claims of the election being "stolen."

In addition, according to the *Times*, investigators are looking for evidence of any wire fraud by Trump or his GOP allies in the millions of dollars they raised off of baseless election-fraud claims. Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA), a member of the committee, said it was "certainly possible" the investigation would lead to criminal referrals for people involved, the *Times* reports. "I wouldn't exclude that possibility," he said. The congressional committee has no power to file charges against any subjects of their probe, but they can send the matter to the Justice Department and recommend federal investigation.

[Read it at The New York Times](#)



Jason Miller's 'Free Speech' Social Media Platform Gets Back White

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Media Platform Gettr Boots White Nationalist

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Zachary Petrizzo
Media Reporter

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Reuters

Jason Miller's right-wing "free speech" social media alternative Gettr "suspended" the account of white nationalist Nicholas Fuentes on Monday. "My official Gettr account has been permanently suspended," Fuentes wrote on Telegram, a messaging platform beloved by the far-right. "Nice free speech platform." The Unite the Right attendee's Gettr page currently displays an "account suspended" notice. The booting of Fuentes didn't go unnoticed, as far-right Arizona state Rep. Wendy Rogers asked on Telegram: "Why did Gettr ban Nick Fuentes?" The white nationalist replied, "What is the point of a free-speech alternative to Twitter...that doesn't even honor free speech?" Miller didn't return The Daily Beast's request for comment on the matter.



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USU Police chief makes controversial comments on sexual assault, LDS women in newly obtained recording



Photo by: Utah State University
USU Police Chief Earl Morris



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By: The Salt Lake Tribune
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LOGAN, Utah — In a meeting with Utah State University football players this fall, USU Police Chief Earl Morris told them to make sure that if they have sex, that it's consensual — especially if it's with a Latter-day Saint woman.

According to a **report by The Salt Lake Tribune**, Morris warned the team that LDS women will often tell their bishop that sex was nonconsensual because it's

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USU women who often tell their bishop that sex was nonconsensual because it's "easier." They might be "feeling regret," he continued, for having sex before marriage, which goes against the faith's teachings of abstinence, so they'll say it was assault.

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The campus police chief then told the players that no matter what prompts it, if they're accused of assault, his officers are forced to investigate. And, he added, "the cards are stacked against you from the moment that happens."

His comments were captured on an audio recording recently obtained by the Tribune and later confirmed by FOX 13 News.

This recording was referenced in a federal lawsuit filed Tuesday by USU student Kaytriauna Flint, who alleges in court papers that the university continues to protect its football players and deliberately brush aside women when they report they were sexually assaulted by a member of the team, which she said happened to her in 2019.

The university issued a statement in response to the Tribune's report, saying in part:

"We do not have access to the recordings and do not know the entirety of the discussion during which the statements were made. That said, it is important to USU that our messaging and trainings reflect the university's efforts to prevent sexual misconduct, reduce barriers to reporting, and respond to it appropriately when it occurs. The transcribed statements, as presented by the Tribune, are not consistent with the university's trainings on this matter."

Read the full story on the chief's comments and the lawsuit at [sltrib.com](https://www.sltrib.com).

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If you or someone you know is a victim of sexual abuse, you can call the National Sexual Assault Hotline at 800-656-4673 or the online chat hotline at rainn.org/resources.

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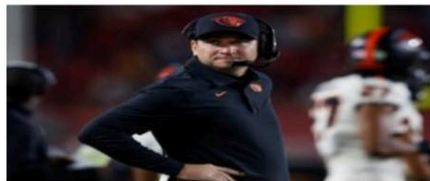


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Jimmy Kimmel LA Bowl Prediction



Jimmy Kimmel has his own bowl presented by Stifel and it'll take place on Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. ET. Will Utah State cover as a 7-point underdog against Oregon State or is there a better bet on the board?

Game Snapshot

216 Utah State Aggies (+7) vs. 215 Oregon State Beavers (-7); o/u 67.5

7:30 p.m. ET, Saturday, December 18, 2021

SoFi Stadium, Inglewood, CA

TV: ABC

Utah State Aggies Game Notes

Utah State head coach Blake Anderson apologized on Friday for comments he made about sexual assault victims. The apology comes on the heels of a meeting Anderson held with his players back in August where he had said "it has never been more glamorized to be a victim" of sexual assault. These remarks came a day after the now-former police chief of Salt Lake City Earl Morris addressed the team and told them to beware of "having sex with

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and told them to beware of "having sex with LDS women" because "they might regret it and report it as non-consensual." These comments were brought to light from a lawsuit filed by Kaytriauna Flint and the Salt Lake Tribune obtained voice recordings of the comments. Anderson did apologize in a statement released on Friday, stating "In the course of that conversation, I used a phrase regarding victims of wrongdoing to magnify that message to our team, but after reading my comments in the transcript that was released, I realize my choice of words was hurtful." The Aggies face Oregon State in the LA Bowl on Saturday.

Oregon State Beavers Game Notes

Oregon State redshirt sophomore **QB Chance Nolan** completed 25-of-39 passes for 308 yards and two touchdowns in a 38-29 loss to Oregon in the Civil War this Saturday. Nolan (6'3"/201) started out slow with Oregon State holding the ball for just 9:44 of game time in the first half while heading into the locker room down 24-3. He quickly rallied the Beavers on the opening possession of the second half, leading OSU on a nine play, 64-yard scoring drive capped off with a four-yard touchdown strike to TE Luke Musgrave. Nolan did his best to try and bring Oregon State back, but the Beavers simply could not keep pace with the high-powered Ducks offense that was scoring at will. He finishes the season with 2,428 passing yards and a 19-to-9 ratio to go with 283 rushing yards and three touchdowns on the ground.

Utah State vs. Oregon State Betting Prediction

The Aggies have covered in six of their last seven games overall, are 5-2 against the number in their last seven games as an underdog and are 10-4 against the spread in their last 14 non-conference games. Utah State is also a perfect 4-0 against the number in its last four games after accumulating more than 280 yards passing in its previous game and is 5-1 against the spread in its last six games coming off a straight up win.

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USU Chief Quits After Remarks to Football Players Surface

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In this undated photo provided by Utah State University, Utah State University Police Chief Earl Morris is seen.

The chief of police at Utah State University resigned Thursday—two days after a speech he made to football players about sexual assault was described in a federal lawsuit against the school.

In a [recording](#) of the speech made to Aggies players this fall, Chief Earl Morris can be heard saying that Mormon women might have consensual sex with them and then, "feeling regret," claim it was was nonconsensual.

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"If you're not used to a Mormon community, folks, I'm here to tell you, the Latter-day Saints community ... young ladies, they may have sex with you, but then they're going to go talk to their minister, their bishop, priest, whatever you want to call it," he said.

Players can be heard laughing in response to the chief's remarks, the [Salt Lake Tribune](#) reports.

Morris also told players that police have no choice but to investigate reports of sexual assault, and "the cards are stacked against you from the moment that happens." The university said Wednesday that Morris had been placed on administrative leave "pending confirmation of reprehensible and unacceptable comments made to USU student-athletes," reports the [Utah Statesman](#).

It said the chief's remarks "are not consistent with the university's values or the trainings provided on sexual misconduct at Utah State." The recording is part of a gender discrimination case filed against the university by student Kaytriauna Flint, [KSL](#) reports.

She says that after she reported being raped by a USU football player, proceedings dragged on for almost two years and she was told at one point that it would "probably be easiest" if she just left the university.

The case was dismissed last month after she told the Title IX coordinator she would find it too upsetting to attend a hearing where she would be questioned by the alleged perpetrator.

Flint tells the Tribune that she felt sick to her stomach after hearing the recording of the chief's speech. Last year, federal investigators found there had been a pattern of mishandling sexual assault cases at USU, especially when football players or fraternity members were involved.

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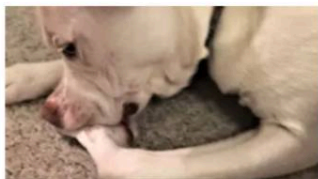
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Utah State police chief told football team to be wary of premarital sex with Mormon women

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Utah State police chief told football team to be wary of premarital sex with Mormon women



Nick Bromberg

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The University of Utah State's police chief told football players this year that they should beware of having sex with women who are members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints because those women may end up telling their bishops that

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the sex wasn't consensual.

A recording of police chief Earl Morris was obtained by the Salt Lake Tribune and published as part of a story detailing a student's Title IX lawsuit against the school. In the recording, there is laughter after Morris tells players that a Mormon woman could end up feeling like she regrets having premarital sex and report the encounter as a sexual assault to a church leader.

From the Tribune:

USU police Chief Earl Morris warned the team that LDS women will often tell their bishop, when questioned about it, that sex was nonconsensual because it's "easier." They might be "feeling regret," he continued, for having sex before marriage, which goes against the faith's teachings of abstinence, so they'll say it was assault.

"And if you're not used to a Mormon community, folks, I'm here to tell you, the Latter-day Saints community ... young ladies, they may have sex with you, but then they're going to go talk to their minister, their bishop, priest, whatever you want to call it," Morris said during a team meeting as the school year began — according to a recording recently obtained by The Salt Lake Tribune.

Members of the team laughed and hollered in response to Morris' comments.

The campus police chief then told the players that no matter what prompts it, if they're accused of assault, his officers are forced to investigate. And, he added, "the cards are stacked against you from the moment that happens."

In a statement to the Tribune, Utah State said that it hadn't heard a full recording of Morris' comments but that "it is important to USU that our messaging and trainings reflect the university's efforts to prevent sexual misconduct, reduce barriers to reporting, and respond to it appropriately when it occurs. The transcribed statements, as presented by the Tribune, are not consistent with the university's trainings on this matter."

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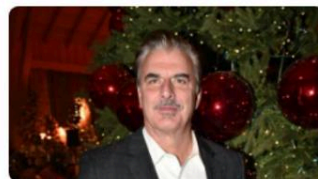
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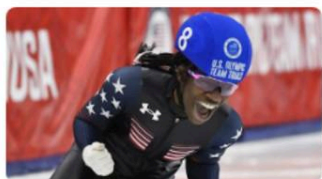
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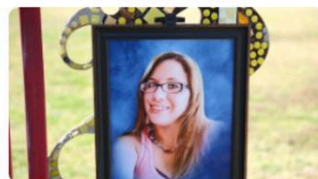
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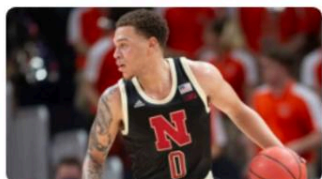
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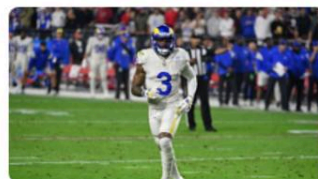
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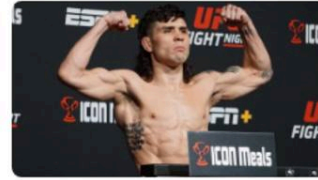
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Utah State football coach Blake Anderson apologized on Friday after he was caught on a recording telling his players earlier this year that it “has never been more glamorized

a recording telling his players earlier this year that it “has never been more glamorized to be the victim” of sexual assault.

The university launched an investigation into the comments on Thursday, which surfaced after a recording published [by the Salt Lake Tribune](#) and mentioned in a Title IX lawsuit filed against the school by a student.

“In the course of that conversation, I used a phrase regarding victims of wrongdoing to magnify that message to our team, but after reading my comments in the transcript that was released, I realize my choice of words was hurtful,” Anderson [said in a statement](#) through the school. “I regret the words I used, and I apologize to anyone who has bravely come forward with allegations of wrongdoing. We have to do everything we can to encourage and protect anybody who has been the victim of a wrong, or whose personal rights have been violated. Anyone who knows me knows how strongly I feel about this. Giving victims a safe platform to address wrongs they’ve suffered is always the right thing to do, and something I’ll always stand for.”

Utah State coach told players it’s ‘glamorized’ to be a victim

Anderson’s comments came from a team meeting during fall camp. [According to the Tribune](#), Anderson warned players that they are “way more at risk” of being accused of sexual assault because they are athletes, and said that being a victim of sexual assault has “never been more talked about in the news [than] right now.”

*“And so you don’t need to put yourself in a position that you can create a victim,” he said, [via the Tribune](#). “And it doesn’t take a whole lot. So it scares the s*** out of me.”*

After telling his players to be “really, really smart,” he told them that it “has never been more glamorized to be a victim.”

Utah State University police chief Earl Morris [warned players at that meeting that they should beware having sex](#) with women who are members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, too, as he believes they’ll tell their bishop that it was not consensual.

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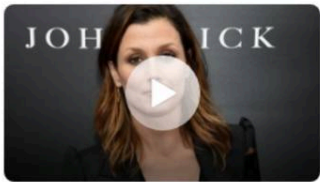
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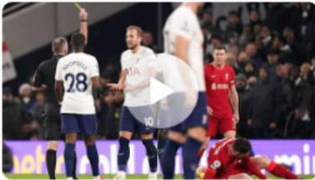
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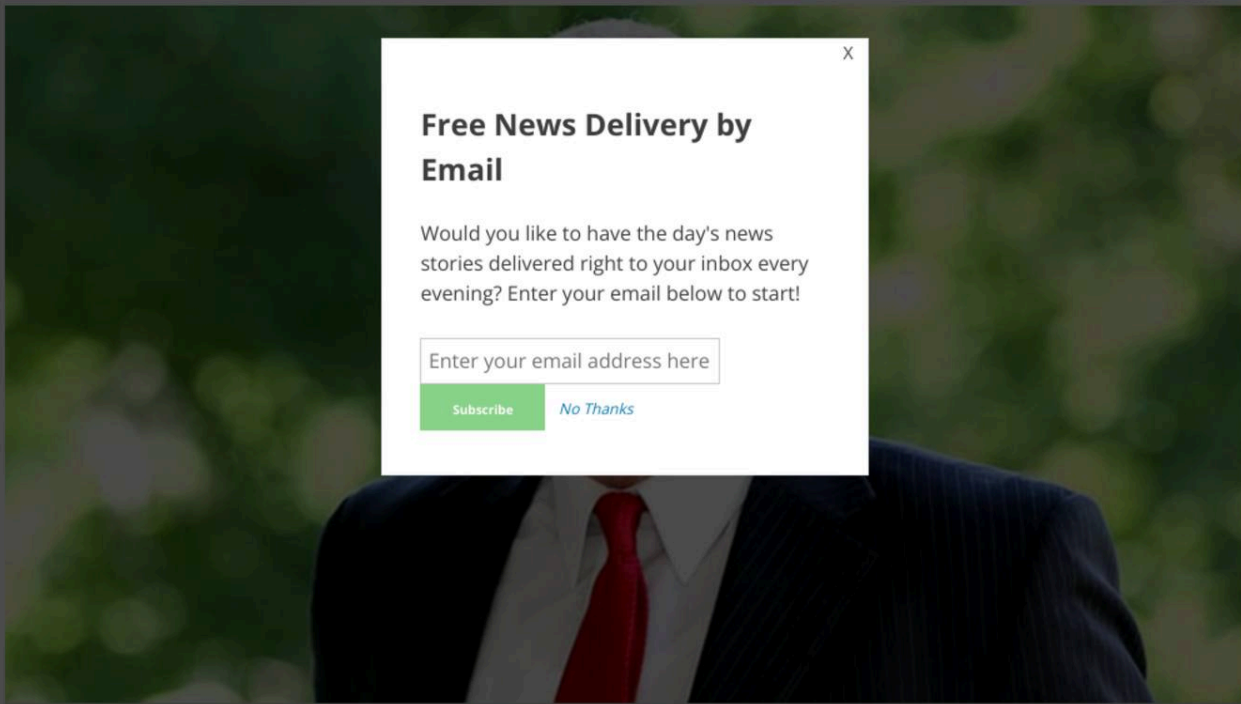
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USU Police Chief Earl Morris

LOGAN — The chief of police at Utah State University has resigned as the school investigates comments he made about sexual assaults to the football team earlier this year. Earl Morris quit Thursday, a day after the school placed him on administrative leave pending confirmation of what administrators called, “reprehensible and unacceptable comments made to USU student-athletes.”

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In this undated photo provided by Utah State University, Utah State University Police Chief Earl Morris is seen.

The chief of police at Utah State University resigned Thursday—two days after a speech he made to football players about sexual assault was described in a federal lawsuit against the school.

In a [recording](#) of the speech made to Aggies players this fall, Chief Earl Morris can be heard saying that Mormon women might have consensual sex with them and then, "feeling regret," claim it was was nonconsensual.

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"If you're not used to a Mormon community, folks, I'm here to tell you, the Latter-day Saints community ... young ladies, they may have sex with you, but then they're going to go talk to their minister, their bishop, priest, whatever you want to call it," he said.

Players can be heard laughing in response to the chief's remarks, the [Salt Lake Tribune](#) reports.

Morris also told players that police have no choice but to investigate reports of sexual assault, and "the cards are stacked against you from the moment that happens." The university said Wednesday that Morris had been placed on administrative leave "pending confirmation of reprehensible and unacceptable comments made to USU student-athletes," reports the [Utah Statesman](#).

It said the chief's remarks "are not consistent with the university's values or the trainings provided on sexual misconduct at Utah State."The recording is part of a gender discrimination case filed against the university by student Kaytriauna Flint, [KSL](#) reports.

She says that after she reported being raped by a USU football player, proceedings dragged on for almost two years and she was told at one point that it would "probably be easiest" if she just left the university.

The case was dismissed last month after she told the Title IX coordinator she would find it too upsetting to attend a hearing where she would be questioned by the alleged perpetrator.

Flint tells the Tribune that she felt sick to her stomach after hearing the recording of the chief's speech. Last year, federal investigators found there had been a pattern of mishandling sexual assault cases at USU, especially when football players or fraternity members were involved.

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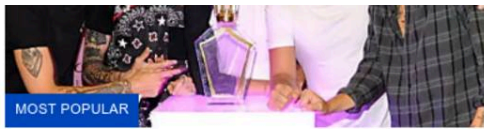
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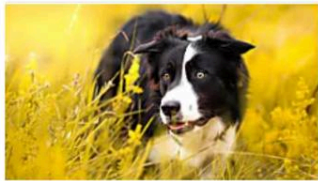


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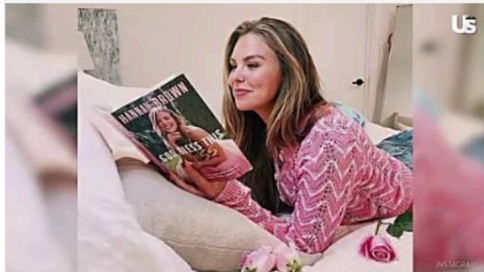
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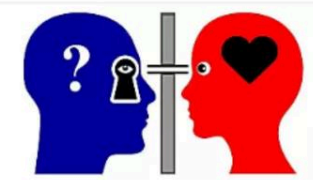
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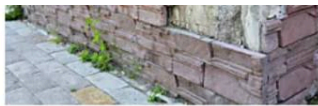
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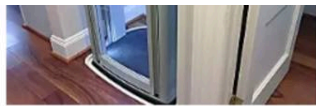
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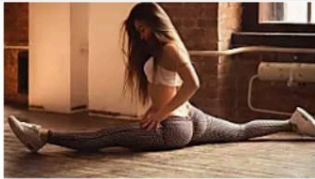
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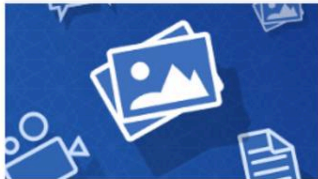
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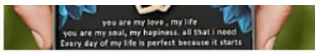
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Utah State University provides the following information regarding comments made in a football team meeting with representatives from the university Title IX and the Sexual Assault and Anti-Violence (SAAVI) offices. The meeting took place in August the evening after the team met with members of the USU and Logan police departments.

The meeting was an informal Q&A requested by Coach Blake Anderson that covered what those offices do, how the Title IX process works, and services and resources they offer. It was also an open forum for any questions the student-athletes had about those offices and issues related to sexual misconduct and consent. The meeting occurred a month after football team members participated in a required Title IX sexual misconduct prevention training.

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After a Q&A session with Title IX and SAAVI, student-athletes watched the "Consent, It's as Simple as Tea" video, and then representatives from Title IX and SAAVI left the meeting. Head coach Blake Anderson provided follow-up comments about what had been covered in the meeting. Some recorded comments have since been published by the media.

Coach Anderson offered the following statement:

"I appreciate having an opportunity to address comments I made during a conversation with our team during our Fall camp, because my message to the team to always do the right thing warrants repeating whenever the opportunity presents itself. In the course of that conversation, I used a phrase regarding victims of wrongdoing to magnify that message to our team, but after reading my comments in the transcript that was released, I realize my choice of words was hurtful. I regret the words I used, and I apologize to anyone who has bravely come forward with allegations of wrongdoing. We have to do everything we can to encourage and protect anybody who has been the victim of a wrong, or whose personal rights have been violated. Anyone who knows me knows how strongly I feel about this. Giving victims a safe platform to address wrongs they've suffered is always the right thing to do, and something I'll always stand for."

The university reiterates that students who experience sexual misconduct must be able to trust in USU so they feel comfortable coming forward, whether to seek help or report. Utah State is committed to [start by believing](#) and reducing barriers to reporting. USU will be working diligently to address these issues in our campus community and will provide more information on steps taken in the future.



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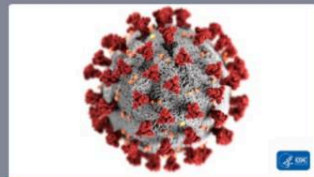
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Utah state football coach Blake Anderson apologized Friday after he was caught on a recording in which he told his players earlier this year that being a victim of sexual violence has never been so adorable.

The university launched a survey on Thursday about the comments that came up after the recording [At the Salt Lake Tribune](#) and was mentioned in a Title IX lawsuit brought by the student against the school.

“During the discussion, I used the sentence on victims of abuse to magnify this message for our team, but after reading my comments on the published minutes, I understand that my choice of words was offensive,” Anderson [said in a statement](#) via school. “I apologize for the words I used and apologize to anyone who has boldly accused of abuse. We must do everything we can to encourage and protect all who have been victims of injustice or whose personal rights have been violated. Anyone who knows me knows how strongly I feel It is always right to provide a safe platform for victims to deal with the injustices they have suffered, and I will always defend it.”

THE UTAH STATE COACH TOLD PLAYERS THE VICTIMIZATION IS “GLAMOR.”

Anderson’s comments came from a team meeting during the fall camp. [According to the Tribune](#), Anderson warned players that they are “much more at risk” of being prosecuted for sexual violence because they are athletes, and said that being a

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“And you don't have to put yourself in a position where you can create a victim,” he said. [Through the Tribune](#). “And it doesn't require much. So it scares me hell.”

After telling his players to be “really, really smart,” he told them that “being a victim has never been so delightful.”

Earl Morris, police chief of Utah State University [warned players at the meeting that they should watch out for sex](#) also with women who are members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints because she believes they will tell her bishop that it was not unanimous.

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“And if you're not used to the Mormon community, good people, I'm here to tell you, the Latter-day Saint community — young women, they can have sex with you, but then they go talk to their minister, their bishop, their priest, why do you want to call it,” Morris said, for a group. [Through the Salt Lake Tribune](#).

Morris was sent on administrative leave, and then resigned on Thursday.

Comments came after that [student Kaytriauna Flint filed a Title IX lawsuit against the school](#) claims that it systematically protects footballers from allegations of sexual violence.

Flint said in the lawsuit that he was raped by a footballer in 2019 and went to the doctor the next day. [Preliminary investigation found](#) that was “more likely than not” that the footballer raped him, but the investigation was rejected last month.

A three-year investigation by the Department of Justice found that the school misconducted or did not investigate cases of sexual violence on campus and received more than 200 reports from 2013-18, [less than 25 underwent the appropriate Title IX procedures](#).

Anderson is about to finish his first season in Utah State and is scheduled to receive Oregon State Jimmy Kimmel at the LA Bowl on Saturday.

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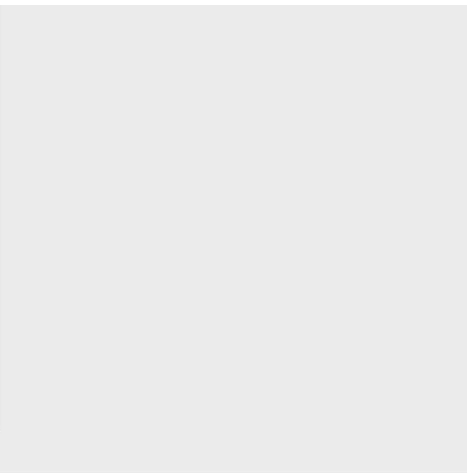
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