Federal Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act

Fisk University maintains records of criminal activity in accordance with definitions used in the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting system (UCR). Statistics (available at the Fisk University Public Safety Office) represent on campus, in or on non-campus building/property, on public property frequently used, dorms or residential facilities for students, and incidents where activities were recognized by Fisk University. The Campus Public Safety Department monitors and records data from its campus logs, Davidson County Metro Police, Federal agencies, state agencies, other jurisdictions, and data from other campus and community security authorities (logs available at the Fisk University Public Safety Office

Students do not have to make a formal police report/investigation to have an incident counted as a statistic. Victims/witnesses can report crime on a voluntary, confidential basis. Some crime victims choose not to report offenses to College law enforcement personnel but, choose to report to other officials. However, all criminal activity should be reported in a timely manner so that strong measures, including dismissal from the college, are taken. This includes vandalism and all theft.

Pastoral or professional counselors, employed by the institution, may inform the person being counseled of the procedures on reporting crimes on a voluntary, confidential basis for inclusion in the Annual Security Report.

Federal Sex Crimes Prevention Act
Sex Offender Registry

The federal **Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act,** enacted on October 28, 2000, went into effect October 28, 2002. The law requires institutions of higher education to issue a statement advising the campus community where law enforcement agency information provided by a State concerning registered sex offenders may be obtained. It also requires sex offenders already required to register in a State to provide notice, as required under State law, of each institution of higher education in that State at which the person is employed, carries on a vocation, volunteers services or is a student.

In addition, all persons convicted of violations under the laws of the United States or any other state substantially similar to an offense for which registration is required shall provide to the local agency all necessary information for inclusion in the State Police Registry within ten days of establishing a residence within the State. Any person required to register shall also be required to reregister within ten days following any change of residence, whether within or without the State.

Nonresident offenders entering the State of Tennessee for employment, to carry on a vocation, volunteer services or as a student attending school who are required to register in their state of residence or who would be required to register under this section if a resident of the State shall, within ten days of accepting employment or enrolling in school in the State, be required to register and reregister pursuant to this section. For purposes of this section "student" means a person who is enrolled on a full-time or part- time basis, in any public or private educational institution, including any secondary school, trade or professional institution, or institution of higher education.

Information concerning offenders registered with the *Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry* may be disclosed to any person requesting information on a specific individual in accordance with the law. Information regarding a specific person requested pursuant to the law shall be disseminated upon receipt of an official request form that may be submitted directly to the State's Department of State Police or to the State Police through a local law-enforcement

agency. The Department of State Police shall make Registry information available, upon request, to criminal justice agencies including local law-enforcement agencies through the Virginia Criminal Information Network (VCIN). Registry information provided under this section shall be used for the purposes of the administration of criminal justice, for the screening of current or prospective employees or volunteers or otherwise for the protection of the public in general and children in particular. *Use of the information for purposes not authorized by this section is prohibited and a willful violation of this section with the intent to harass or intimidate another shall be punished as a Class 1 misdemeanor.*

The State's State Police maintains a system for making certain Registry information on violent sex offenders publicly available by means of the Internet. The information made available includes the offender's name; all aliases which he has used or under which he may have been known; the date and locality of the conviction and a brief description of the offense; his date of birth, current address and photograph; and such other information as the State Police may from time to time determine is necessary to preserve public safety. The system is secure and is not capable of being altered except by or through the State Police. The system is updated each business day with newly received registrations and re-registrations.

A more detailed explanation and access to registry can be found at the links below:

TENNESSEE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

http://www.ticic.state.tn.us/sorinternet/sosearch.aspx

NATIONAL SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

http://www.familywatchdog.us/