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MONTGOMERY COLLEGE
Office of the President

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MEMORANDUM

To: Montgomery College Colleagues and Students

From: Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, President

Subject: Follow-up on Incident Report

I wanted to follow up personally to an incident report you received yesterday regarding a student making threatening remarks on our Rockville Campus. As explained in the report, witnesses said the student indicated that he was upset after a relationship ended, and he "felt like shooting people just for fun." The witnesses contacted the campus Security Office, but they reported seeing no weapons. The Security Office chose to proactively contact the police.

Based on witness statements, security officers had a first name, and through research, they were able to identify the last name and a photograph of the student. Working with police, they spread out across the campus. One of our security officers found the student sitting outside, and police took the student into custody. In addition, police issued a letter of trespass against the student. This action prevents him from coming on campus for three years, unless he has permission from the College.

The safety of our College community and any member of the public visiting our campuses is a paramount priority. We take any threat of violence seriously. At the same time, we remain mindful of the emotional stress caused by threats of violence. Students are encouraged to speak to counselors if they are experiencing any distress as a result from yesterday's incident. Additionally, there is help available for faculty and staff members through the Faculty Staff Assistance Program (FSAP) at 1-800-935-9551.

Let me say thank you to the witnesses who took the important first step to notify our security team about the distressing remarks; these individuals empowered our security officers with the knowledge they needed to keep our campus safe. And thank you to the dedicated members of our security team who swiftly responded to the information. From start to finish, the incident took about 45 minutes to resolve, and I am proud that our security officers worked promptly to ensure the safety and security of our College community.

Upon reflection, I ask you to use this incident as an opportunity to have important conversations with one another about safety and security. Our security officers are always available to lend a hand, and I invite you to keep their contact information close at hand: Germantown Campus, 240-567-7777; Rockville Campus, 240-567-5111; and Takoma

Park/Silver Spring Campus, 240-567-1600. By working together, we can keep our College and one another safe.