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## **UCT made aware of reopening of case**

The University of Cape Town (UCT) has been made aware of the reopening of a case involving a former student who was also employed by the Western Cape Government (WCG)'s Department of Health and Wellness.

At the time of the alleged incident, the complainant was a medical registrar and was thus both a WCG employee and a UCT student. The academic against whom the allegations were made is also a WCG Health and Wellness employee (that is, he is on joint appointment).

Three separate independent and external investigations were conducted by SAPS, WCG Health and Wellness and the Presidency, and all three found no substance to the claims.

According to WCG Health and Wellness, the investigation "has concluded that there is absolutely no material evidence to support the allegations made. The investigating officer's report, through interviews with witnesses, found that fraudulent claims of rape and sexual harassment had been made and that evidence had been fabricated."

- [Read the full statement by WGC Health & Wellness on the matter.](#)

UCT takes all cases of SGBV seriously, whether against or by staff or students, and whether on or off campus. All allegations made are investigated, pursued by the appropriate departments at the university and referred to the relevant external structures. In cases involving joint staff, the decision on which entity takes the lead in the investigation is based on jurisdiction.

UCT remains dedicated to maintaining an environment where individuals feel comfortable reporting any incidence of SGBV. The university wishes to reiterate its commitment to creating a safe and supportive environment for survivors.

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