

FAQ

How did the school first become aware of the allegations?

A student reported a complaint to the school on Wednesday, February 25. Upon learning of the allegations, our security team and administrators immediately launched an internal investigation and notified law enforcement. The individual was subsequently taken into custody, and his employment has been terminated.

What are the allegations of the inappropriate behavior?

The allegations reported to Viewpoint were based on images of students. Following the individual's arrest, and according to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Special Victims Bureau, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office has charged the individual under Penal Code section 311.11 (a) (possession of child sexual abuse material) and Penal Code Section 647.6(a)(1) (annoying or molesting a child under 18). We are committed to keeping the community informed throughout this process while respecting the privacy of witnesses and individuals who may have been impacted.

Did the faculty member have a prior record before working at Viewpoint?

No. We conduct thorough background screenings for all employees, including live scan fingerprints and criminal background checks. The Department of Justice Livescan service provides subsequent arrest notifications for all employees for the duration of employment. We also conduct annual mandated reported training and boundaries training as well as sexual harassment training.

When was the faculty member arrested?

The faculty member was arrested on Wednesday, February 25 afternoon on campus and away from students, shortly after we notified the Los Angeles Sheriff Department's Lost Hills station. The arrest was facilitated by Viewpoint's security department.

During what time period did the alleged conduct occur?

The faculty member has worked at Viewpoint since 2014, however, we are still determining the exact time period of his inappropriate behavior. This will be a component of the work by our outside investigators and law enforcement.

Has the school reached out to impacted victims?

Yes. We have notified impacted current students of which we are aware. We encourage any student or community member with concerns or additional information to please come forward. Any outreach will be handled with compassion, sensitivity, and discretion for those impacted.

Have there been other past complaints about this faculty member?

We are looking into this with law enforcement and our outside investigators.

Will the school launch an independent investigation into this matter?

Yes. The Board has retained experienced outside investigations counsel at O'Melveny & Myers to conduct an independent investigation. Their purpose is not to defend Viewpoint or advocate on its behalf. Rather, O'Melveny's mandate is to thoroughly review the school's systems and processes as they relate to these allegations to determine what happened and whether and what changes are necessary to help ensure an event like this never happens again. We are committed to keeping the community informed throughout this process while respecting the privacy of witnesses and individuals who may have been impacted.

What is the expected timing for the investigation?

We cannot provide a timeframe at this time. The investigation will take as long as needed to ensure it is comprehensive.

How can community members report information or other complaints?

We have various reporting mechanisms available for community members.

- If anyone has concerns of criminal activity, please report directly to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Special Victims Bureau at (562) 946-8216.
- If any community member has additional information they'd like to bring to the Board's attention, we encourage them to report to the independent investigation team using the following email address: viewpoint@omm.com. Any outreach will be handled with compassion, sensitivity, and discretion for those impacted.

What safeguards and policies does the school have in place to prevent misconduct?

We conduct thorough background screenings for all employees, including live scan fingerprints and criminal background checks. We also conduct annual mandated reported training and boundaries training as well as sexual harassment training.

What security measures does the school have in place?

Viewpoint's safety and security measures include protective layers of capabilities including a team on duty 24/7, 365 days a year, specialized response units, and advanced readiness training.

In this case, the security measures that were in place that mitigated the situation include our See Something, Say Something campaign. A student saw something, reported it to a trusted adult who immediately reached out to Human Resources who in turn reported it to Campus Safety and Security. We took the matter seriously and immediately contacted law enforcement. In coordination with Campus Safety and Security and law enforcement, the employee was arrested.

For more information about our Campus Safety and Security Program, visit <https://www.viewpoint.org/about/campus-safety-security>.

What further security steps is campus safety taking given recent events?

We have implemented heightened security measures in response to this situation. Our Campus Safety & Security Team is on high alert. We have issued a BOLO (Be On the Look Out) notification at every access point, including a full suspect description and relevant identifying details, and our team has reviewed the expectations for immediate reporting and response.

In addition, our Special Response Team (SRT) is deployed during school hours and remains staged and ready to respond immediately to any potential threat or suspicious activity.

We are in direct contact with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) and we will adjust our posture immediately and communicate appropriately if there are changed circumstances.

Where can I find past communications or other information?

Community updates and additional resources, including counseling resources, are available at the [viewpoint.org](https://www.viewpoint.org) website.