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## **ACLU of Iowa Calls for Independent Investigation of University of Iowa Assault Case**

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**Des Moines**— The American Civil Liberties Union of Iowa today called for an independent, outside investigation into the circumstances surrounding the assault case at the University of Iowa.

The following can be attributed to Executive Director Ben Stone:

The letter released by the mother of the alleged victim in this case contains very disturbing information about how administration officials and others may have handled the investigation into this serious matter. Due to the nature and circumstances of these allegations, the ACLU of Iowa believes it imperative that a thorough investigation be initiated immediately by an entity totally distinct from the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Johnson County, and the Board of Regents.

Sexual assault is a profoundly disturbing crime. For this reason, the ACLU of Iowa calls on the government to do whatever it can to aid in the administration of justice, including the respectful treatment of alleged victims and their families, as well as the Constitution.