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To the Washington State University Pullman Campus Community:

The deaths this past weekend of four University of Idaho students have shocked and saddened the WSU community. While the case is under active investigation by the Moscow Police Department, few details have been released about how and why it occurred and who committed these horrific acts.

If there were any threat to the public, our department and the Moscow Police Department would proactively warn the public. However, I have been assured by the Moscow Police Department that, based on information from their preliminary investigation, investigators believe this was an isolated, targeted attack, and there is no imminent threat to the community at large.

The strategy for most emergency communications is to provide as much information as possible so the public, particularly those who may be in harm's way, can make informed decisions about their personal safety. There are additional considerations when communicating information about an active criminal investigation. A criminal investigation can be quickly compromised by releasing too many details, especially before the apprehension of those responsible. Law enforcement does not want to jeopardize a future criminal prosecution while also keeping the public safe.

Washington State University Pullman Chancellor Elizabeth Chilton sent out a communication yesterday listing the many resources available to students:

[https://from.wsu.edu/wsu-pullman/2022/sympathies-vandal-community/email.html?fbclid=IwAR2digTkqN8iBUx6bBcp32SJxiByzAM0zf52Ocl-Uu6WJuirzJuCfmK\\_AeY](https://from.wsu.edu/wsu-pullman/2022/sympathies-vandal-community/email.html?fbclid=IwAR2digTkqN8iBUx6bBcp32SJxiByzAM0zf52Ocl-Uu6WJuirzJuCfmK_AeY)

Your safety remains our top priority. We will continue to monitor the investigation and immediately communicate information via WSU Alert if we become aware of a potential threat to the WSU community at any time.

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