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*Since Currents went to press early this week, there have been several developments in the case of Quincy Brandon Troupe, a USB senior who has been charged by Suffolk County Police with first-degree rape. Following is a brief chronology of events through the morning of Thursday, April 6, and a summary of the university's judicial actions to this point.*

## **Chronology of Events**

At approximately 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 25, a 20-year old female student reported she had been raped outside of Douglass College at approximately 10 p.m. the previous night. She was taken to University Hospital, treated and released.

While in the hospital, she was interviewed by USB Public Safety officers and Suffolk County Police. She gave a description of a suspect, and indicated a willingness to cooperate with police in identifying the suspect. In an investigation that continued throughout the week, police detectives followed up leads which pointed to the suspect being a USB student. The victim identified a suspect from photographs and from two line-ups at Suffolk Police headquarters.

Following the line-ups, Suffolk Police arrested and charged Mr. Troupe with first-degree rape. He subsequently was arraigned and released on \$10,000 bail. A felony hearing originally scheduled for this morning has been postponed to May while the District Attorney continues to develop information relating to the case.

The victim continues to be enrolled. She has been offered academic and personal support.

## **University Judicial Process**

Following Mr. Troupe's arrest, he was issued an executive suspension by the USB administration. An executive suspension, instituted in all cases when students are alleged to have committed major violations of the conduct code, fully bars the student from the campus on an interim basis until a full hearing on the evidence can be conducted. Students subject to an executive suspension are entitled to an immediate appeal. The conduct code stipulates that a decision shall be rendered by the end of the next business day. Since last August, executive suspensions have been issued to 13 students.

Mr. Troupe appealed the executive suspension, and a hearing was conducted Tuesday, April 4 by an appeals officer in the Office of Student Affairs. Following the hearing, the Office of Student Affairs determined that the suspension would be upheld so as to continue to bar Mr. Troupe from the residence halls, but modified to allow Mr. Troupe to attend classes under very closely monitored conditions.

As stipulated by the conduct code, Mr. Troupe will be required to appear at a hearing conducted by a presiding officer who is a member of the university's Student Affairs staff. In all such cases, final determination is made by a judicial board composed of five students randomly selected from the student body. When judged appropriate, sanctions are determined by the presiding hearing officer based on the seriousness of the violation. Sanctions can range from a reprimand to suspension or expulsion.