under 16 years of age, consent cannot be used as a defense to a sexual crime. Further, a 16 or 17 year-old cannot legally consent to sexual activity with a person in a position of familial or custodial authority or with a person 24 years of age or older.

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Duty to Investigate

SJR State College has a duty to immediately investigate a complaint of sexual harassment, sexual coercion and sexual assault even if the complainant asks that it not do so. If the complainant requests confidentiality, the complainant will be protected from retaliation, however anonymity may limit the school’s ability to respond. The complainant will be assured that the investigation will be discreet and only disclosed on a “need to know” basis. In deciding how to proceed, the College will weigh the complainant’s anonymity request against the alleged perpetrator’s potential danger to other students. In addition, determine whether interim protective actions are necessary, such as issuing a “no contact” directive or separating a complainant and respondent. The College will attempt to mitigate any burden on complainants. The complainant will be provided with information regarding his/her options regarding the investigation including the choice to report to law enforcement and available medical and mental health treatment options.

Evidence Preservation and Medical Care:

• If you are the victim of a sexual assault: find a safe environment - anywhere away from the attacker.

• Ask a trusted friend or family member to stay with you for moral support.

• Report the attack to police by calling 911 and/or notifying College Campus Safety and Security if you are on campus.

• Don’t bathe or brush your teeth.

• Don’t change clothes.

• Write down all the details you can recall about the attack and the attacker.

• Ask the hospital to conduct a rape kit exam to preserve forensic evidence.

• If you suspect you were drugged, ask that a urine sample be collected. The sample will need to be analyzed later on by a forensic lab.

A medical professional will assist with evidence collection, treatment of injuries and can prescribe medications to protect you from certain sexually transmitted infections and recommend follow-up care.

• A counselor on the National Sexual Assault Hotline at 1-800-656-HOPE(4673); can help you understand the process.

• If you know that you will never report, still get medical attention. Even with no physical injuries, it is important to determine the risks of STDs and pregnancy. Call the National Sexual Assault Hotline for free, confidential counseling, 24 hours a day 1-800-656-HOPE(4673).

Help is available whether you choose to report a sexual crime or not. Please contact:

- Florida Department of Health Violence Intervention and Prevention Program 1-888-956-RAPE(7273)

- Stewart Marchman Behavioral Health Care 386-329-3780 (Palatka) and 904-209-6200 (St. Augustine)

- Clay Behavioral Health Center 904-291-5561 (Palatka) and 904-209-6200 (St. Augustine)

- Local Law Enforcement Victim Advocate Putnam Sheriff’s Office 386-329-0801 (Palatka), St. Johns County Sheriff’s Office 904-824-8304 (St. Augustine), Clay County Sheriff’s Office 904-264-6512 (Orange Park)

- National Sexual Assault Hotline 1-800-656-HOPE(4673).

- Contact your local State Attorney’s Office. Clay County 904-284-6191, Putnam County 386-329-0359, St. Johns County 904-823-2200

- Contact your local Clerk of Court. Clay County 904-269-6363, Putnam County 386-326-7640, Clay County 904-269-6363, Clerk of Court St. Johns County 904-819-3600

Any person, student or employee, wishing to file a complaint regarding sexual violence/conduct may contact the College Title IX Coordinator/Equity Officer at 386-312-4074 or College campus security, or local law enforcement. Individuals who wish to receive information about available supports regarding sexual violence/conduct may contact the campus counseling staff member designated to assist with sexual violence/conduct or College campus security or contact any of support providers listed in the Annual Security Report. All reports of sexual violence/conduct involving students will be forwarded to the Vice President for Student Affairs/Assistant General Counsel and the College Title IX Coordinator who will assist in situations requiring immediate administrative support.

SJR STATE COLLEGE NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT - St. Johns River State College does not discriminate against any person in its programs, activities, policies or procedures on the basis of race, ethnicity, color, national origin, marital status, religion, age, gender, sex, pregnancy, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, disability, or veteran status. All questions or inquiries regarding compliance with Title IX or Section 504 can be directed to the Title IX Coordinator/Equity Officer, St. Johns River State College, 51519 S. Johns Avenue, Palatka, Florida, 32177; 386-312-4070.

St. Johns River State College Disciplinary Process:

SJR State will provide an orderly disciplinary process to insuring the following objectives:

- Provide a prompt, fair, and impartial investigation and resolution.

- Will be conducted by officials who receive annual training on issues related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and how to conduct an investigation and hearing process that protects the safety of victims and promotes accountability.

- The accuser and the accused are entitled to the same opportunity to have others present during an institutional disciplinary proceeding including the opportunity to be accompanied to any related meeting or proceeding by an advisor of their choice.

- Both the accuser and accused shall be simultaneously informed, in writing, of: 1. The outcome of the institutional disciplinary proceeding

- 2. The institution’s procedures for the accused and the victim to appeal the results

- 3. Any change in the results that occur prior to the time the results become final

- 4. When the results become final

- Information about how the institution will protect the confidentiality of victims.

- Written notification of students about existing counseling, health, mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance, and other services available for victim’s on-campus and in the community.

- Written notification of victims about options for, and available assistance in, changing academic, living, transportation, and working situations, if requested by the victim and such accommodations are reasonably available, regardless of whether the victim chooses to report the crime to campus security or local law enforcement.

- A student or employee who reports that they have been a victim of one of the aforementioned crimes shall be provided with a written explanation of the student or employee’s rights and options.

Bystander Intervention

If you see a crime in progress, notify Campus Safety and Security and call 911 as soon as possible. If it is not safe to personally intervene, continue to describe the incident to the 911 operator and describe exactly what you are witnessing and the location of the crime. The 911 operator will ask you questions regarding description of the suspect; if you see any weapon, information regarding the victim and possible injuries. If it is safe to do so, yell in a loud voice that the police have been called and they are responding. You may also call for help in a loud voice to let the perpetrator know that someone is observing what is happening. Be careful not to put yourself in harm’s way. Approach the victim if safe to do so and provide aid and assistance until law enforcement or medical authorities arrive. Provide all information you know about the crime to the responding officer(s).

How Do I Get an Order of Protection?

• Contact your local law enforcement victim advocate. Putnam Sheriff’s Office 386-329-0801 (Palatka), St. Johns County Sheriff’s Office 904-824-8304 (St. Augustine), Clay County Sheriff’s Office 904-264-6512 (Orange Park)

• Contact your local State Attorney’s Office victim advocate. Clay County 904-284-6319, Putnam County 386-329-0259, St. Johns County 904-823-2300

• Contact your local Clerk of Court. Clay County 904-269-6363, Putnam County 386-326-7640, Clay County 904-269-6363, Clerk of Court St. Johns County 904-819-3600

How Do I Get Assistance While on Campus:

• Contact the Department of Campus Safety and Security 24/7.

Director of Campus Safety, James A. Griffin 386-312-4064

Orange Park Campus Officer on Duty 904-626-5885, Office 904-276-6760

Palatka Campus Officer on Duty 386-937-2052, Office 386-312-4095

St. Augustine Campus Officer on Duty 904-626-5856, Office 904-808-7495

Thrasher-Horne Center for the Arts Officer on Duty 904-626-5885
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS A CRIME covered under Florida Statute 741.28 and can be reported to law enforcement.

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Help is available whether you choose to report a crime or not. Please Contact:

- Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence Hotline (800) 500-1119
- Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence TTY Hotline (800) 621-4202
- National Domestic Violence Hotline (800) 799-SAFE (7233)
- Lee Conlee House, Inc., Domestic Violence Center, Putnam County (386) 325-3141
- Florida Department of Health in Putnam County (800) 440-0420 or (386) 326-3200
- Quigley House, Clay County (800) 393-5017 or (904) 284-0661
- Betty Griffin House, St. Johns County (904) 824-1555
- National Dating Abuse Hotline and Love is Respect (866) 331-9474 or text 77054 or www.livesisrespect.org

Sexual Coercion and Sexual Assault

What is Sexual Coercion?

Sexual coercion is being pressured to have sex when you don’t want to. It may apply to a specific act or to initiating or continuing a sexual relationship. An individual may give in to coercion for any number of reasons and then may feel guilt and regret.

Recognizing Sexual Coercion:

Is your partner pressuring you to have sex because:

- Sex is the way to prove love.
- You had sex in the past, so you can’t say no now.
- All your friends are having sex.
- Your partner threatens to leave you or threatens violence.
- Guilt trips.

Avoiding unwanted sex:

- Recognizing the signs of sexual coercion is the first step.
- Trust your instincts and feelings.
- Do you feel uncomfortable with the situation or circumstances?
- Say no firmly and leave.
- Avoid alcohol and drugs that may harm judgment or make your partner more aggressive.
- Set your boundaries and communicate clearly.
- Seek help.

What is Sexual Violence?

Any sexual contact or activity with an intimate partner that makes a person feel uncomfortable, with the purpose of controlling through fear, threats, coercion, manipulation or violence.

What is Sexual Battery?

Florida Statute 794.011 defines sexual battery as oral, anal, or vaginal penetration by, or union with, the sexual organ of another or an anal or vaginal penetration of another by any other object committed without your consent.

SEX WITHOUT CONSENT IS A CRIME covered under Florida Statute 794.011 and can be reported to law enforcement.

What is Consent?

Consent means intelligent, knowing, and voluntary consent and does not include coerced submission. The law says that consent does not mean your failure to offer physical resistance to the offender. If you are