

# Message to the UConn Community 11-24-20

*Sent on Behalf of UConn President Thomas Katsouleas; Chief Diversity Officer Franklin Tuitt; and Vice President for Student Affairs Michael Gilbert*

To the UConn Community:

Last night, several incidents of vandalism occurred to property on the Storrs campus. In addition to other disrespectful graffiti, “Danny Fast Hands” was partially spray-painted over the “Black Lives Matter” mural on the Spirit Rock.

UConn Police quickly identified and arrested two individuals who have been charged with committing the vandalism, neither of whom have a known affiliation with the University.

Although the content of the vandalism did not target a specific individual or group, we are still troubled that this defacement marred a symbol of community and the current expression of support for members of our University.

The Spirit Rock is an important campus tradition and the [rock painting policy](#) has been updated to exemplify our promise to holding those who violate our university values and standards accountable.

Sincerely,

Tom, Frank and Michael

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**Thomas Katsouleas**, President

**Franklin Tuitt**, Chief Diversity Officer

**Michael Gilbert**, Vice President for Student Affairs