Vice President Kristine Goodwin's Restraining Order Complaint

I am requesting a civil restraining order to protect against further intimidation or harassment by Mr. Michael Smalanskas. I am the Vice President for Student Affairs at Providence College where Mr. Smalanskas was a student prior to graduation on Sunday May 20, 2018. For approximately 3 months he has demonstrated an escalation of animosity toward me which culminated in two in person incidents this weekend. These incidents convinced me that I needed to take this action for my protection. Prior to these incidents Mr. Smalanskas' lashing out at me has been by email, in meetings, and via social media. However, it appeared that as graduation approached he became emboldened enough to harass me in public. There were several witnesses to both incidents. Immediately after these incidents I reported them to Providence College Public Safety and Providence Police. Providence College issued a no-contact directive, which only addresses on campus. Providence Police took a report and instructed me to come to Superior Court Monday morning.

Incident one: During the commencement mass as Mr. Smalanskas exited the line for communion he stopped approximately 10 feet away from me and glared at me for 5-8 seconds. He was visibly angry and stared at me causing me to feel surprised, uncomfortable, and afraid as to what he might do next. I was afraid enough to tell my colleague next to me and ask my husband to meet me to escort me after mass. I was afraid and intimidated because of his facial expression, the length of his stare, and the venue. One witness, a faculty member, reported "I am still shaken by his anger and hate yesterday."

> **Commented [L1]:** We made eye contact because she was in my direct line of vision returning from communion but I never stopped

> **Commented [L2]:** She could not have contacted her husband to do this because he was sitting next to her at the mass

> **Commented [L3]:** Church?

Incident two: As I exited mass it appeared that Mr. Smalanskas was waiting for me. As soon as he spotted me he began yelling my name louder and louder. He yelled something to the effect "You should be ashamed of yourself Kristine Goodwin, Kristine Goodwin – they threatened to rape and murder me and you did nothing Kristine Goodwin." The area was very crowded and I had a difficult time getting away from him through the crowd. He got louder and louder either by walking closer and following me or yelling louder. I was more fearful for my physical safety than I have ever been. He seemed out of control and lacked any judgement about the scene he created. I went to a secure location and called for help. While **his words were not expressly threatening** his actions toward me have escalated quickly.

> **Commented [L4]:** I was waiting with my fiancée for our families, just like every other graduate who was waiting near us

> **Commented [L5]:** This makes no sense but I did not follow her

> **Commented [L6]:** She admits no threat was made

He has been progressively fixated on intimidating me. He is significantly larger and younger than me and he has, on multiple occasions, used his physical stance, glaring eye contact, and verbal confrontations to impose fear. I am also afraid of Mr. Smalanskas' parents, especially his father who has access to weapons and information about my whereabouts. On a prior occasion his father yelled at me and I was afraid enough to ask him to leave my office.

> **Commented [L7]:** Seems like stereotyping

> **Commented [L8]:** Unfounded and not true

> **Commented [L9]:** She conveniently fails to mention this is because he is a police officer

> **Commented [L10]:** She did not ask him to leave. In frustration, he stood up and said he was leaving

I have worked in student affairs for over 30 years and at four institutions. I have had several difficult interactions with students over the years, but never have I felt to intimidated, harassed, threatened, and vulnerable as I did on Saturday. I continue to fear for my physical safety at my place of employment, at my home, and in public.

Kristine Goodwin