SCENARIO 3

- The Fraternity Sorority Life Coordinator received an anonymous report that a few members reportedly held a tailgate at the football game last weekend in the Willet Shuttle Lot. The report did not give names or numbers of members allegedly present, however the Facebook event that was created for the event showed 113 people interested. It was noted that several members were wearing their letters. The report alleged that those present were playing drinking games and not everyone was 21.
- Separately, the Assistant Dean of Students unaware of the reported incident contacted the FSL Coordinator to let him know that two Xi Lambda Gamma members were ticketed the same day for underage consumption. One of the members was noted by University PD to have been transported to the hospital to be treated for alcohol poisoning. The other member was found in possession of a false ID and admitted to using it to purchase alcohol for a Sig Tau tailgate they were attending. The FSL Coordinator informed the Chapter President of the incident.
- Complainant: Chapter President
- Respondent: Undergraduate member who planned the tailgate

Complainant

You are the Chapter President who was out of town this weekend.

You received a call from the FSL Coordinator who told you he was notified by two different people that Sig Tau hosted a tailgate that weekend and, based on the reports, it sounds like there were several violations of the Member Safety and Wellness Policy. The FSL Coordinator tells you that there will likely be an investigation into the event and, if deemed necessary, some chapter sanctions.

You have a good relationship with your FSL Coordinator, and want to be proactive in figuring out what happened so that those involved are appropriately held accountable, and that this doesn't happen again.

You have heard from other members who planned the tailgate, so you file the complaint for that member.

Respondent

You're a sophomore member who received notice from the Standards Board that you needed to attend a hearing.

You already assume it's because of the tailgate that a ton of members and guests were at this weekend. You and a couple other members thought it would be fun to host a tailgate, but you didn't anticipate how many people would come or how crazy it would get.

You also don't feel like it's fair to call this a "chapter event" or that you should be in any type of "trouble" from the chapter just because a few guys who are in the chapter planned the event.

You definitely bought alcohol for a few underage members who were in attendance, but everyone does it, right? You don't see the big deal or why you'd be in trouble for that.

Witness 1 Witness 2

(You are a newly initiated member who is not 21 and you were sent to the hospital for alcohol poisoning after the tailgate. You were invited to the tailgate and the respondent who planned the tailgate purchased the alcohol for you. You are a good guy and want to be honest through the process.)

"I made a huge mistake. I thought I would go to the tailgate, have one beer and play a few games. Next thing I knew, it was out of control. I do know who purchased the alcohol, but I would prefer not to tell you, so I don't get anyone else in trouble. There were tons of parents, men from other Fraternities and lots of girlfriends and significant others. It was hard to tell who was in charge. I was not formally invited by the respondent—I was invited by another friend, but I saw the respondent there. He didn't invite me, but he (the respondent) was definitely there."

(You are the current social coordinator. You hate when the standards board is too tough on members, and you will do anything to protect Fraternity brothers. You know that the respondent planned the tailgate, and you were on the Facebook event page. He invited you and you said you would be there over social media.)

"I was there and was playing drinking games. Listen, I am 21 and it is not my job to babysit the other men of the Fraternity. I did see the respondent there, but that is about all I can tell you." (You should hold out on telling the truth, but eventually, at the very end, you finally confess--if the team asks you the right questions and you are pushed to respond. Try to be as vague as possible.)