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Ten UCI Protestors Charged for Failing to Disperse After Police Deemed Campus Protest an Unlawful Assembly

SANTA ANA, Calif. – Ten protestors have been charged today for failing to disperse after University of California, Irvine police deemed a May 15, 2024, protest on the school's campus to be an unlawful assembly and ordered the hundreds of protestors to leave. Orange County District Attorney prosecutors are reviewing evidence against the remaining 40 people who were arrested by police after dispersal orders were issued.

The first 10 defendants charged are:

Michael Chang, 29, of Irvine	Charged with one misdemeanor count of PC 409 – failure to disperse at scene of riot
Jonathan Brook Haley, 51, of Oceanside	Charged with one misdemeanor count of PC 409 – failure to disperse at scene of riot
Tiffany Willoughby Herard, 50 of Irvine	Charged with one misdemeanor count of PC 409 – failure to disperse at scene of riot, one misdemeanor count of PC 69 – resisting a peace officer with the threat of violence, and one misdemeanor count of PC 148 – resisting arrest
Fantana Zadran, 39, of Irvine	Charged with one misdemeanor count of PC 409 – failure to disperse at scene of riot
Rami Anabtawi, 40, of Silverado	Charged with one misdemeanor count of PC 409 – failure to disperse at scene of riot
Miriam Castro, 27, of Irvine	Charged with one misdemeanor count of PC 409 – failure to disperse at scene of riot
Kevyn Garcia, 24, of Upland	Charged with one misdemeanor count of PC 409 – failure to disperse at scene of riot

Adel Shaker Hijazi, 40, of Irvine

Charged with one misdemeanor count of PC 409 – failure to disperse at scene of riot

Angie Belen Monreal, 27, of Garden Grove

Charged with one misdemeanor count of PC 409 – failure to disperse at scene of riot and one misdemeanor count of PC 148 – resisting arrest

Marah Quran, 20, of Irvine

Charged with one misdemeanor count of PC 409 – failure to disperse at scene of riot

All ten defendants have been sent an arraignment letter with orders to appear at the Central Justice Center on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, to be arraigned on their respective charges. Today's charged defendants include two UCI professors and four UCI students.

"The right to peaceful assembly is a constitutional right and we encourage protestors to exercise their right to peaceful assembly on any issue," said Orange County District Attorney Todd Spitzer. "However, criminal activity which transcends peaceful assembly will not be tolerated. As such, the Orange County District Attorney's Special Prosecutions Unit has spent months reviewing evidence to determine what, if any, crimes were committed by protestors at UCI following the lawful dispersal order issued by UCI police. Accordingly, we have filed criminal charges against 10 individuals who failed to disperse from the May 15, 2024, protest and my prosecutors are continuing to review evidence against the remaining 40 arrestees."

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