AKPsi
Risk Prevention Program
Hazing Prevention Module
Case Study #1

ALPHA KAPPA PSI
The Professional Business Fraternity

Alpha Kappa Psi is recognized as the premier developer of principled business leaders.

You are a sophomore who is living on campus in a residence hall. You joined Alpha Kappa Psi last semester and this is your first full semester as a member. You do not hold an office. During your pledge education program, you were assigned a big brother who simply does the minimum to remain in good standing with the chapter.

Your chapter has 40 initiated members and has a pledge class of 20 potential members this semester. As the semester progresses, you notice some subtle changes in the attitudes of some members toward the pledges as well as the excitement and desire of some pledges begins to dwindle. You begin to wonder if any initiated members have started to haze the pledges. You brush it off it at first because nothing of the sort occurred while you pledged Alpha Kappa Psi.

Finally, it's the night you remember as being fun, lively, and great experience … big/little reveal night. The expectations of being a big brother have already been reviewed with all soon-to-be big brothers. Additionally, each person has agreed to abide by the expectations.

The night begins with several of the pledges arriving at the chapter meeting location; however, not all of the pledges arrive on time. An hour passes by and finally the remaining pledges arrive. When you ask why they are late, several of them stumble over their words, trying to cover for what they were doing. You finally get the story: *the group of 5-7 pledges each was instructed by their soon-to-be big brother (one of whom is the secretary of the chapter) find certain artifacts on campus – a statue, a fountain, an obscure picture, etc. You also find out that shots of liquor were stationed at each artifact location. The pledges were told to drink the shot before continuing to the next location. Only after finding all items on the list (provided to them 2 hours before the start time of big/little reveal) could they show up to the chapter event. All pledges who participated are intoxicated.*

You realize the pledges have been hazed by members of the chapter.

What is your course of action?

- What policy was violated?
- How could this be avoided in the future?
- What should the ramification be for the group of big brothers?