



Video of University student insulting Uber driver goes viral

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Sunday afternoon, a video surfaced of a University of Michigan student insulting an Uber driver as the driver filmed from inside the car.

The video, initially uploaded by the driver on March 23, had garnered over 212,000 views by Sunday. The driver identified himself on YouTube as Artur Zawada.

The video description and comments on the video allege that the student is a LSA freshman and a member of the fraternity Tau Kappa Epsilon. The University declined to confirm details about the student, including their name.

Representatives of Tau Kappa Epsilon declined to comment Sunday afternoon.

In the video, the student, standing with a group of other individuals, insults the driver, saying, "You little f****t, fuck," "You little piece of shit" and "Minimum wage f****t." after the driver appears to indicate he will not drive the group.



In response to the incident, University spokesperson Rick Fitzgerald wrote in an e-mail Sunday afternoon that the University was aware of the situation and speaking to all parties involved.

"We have seen the video," Fitzgerald wrote. "Our dean of students has talked with both the Uber driver and the students. We are extremely disappointed in the behavior depicted in this video. No one should be treated with such disrespect."

Students commented on the situation via Twitter Sunday, expressing frustration with the student's actions.



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In comments on YouTube, Zawada said he had encountered issues with student before and had filed a police report against him. The Ann Arbor Police Department confirmed Sunday night that Zawada did file a police report against the student, although a detective has not been assigned to the case yet.

An Uber spokesperson wrote in an e-mail Monday afternoon that the company was looking into the situation.

"Any type of aggression or harassment is simply unacceptable and violates Uber's [code of conduct](#) for riders and drivers," the spokesperson wrote. "We are looking into all the details as we investigate this incident and are in touch with everyone involved."