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# Police say U-M student, Uber driver both filed reports — but not initially about anti-gay or ethnic slurs



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*Editor's note: This video contains profanity and other foul language.*

ANN ARBOR, MI — A University of Michigan student and Uber driver involved in a **viral video** have each filed police reports.

Ann Arbor Police Detective Lt. Robert Pfannes said the student, Jake Croman, filed a police report on March 22, and the driver, Artur Zawada, made a report on March 23.

Neither party initially alleged the issue was one of a religious, LGBT-related or ethnic identity, he said.

The Washtenaw County Prosecutor's office will determine whether either of their actions are chargeable, Pfannes said.

A YouTube video posted March 23 shows Croman, a member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, yelling expletives and anti-gay slurs at Zawada.

"You're an Uber driver, go f\*\*king drive you little f\*\*k," Croman says in the video. "Minimum wage f\*\*\*\*t, go f\*\*k yourself."

In a statement Croman accused the Uber driver of **making anti-Semitic comments** prior to his outburst.

Zawada said in a comment posted on the video that Croman and his friends have harassed him several times.

The University of Michigan is waiting on the police report before taking any steps, said spokesman Rick Fitzgerald

The dean of students met with both the Uber driver and the students involved last week, University of Michigan spokesman Rick Fitzgerald said in an email.

"We find the actions depicted in this video to be reprehensible and completely inconsistent with our community's closely held values," he said. "We expect more from our students. Regardless of the circumstances, no one deserves to be treated that way."

Tau Kappa Epsilon's national organization said in a statement that they are investigating the incident and could expel the student from membership if they deem it appropriate.

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