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Four Students Arrested in Connection to 2008 Hazing Death of Freshman

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- San Luis Obispo police have arrested four Cal Poly students in connection to the December hazing death of Cal Poly freshman Carson Starkey.

The arrests come after a five-month investigation that included interviews with 65 people, as well as forensic analysis of 55 computer hard drives, 27 cell phones and 24 cameras. The San Luis Obispo Police Department held a press conference May 21 to announce the arrests.

Cal Poly President Warren J. Baker said in a statement May 21 that the arrests "are a sad reminder of the tragedy that took the life of a promising young Cal Poly student and caused so much pain to the family of Carson Starkey. Our sympathy again goes out to Carson's family. To the Cal Poly community and the public, I want to underscore, emphatically, that Cal Poly has zero tolerance for hazing."

Read President Baker's full Statement

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