

Student Arrested For Possible Hate Crime

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A Georgetown student was arrested by the Metropolitan Police Department yesterday as one of the suspects in a possible hate crime against another Georgetown student that occurred near campus earlier this month.

An arrest warrant was issued for Philip Cooney (MSB '10) on Wednesday and MPD Chief Cathy Lanier announced yesterday that Cooney had been arrested, NBC4 reported on its Web site. Cooney was charged for simple assault, according to officer at MPD's Second District.

Cooney's arrest stems from an incident that occurred on 36th Street between O and P Streets on Sept. 9 in which a lone male was

allegedly attacked by a group of males yelling homophobic slurs, according to NBC4. The Hoya could not confirm the victim's identity.

Cooney could not be reached for comment.

"Although it is tempting to believe that such a hate crime would have never occurred at Georgetown, we must now deal with the reality that this heinous crime has indeed happened," the board of GUPride wrote in a Facebook note posted by Scott Chessare (SFS '10), Pride's co-president, early this morning.

The note also outlined the events of the night in question, adding that the victim was a Georgetown student and was hospitalized after the attack.

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