

Timeline of events for Fiji hazing incident

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- Oct. 19, 2021** ● **Freshman Daniel Santulli hospitalized following fraternity event**
Santulli was hospitalized with a blood alcohol content of 0.486% and suffered cardiac arrest in the early hours of October 20, 2021, according to court documents. At a “Pledge Father Reveal” party held by the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, commonly called Fiji, Santulli was allegedly pressured to drink a bottle of vodka.
- Oct. 22, 2021** ● **MU withdraws recognition of Fiji**
Both MU and the national Fiji fraternity removed its local chapter from campus as the university began an evaluation of “fraternity and campus culture.” Hundreds of students protested outside of the Fiji house as MU temporarily suspended all fraternity activities.
- Jan. 27, 2022** ● **Santulli family sues 23 parties**
On Santulli’s 19th birthday, his parents filed a civil lawsuit against Phi Gamma Delta, its MU chapter’s board of advisors, student leaders and other fraternity members. Their attorney, who specializes in hazing litigation, called Santulli’s injuries the worst he’d seen in 30 years of practice.
- May 5, 2022** ● **MU disciplines 13 students for roles in incident**
The university didn’t specify which or how many students were expelled or suspended but disciplined 13. MU Police also said it sent the results of its investigation to the Boone County prosecutor’s office for possible criminal charges.
- May 10, 2022** ● **Family reaches settlements with first 23 defendants**
Santulli’s parents and older sister appeared in Boone County Court to announce that they reached confidential settlements with all of the defendants from their initial lawsuit.
- June 2, 2022** ● **Prosecutor files first criminal charges**
The Boone County prosecutor’s office initially filed alcohol-related misdemeanor charges before charging a total of 11 men for their roles in the Fiji event — most of them for felony hazing. An online petition urging the prosecutor to file the hazing charges gathered more than 120,000 signatures.
- Aug. 18, 2022** ● **New year of fraternity recruitment begins**
MU fraternities kicked off another year of formal recruitment while Santulli, who still cannot walk, talk or see, lives with his family in his hometown of Eden Prairie, Minnesota. The Santulli family has settled with a total of 25 parties in their civil lawsuit with one remaining defendant. Criminal proceedings remain ongoing.