# **Chronology of Hazing Incidents: 1989-2002**

1989	Morehouse College, Alpha Phi Alpha  • Joel Harris dies
	<ul> <li>fraternity pays \$500,000+ in law suit; college pays \$500,000</li> <li>Chapter members face \$13M lawsuit- settled out for maximum value of parents home insurance policy</li> </ul>
1991	Clark Atlanta University, Phi Beta Sigma <ul><li>suspended for hazing: beaten in buttocks, kidney damage</li></ul>
1991	<ul> <li>University of Missouri (Columbia), Phi Beta Sigma</li> <li>Fraternity suspended due to hazing allegations of a student being hit over the head</li> </ul>
1991	Clark Atlanta University, Omega Psi Phi <ul> <li>hospitalized: severe kidney damage</li> <li>11 arrested for hazing</li> <li>Hazing Victim: Roderick Green</li> </ul>
1991	<ul> <li>University of Georgia, Omega Psi Phi</li> <li>chapter caught hazing by judicial director, fraternity advisor, and student activities director</li> </ul>
1992	Norfolk State University, Omega Psi Phi  1 hospitalized: broken jaw
1993	<ul> <li>University of Maryland College Park, Omega Psi Phi</li> <li>6 hospitalized: fractured ankle, bruised buttocks, bruised ribs, blood clot in spleen, broken ribs, liver damage, ruptured ear drum</li> <li>fraternity lost court case- paid out \$375,000 (1997)</li> </ul>
1993	<ul> <li>University of Georgia, Kappa Alpha Psi</li> <li>1 hospitalized: severely infected buttocks- required surgery</li> </ul>
1993	<ul> <li>University of North Texas, Alpha Kappa Alpha</li> <li>suspended for hazing: paddling, assault</li> <li>5 arrested</li> </ul>
1994	<ul><li>University of Southern Mississippi, Phi Beta Sigma</li><li>5 arrested for hazing</li></ul>
1994	Southeast Missouri State University, Kappa Alpha Psi

1994	<ul> <li>Georgia Tech, Kappa Alpha Psi</li> <li>1 hospitalized: abdominal injuries from being stood on</li> <li>7 arrested</li> </ul>
1994	<ul> <li>Indiana University, Omega Psi Phi</li> <li>1 hospitalized: injured kidneys, face, neck, and chest</li> <li>3 arrested, including advisor</li> <li>\$1M law suit- fraternity paid \$774,500 in damages</li> </ul>
1995	Purdue University, Alpha Phi Alpha • 10 undergraduates, 2 alums arrested
1996	<ul><li>West Virginia University, Omega Psi Phi</li><li>1 hospitalized: kidney damage</li></ul>
1996	<ul> <li>University of Georgia, Phi Beta Sigma</li> <li>1 hospitalized: bruises to buttocks and torn blood vessels (paddled 70 times)</li> <li>3 arrested (including advisor)- hazing and battery charges</li> <li>students suspended from school</li> </ul>
1996	<ul> <li>University of Pittsburgh, Kappa Alpha Psi</li> <li>1 hospitalized: kidney dialysis machine after beaten with a paddle and cane</li> <li>5 members arrested</li> </ul>
1996	<ul> <li>Northern Illinois University, Kappa Alpha Psi</li> <li>Student alleged hazing in the form of kidney damage, concussion, and cigarette burns</li> <li>Sought \$150,000 in damages</li> </ul>
1997	University of Louisville, Omega Psi Phi  1 hospitalized: kidney damage
1997	<ul><li>University of Georgia, Delta Sigma Theta</li><li>chapter suspended for mental hazing and harassment</li></ul>
1997	University of Georgia, Delta Sigma Theta

Georgia State University, Alpha Kappa Alpha

1997

fraternity settles for 2.25M (1997)- includes 1.4 by National

organization, and \$850,000 by members/advisors students expelled from school; several arrested

- 1 hospitalized: beaten by "line sisters"
- 5 students arrested, 4 suspended for 2 quarters

# 1997 Georgia State University, Phi Beta Sigma

- aspirant pushed through a wall
- chapter suspended; student body president (Sigma) resigns under pressure
- 1998 University of Maryland, Eastern Shore, Kappa Alpha Psi
  - 5 hospitalized: surgery for cuts and infections on buttocks
- 1998 Kansas State University, Kappa Alpha Psi
  - 1 hospitalized: kidney damage (dialysis)
- 1998 Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Phi Beta Sigma
  - 1 hospitalized: chest injuries
  - chapter suspended for 4 years for hazing
- 1998 Bennett College, Alpha Kappa Alpha
  - Chapter suspended 4 years for hazing
  - 2 graduating seniors were initially barred from graduating, but a judge forced the college to allow the 2 to graduate saying they would suffer irreparable injury to their careers and public embarrassment if now allowed to graduate
- 1999 Lincoln University, Alpha Phi Alpha
  - 1 hospitalized: colostomy performed
- 1999 Georgia State University, Kappa Alpha Psi
  - 1 hospitalized: serious injuries to buttocks, stomach, and legs; blood in urine
  - 5 members arrested
- 1999 Grambling State University, Kappa Alpha Psi
  - 1 treated on campus for bruises from paddling and cane beatings
  - 3 members arrested for hazing
- 1999 West Virginia University, Phi Beta Sigma
  - 7 arrested for hazing (including one former student) due to criminal charges filed by one aspirant
- 1999 University of Missouri, Kappa Alpha Psi
  - student came forward to indicate he was hazed; later attempted to retract statements

- chapter suspended 4 years
- 1999 University of Florida, Alpha Phi Alpha
  - chapter suspended for hazing: alcohol and paddling
- 1999 University of South Florida, Zeta Phi Beta
  - chapter suspended for 4 years for paddling
  - rush/intake chair suspended from school for 1 year; former members were banned from campus
- 1999 Michigan State University, Phi Beta Sigma
  - chapter suspended and investigated for hazing after student was hospitalized for 6 days and placed on kidney dialysis
  - initial incident described as "trading wood"
- 1999 Western Illinois University, Delta Sigma Theta
  - chapter suspended for hazing
  - 1 hospitalized: torn skin on lower back and buttocks
  - suit pending against sorority and 2 members
  - reported in May 1999 "The Source" magazine
- 1999 Norfolk State University, Delta Sigma Theta
  - 1 hospitalized: intensive care
  - school expelled 9 students; the seniors were not permitted to graduate
- 1999 Mississippi State University, Omega Psi Phi
  - 1 treated at campus health center: injuries on buttocks
  - 2 members identified as responsible for the hazing
- 1999 Illinois State University, Kappa Alpha Psi
  - Suspended from university after members were photographed hazing pledges
- 1999 University of Georgia, Omega Psi Phi
  - Chapter suspended for hazing of three students
- 1999 Georgia Institute of Technology, Kappa Alpha Psi
  - Found guilty of minor physical abuse and personal servitude by IFC Judicial Board
  - Placed on suspended suspension, meaning they would be on probation for 1 year and if they had further violations they would be suspended for not less than 5 years

1999 Old Dominion University, Alpha Kappa Alpha Chapter alumni and several undergraduates began an unsanctioned intake program Chapter suspended for 5 years by the university 1999 Northern Illinois University, Omega Psi Phi 3 members arrested for hazing, which included eating dog food, run barefoot in the snow, and stand immobile for hours 2000 University of Memphis, Omega Psi Phi New initiate claimed hazing by alumni and chapter members, but student withdrew complaint after an investigation 2000 Ball State University, Zeta Phi Beta New member alleged mental abuse, personal servitude, and mild physical abuse Chapter found in violation and suspended by University for three years 2000 University of Arkansas- Monticello, Phi Beta Sigma Student suffered broken ribs, internal bleeding, and lost consciousness 2000 Georgia Tech, Kappa Alpha Psi Chapter received a 3 year sentence, only to be imposed if chapter violated IFC policy again Evidence of hitting, coerced calisthenics that occurred outside of the regulated intake program 2000 Norfolk State University, Phi Beta Sigma Paddled student spent 2 weeks in hospital for punctured lung (chest punches called "thunderclaps) Fraternity closed chapter in December 2000; incident occurred in September 3 of the members were eventually expelled by the school Sued fraternity for \$500,000 in 2002 2001 University of Tennessee Chattanooga, Alpha Kappa Alpha Suspended two years for physical and mental hazing 2001 Ohio University, Delta Sigma Theta Suspended one year for physical and verbal hazing

Illinois State University, Alpha Kappa Alpha

2001

• 4 members settled out of court for the verbal and physical hazing of a student; the national organization and local chapter are defendants in a civil suit

## Ohio State University, Alpha Phi Alpha

- Suspended 2 years by university and fraternity
- Reported by a student's academic advisor who noticed that his appearance changed and grades were falling
- Several pledges needed medical attention, including one with extensive dental work

# 2001 Louisiana State University, Kappa Alpha Psi

• Student paddled severely that blood seeped through his jeans; wound was 7 inches round and ½ inch deep, and required 2 surgeries, including a skin graft

# 2001 Old Dominion University, Kappa Alpha Psi

- Student with asthma sought medical attention and was treated for numerous bruises to his hands and buttocks
- Two members expelled from school, 4 suspended for one semester, 1 suspended for 2 semesters, and 1 exonerated
- Case turned over to city Commonwealth's attorney's office for possible criminal charges

#### 2001 Tennessee State University, Omega Psi Phi

- Joseph Green died while pre-pledging
- Died from an overheated body, with a temperature of 103 degrees
- \$15 million lawsuit filed

# 2001 Western Kentucky University, Kappa Alpha Psi

- Suspended 5 years and fined \$1000 for hazing
- Chapter allowed members not in good standing participate in intake as well

# 2001 University of Maryland, Kappa Alpha Psi

Investigated for hazing

## 2001 University of Texas, Alpha Phi Alpha

• In spite of member denials that hazing occurred, the university found enough evidence, it charged, to supend the chapter until 2004.

#### 2001 Ball State University, Kappa Alpha Psi

• The chapter was kicked off campus for allegedly beating Rosako

Bailey, The suspension is until 2006. Bailey has filed a civil suit against the chapter.

2002 Sam Houston State University, Kappa Alpha Psi

- Pledge admitted to hospital because of beatings with canes and paddling; severe bruises on his chest and buttocks
- Assault charges were filed

2002 UT Arlington, Delta Sigma Theta

- Sorority suspended 4 years for hazing
- 4 members were suspended from school

2002 Purdue University, Delta Sigma Theta

 School withdrew charter for hazing, which consisted of 10 hours stays in the library and requirements of purchasing items for members

2002 Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, Phi Beta Sigma

- student suffered a ruptured kidney and was in intensive care for several days
- 5 members charged with felony hazing and perjury

2002 California State University, Los Angeles, Alpha Kappa Alpha

- 2 women drowned while allegedly pledging the sorority
- One family filed a \$100 million lawsuit

2006 University of Pennsylvania, Alpha Phi Alpha

- Student punched in the thigh repeatedly. Scar caused on his wrist.
- Lawsuit filed against fraternity

2007 Florida A&M, Kappa Alpha Psi

- Student suffered required surgery after being severely paddled.
- Two fraternity brothers sent to jail for two years.

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