Police say student sent an Oct. 30 e-mail threatening to shoot ‘at least’ six people

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UA police arrested Pima Community College student Raymond Rodden III yesterday morning, on charges of threatening to shoot at least six people at the Main Library in October. The threat came just two days after a nursing student shot three of his professors and himself to death.

Rodden is accused of using a public computer in the Main Library to send the local media a threatening e-mail at 5:09 p.m. Oct. 30, in which the sender threatened to shoot and kill students, faculty or others.

The e-mail stated, “I am going to shoot and kill at least 6 student, faculty, or anyone else who gets in my way at the University of Arizona Library today @ 5:30 p.m. I want to break the record and since I have nothing going for me I will at least leave this legacy behind. Also, I am not going to be a coward and kill myself I will either make the Police kill me or will surrender and make the state kill me with the death penalty” (sic).

Rodden is accused of making the threat two days after nursing student Robert S. Flores Jr. killed professors Cheryl McCaffic, Barbara Monroe and Robin Rogers.

The University of Arizona Police Department reported that forensic evidence linked Rodden, 23, to the library computer in which the e-mail was sent, via a forensic investigation conducted by the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

The author of the e-mail identified himself as “John Doe” and sent the e-mail from an address that included himself as “John Doe” and sent the e-mail from an address that included

Debating Diversity

Group fears drop in UA accessibility

Likins proposes diversity incroce to reassure concerned groups who fear Focused Excellence could result in fewer Hispanics being admitted

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President Pete Likins’ proposals to raise tuition and admissions standards as part of Focused Excellence have raised concerns from members of the UA’s Hispanic community, who say the new standards and higher tuition may cause Hispanic enrollment ratios to drop. Administrators counter that, contrary to some groups’ fears, they will be able to maintain and eventually increase the population of minority students on campus.

In October, President Pete Likins released UA’s plan to increase diversity. Dubbed the “Diversity Action Plan,” the plan lists 87 short- and long-term goals that seek to make campus more diverse.

Likins and other administrators said they understand Juntos’ concerns and have promised that they will commit themselves to recruiting a diverse student body.

“I’ve told (Juntos) that we will regard Focused Excellence as a failure if we don’t increase diversity,” Likins said.