

Yesterday's motion is a false and misleading effort by the criminal defense team for former men's soccer head coach Jorge Salcedo to defend him against serious criminal charges based on information that has already been widely reported and addressed by UCLA.

The filing contains misleading assertions and notably omits that UCLA Athletics implemented a number of policies and practices aimed at strengthening the student-athlete admissions process immediately following the 2014 investigation. These policies were in place years before the conduct Salcedo is alleged to have committed and included a policy that a donation could not be accepted from families of prospects until the student-athlete is enrolled at UCLA. Athletic department staff, including coaching and development staff, have been educated on the policy. Another change included requiring athletic department officials to perform an athletic qualifications check for walk-ons, as well as implementation of a family University giving history check for walk-ons. The government has alleged that Salcedo got around these policies by helping submit a false athletic resume to the University.

Unlike the 2014 investigation, the charges against Salcedo are alleged to have involved criminal activity and personal enrichment. As part of its year-long and ongoing cooperation with the Department of Justice, information regarding this investigation was shared voluntarily with the authorities early last year, and we voluntarily delivered the report to them in August 2019.