

TELEPHONE INTERVIEW WITH JAMES MORGAN

Okay, today's date is Friday, May 21, 2021. The time now is 10:31am. This is DIRECTOR FRED MAYS in the GBI OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS. I'm speaking with SPECIAL AGENT JAMES MORGAN. He is currently at the GBI BASIC ACADEMY at the GEORGIA PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER in Forsyth, Georgia. I contacted him at the POLICE ACADEMY at 478-993-4601.

FM: AGENT MORGAN, you provided a statement to SPECIAL AGENT CHRIS HOSEY, well that's DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INVESTIGATION, CHRIS HOSEY, up through the Chain of Command on May 17, 2021 in reference to some incidents that happened on May 12, 2021. And I guess they just asked everybody in class to write a statement of what they did that evening, you know, after class, and you provided that statement. Is there anything you want to change, add, or delete to that statement?

JM: No, sir, that statement should be a, a good representation of what happened that night on my end.

FM: Okay, so basically, you stayed at the Training Center. Did you eat dinner there at the Training Center?

JM: I did.

FM: Okay, and you said that you stayed at the Training Center going over your, you went to work on some summaries and basically never left the Training Center that evening. You said that you did witness SPECIAL AGENT JUSTIN JONES. Okay, you witnessed, observed SPECIAL AGENT QUAMERE ROOKS standing in the doorway of SPECIAL AGENT JUSTIN JONES' barracks room. And, you said they were just standing there and appeared to be calm, and –

JM: Yes, sir. So, I came back from the TRAINING CENTER inside the main building

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FM: — mm hmm.

JM: — around 11:00. It was getting pretty late and I was like, I'm, I need to get back and I have stuff to do in the morning. Um, kind of reached a stopping point with the summaries I was working on, crime scene sketch and some other stuff.

FM: Mm hmm.

JM: And then, uh, walked by the, you know, that first floor next to the lake, saw ROOKS standing in the doorway, you know. We, whenever we see each other, we generally nod. That's all I did and said, hey, and that was it. And, I looked past, and I saw that was JUSTIN'S room. JUSTIN was sitting at his desk doing something. I don't remember how he was doing it, but he was facing towards his desk, and that's all I remember from that night. I went, went back to my room and lay on the bed.

FM: Okay, alright, sir. So, you didn't hear any of the commotion or any of that stuff going on that night?


JM: I, uh, was really tired after death investigations. I don't know what it was. I do remember taking a nap. I don't know when I ate, if I ate at 4:00 or after. Um, but I know that after I was let out either before or after I ate, I went back to my room, and I was just exhausted. So, I went to sleep for a little bit, rallied, got back up so I could finish the work. Went inside, you know, I think it was like 7:00 or 8:00, and I stayed in the room that we were using that week, which was a different room than normal. I think it was 108, um. It's closer to the front of the Training Center.

And then, packed up, shut off the light, and came back. It was very uneventful for me, so I was kind of surprised when I heard all of this.

FM: Okay. Alright, sir. Anything that you want to say before I turn the tape recorder off?

JM: Uh, no, sir.

FM: Okay, the time now is 10:34am. I'm going to turn the tape recorder off.

DIRECTOR FRED  MAYS 05/21/2021

SPEAKWRITE 05/28/2021



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Chris Hosey
Deputy Director for Investigations

THRU: Terry Howard
Inspector

THRU: Bill Bodrey *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

FROM: James Morgan *[Signature]*
Special Agent
GBI Region 12

DATE: May 17, 2021

RE: James Morgan Statement, 5/12/21 Incident

On Wednesday, 05/12/2021, SPECIAL AGENT (SA) JAMES MORGAN was at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC) in Forsyth, Georgia for the purpose of attending Basic Agent School (BAC). SA MORGAN was attending classes presented by SA JAMIE ABERCROMBIE of Region 8 regarding death investigations on that day. Once released from class, SA MORGAN returned to his GPSTC barracks room (107) and took a nap. When SA MORGAN woke up, he went to GPSTC classroom 108 to work on summaries. At approximately 2300, SA MORGAN returned to his barracks room for the evening and went to sleep. SA MORGAN observed SA QUAMERE ROOKS standing in the doorway of SA JUSTIN JONES's barracks room. Both ROOKS and JONES appeared to be calm and MORGAN acknowledged ROOKS before going to sleep.

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James Morgan
Employee Signature

5/21/2021
Date

Brad May
OPS Representative

05/21/2021
Date