

SHH: Okay.

MH: The second, the second time.

SHH: So, you were crying prior to going back to the dorm room. And you –

MH: But that do –

SHH: No, I'm just asking. I'm just trying to get a timeline of events.

MH: I'm trying – because I rode back to campus with JASON COLE.

SHH: Yeah, I understand that, but you, you were saying that you were crying when you called HUNTER, and you all – he called to calm you down. I mean Q was calming you down, but you were upset and crying at that moment as well.

MH: Right.

SHH: Okay.

MH: And that's apparently why I was in the car with Q, because we were talking about it. This is what Q told me.

FM: And I believe one of the young ladies, KAREN or somebody, said that ya'll called HUNTER –

MH: We did.

FM: – when you were in the room.

MH: Yes sir.

FM: Okay. Anything else SHONDRENA?

SHH: I had another question, but I don't think at this moment.

FM: Okay.

MH: I had called HUNTER also. My call log is just all HUNTER and I playing phone tag and calling each other back and forth.

FM: Did one of the young ladies, one of your classmates, or coworkers tell HUNTER that Q had got handsy with you?

MH: KAREN.

FM: KAREN did.

MH: That's my roommate.

FM: Okay.

SHH: What was – do you know what his response – do you remember what his response was to that –

MH: Uh –

SHH: – or have you subsequently talked to him and –

MH: He said –

SHH: – you told him?

MH: – that he was just like what? And then, KAREN told me this and HUNTER this, and he just thanked KAREN for telling him. And then she hung up, and then I called him back a few minutes later. And then I remember I was still getting upset with him because he told me that I just, I told, he told me that I said I feel like you're not being supportive and that you're being cold towards me right now.

SHH: That's what HUNTER is saying you said to him?

MH: Yes ma'am.

SHH: Did anyone else to your knowledge participate in a conversation about sex in the restaurant, because you said Q was giving you pointers. Do you know if anyone else participated?

MH: I don't think, because everyone was mostly at the brewery. Like, Q and I had just a lot of like side conversation because he was sitting next to me. And I, I don't recall. I don't know.

SHH: The – ADAM, was he drinking?

MH: Mm hmm.

SHH: Was he there with other people?

MH: Yes ma'am.

SHH: From – that were not a part of the Basic, but they –

MH: Right.

SHH: – were at the table?

MH: They weren't at our table. They had their own table.

SHH: Were they drinking?

MH: Yes.

SHH: They had alcohol. The only person that didn't drink was the one that you rode with.

MH: I, I don't know if the other two men with ADAM did. Because I wasn't, I wasn't really paying them attention because I didn't know them. And, I can't, I can't for sure say 100 percent, but I would assume just because –

FM: A brewery.

MH: Yeah, and ADAM drinks and he bought me a shot. So, but I can't say, yes, I know he was drinking because I wasn't really paying attention like that.

SHH: Yes, you know ADAM was drinking or that others?

MH: ADAM.

SHH: You don't know if ADAM was drinking?

MH: Right, and like I said, he probably was just because I know ADAM, but I can't say, yes, he was drinking.

FM: Is he a TASK FORCE AGENT, or is he a GBI AGENT?

MH: A TASK FORCE with LAGRANGE PD.

FM: What's his last name?

MH: BLANE.

FM: B-L-I –

MH: B-L-A-N-E.

FM: Okay, TASK FORCE. Did you think, MEGAN, do you think Q would have – I think I might have asked you this, do you think Q would have done something against your will?

MH: I don't think so. Q's just not that kind of person.

FM: He said ya'll talked about it before.

MH: And, that's what he –

FM: And, he said you agreed.

MH: Yeah, that's what he told me, and that's when I was kind of like – when he told me what happened, I was like, really? And, he said we talked about it and I thought we were straight. And, I'm like, I don't remember.

FM: So, what do you think about it now?

MH: I think it's just a hot mess. I think, if Q's saying it happened, then it happened. I don't know why. I don't know if I was so upset because HUNTER and I were arguing, or I was so upset because this happened. Um, –

FM: What I'm getting at, I'm trying to see what your frame of mind is now since you're sober and –

MH: Right.

FM: – you know what happened. What is your frame of mind? What do you think should happen? What do you think, if something went wrong, was it wrong? I'm just I'm trying to see what you're thinking –

MH: Right.

FM: – now since you, you're not drunk.

MH: I believe that, if Q thought it was consensual, it was consensual. I – we've never had sexual acts between each other before. My only thing is that, if he knew I was drunk, regardless a little drunk or blackout, then that just – it shouldn't have happened at all. It shouldn't have been talked about and that's not, not just on him, this is also on me. I'm also – I'm an adult.

SHH: But if you have two drunk people –

MH: And, and, and that's what I told CARLA.

SHH: – can, can either one – he seems to remember more, I'm assuming -- but can – I guess the first, the –

MH: He, if he's drunk, he probably doesn't realize how drunk I am.

SHH: Yes, but also you have an extra piece with not only being drunk but blacking out. So, there's a – I mean, it's –

MH: And, I think that's why I, I'm not pissed because I was blacked out. I don't recall and how would he know if I'm blacked out.

SHH: What does your boyfriend think? Like, have you told him everything that happened? Does he know? What like –

MH: I haven't told him that Q going, like having oral sex with me.

SHH: Because you remember the, I guess, the conversation about you all getting together because you only live an hour apart with the significant others, but then apparently a part of that same conversation was a conversation about sex, pointers about sex, because HUNTER knew –

MH: I think –

SHH: – about that and was upset about that –

MH: Yes ma'am.

SHH: – when you all called him, but that –

MH: I don't know if that was the same phone call. It may have been. I'm not sure.

SHH: Well, originally, well, when I started asking the question, you said you all talked about he was upset. When I asked you, what was HUNTER upset about – because if you talked about getting the significant others together, you called him back. Prior to the incident he was upset. He was trying to calm you down. He would've had to have known what the conversation was about –

MH: Yes ma'am.

SHH: – to be upset.

MH: Yes ma'am, and that's when I don't know if we, if that comment was made in our first phone call to HUNTER because we – you can look at my phone, there's several phone calls. So, I don't know which, what information, what words were spoken on what phone call.

FM: Okay. I might be calling back on you, MEGAN. The DIRECTOR will be back in town on this weekend and we've got to make a decision quickly what's going to happen because ya'll are in the Academy.

MH: Yes Sir.

FM: And so, we're going to make a decision quickly. The investigation I'm trying to expedite it as soon as I can. I'm planning on going down Monday or Tuesday and interview everybody else that was involved in this.

SHH: I have one more question. Do you feel as though he was sexually harassed, or this is a form of sexual harassment?

MH: The only re – I don't think it's – how I feel is that I'm upset that it happened because I was drunk and I, and like, and we talked about Q must not have known how drunk I was and that, that's not on him. I'm more pissed at myself and upset, and I don't think this would have been brought about if I wasn't so upset and my roommate being like, what the hell is going on? And then like, obviously, telling BILL and CARLA what I saw, what I felt that 2 am. in the morning.

SHH: Didn't you have in your statement about some medication?

MH: I am on medication.

SHH: Is – do you know if you should be drinking while you're on the –

MH: No.

SHH: -- Have you ever paid attention to the –

MH: So, I just started, um –

SHH: – materials that come with them about whether or not you should drink alcohol?
And, is it something that could affect your judgment from like a narcotic perspective?

MH: Right.

SHH: So, it's twofold as far as the –

MH: So, I –

SHH: – effects of alcohol with taking the medicine. But also, if the medicine is something that can, that we need to know about from an Agency perspective in doing your duties as a SPECIAL AGENT?

MH: -- when I was in Basic Mandate, I was prescribed Trazodone because I couldn't sleep. And then, right now I'm not sleeping very well because KAREN, my roommate, snores really loud. And, she has, she has a CPAP machine, but she doesn't use it correctly, and the Instructors have known this since Week 2, when I brought it up to them. Like, I'm not sleeping. I'm doing X, Y, Z. I did start taking the Trazodone this Monday night.

SHH: I don't – is it like a narcotic, non-narcotic or is it just –

MH: I don't –

SHH: – like a downer?

MH: -- can I Google it? I'm not – I know it is supposed to help you sleep.

SHH: Okay.

MH: It's like a –

SHH: Sure.

MH: - it's a mental health medication, not – I'm not taking it for mental health needs.
I'm taking it to help sleep.

SHH: Okay.

MH: And, I mean, I took it all through probably the last 2 months of Basic Mandate.
But, I mean, I never have had –

SHH: Was she your roommate at Basic Mandate?

MH: No, she's, she's a DOC SPECIAL AGENT.

SHH: She's a DOC. Okay, so at Basic Mandate you said you started taking it there, so
your sleeping problems didn't just start here.

MH: Right.

SHH: What was the issue when you were in Basic Mandate?

MH: I think I was just – our Mandate Class was very tough, and it was – I don't wanna
speak poorly of the Mandate Instructors, but they kind of just look for you to fail,
and like that stress is just very –

SHH: Did you have a roommate?

MH: Yeah, STEPHANIE GRAHAM, and STEPHANIE was, was aware of my issues
the whole time too. I tried every kind of over-the-counter sleep medication before
I even called my doctor.

FM: Okay. Alright, anything else you want to say, MEGAN, before I turn the tape
recorder off?

MH: I just, I just feel like this is a big mix up and that I was upset. I still don't
necessarily know exactly what happened. Um, –

FM: So now that you know what happened, what do you think should happen?

MH: I don't want anyone to get in trouble. I just, I'm just upset that it happened period.

FM: Mm hmm.

MH: I feel embarrassed as a GBI AGENT that it got out of hand and it led to this because that's not my character at all. My pride is hurt. I feel really bad waking CARLA and BILL in the middle of the night, making – and they having to come to campus. And even when I, like, spoke to Q, like, it wasn't a hateful conversation. I was like, I need to know what happened because I don't know what happened. And, that's when I think he realized like, oh, she was, like, she doesn't know what happened, and he apologized. And, I was like, okay, like – and when they told us that we were going on Administrative Leave, like we both were really upset, and I'm like this is crazy this is happening.

SHH: You stated that he told you, but then, as you were summarizing, you said you don't know what happened. Do you not fully believe him, or do you not believe him at all, or –

MH: No, I, I believe him.

SHH: But you think it's –

MH: But ca –

SHH: Do you think that's all – what he told you is the whole story, or not the whole story?

MH: Yeah, I got – I don't know.

SHH: I mean, well, how do you feel if like your gut because you, you said you don't know what happened, but even though he told you, you still –

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MH: I think, I think it's the truth and if anything further would have happened I think I would have felt it.

SHH: Do you think he would have told you?

MH: I think if he told me what happened, he would have told me everything. Because I feel like that's very honest of him to be like, this is what happened.

FM: Okay. Okay, the time now is 4:52 p.m. I'm going to turn the tape recorder.

DIRECTOR FRED  MAYS: 05/14/2021

SPEAKWRITE 05/15/2021



MEMORANDUM

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DEPUTY DIRECTOR APPROVAL

TO: Training Unit

THRU: Terry Howard
Inspector

THRU: Bill Bodrey
Special Agent in Charge

FROM: Meg Hirsch *Meg Hirsch*
Special Agent

DATE: 5/13/2021

RE: Incident at BAC

On May 12, 2021 at approximately 5:00PM I went to dinner at El Tejado in Forsyth, Georgia with my classmates Jason Cole, Stephen Pendegrass, Eric White, Brandon Crocker, Justin Jones, and Quamere Rooks. I rode to the restaurant with Jones, Rooks, and Pendegrass; Jones drove us to the restaurant. We all were having beer and drinks while eating dinner. I ordered a jalapeño margarita and drink about half of it, it was gross/very strong and did not finish it. I ordered a jack and diet coke which is my go-to drink. A couple other classmates, Cole and Rooks, were taking a few shots. I did not partake in shots.

After we paid our checks, we all went (minus Brandon Crocker) to the brewery in downtown Forsyth at approximately 6:30PM. I rode with Jason Cole. A few of our other classmates were there but as we were walking to the brewery our classmates were leaving. Cole, Pendegrass, White, Crocker, Jones, Rooks and myself walked to the back of the restaurant and ordered a round of drinks. I had another jack and diet drink. Cole and Rooks took another shot, which I believe was their second to last or final shot. Overall, the whole night I drank 3 jack and diets and took a shot of jack before leaving. My co-working from WMRDEO, Adam Blane, ordered the shot for me. Adam was at the brewery before we arrived, and I talked to him for about 10-15 minutes. He is in Forsyth for training at GPSTC. We all were chatting and goofing around, as we always do. Nothing seemed out of the ordinary to me.

All of use paid our checks and left the restaurant to go back to campus, I do not know what time we all left the brewery. At this point, things begin to become hazy and I do not recall all the details. I know that I rode back to GPSTC with Cole because I vaguely remember singing Cody Jinks radio with him on the way home. I do not recall arriving at campus. The next think I do recall is Charlie Johnston knocking on Rook's vehicle's window. I think the loud noise brought me back for a couple minutes, although I do not remember what was said. I do not remember when or why I got into his vehicle or leaving his vehicle. I do not think this would be out of the

ordinary because Rooks and I are friends and have a good friend relationship. At the brewery we were talking about our significant others and called my boyfriend and chatted with him for a few minutes. I believe we were talking about all of us making plans to get together on a weekend to meet each other's significant others. I do not recall walking back to my dorm room. I slightly remember being upset and crying when I got back to my room and my roommate, Karen Wilbanks, held me and asked what was wrong. I do not remember exactly what I said but I was upset or irritated about something because I rarely cry. I think being drunk made me emotional as well as taking the prescription Accutane; I also began taking prescribed trazadone this week to help me sleep. I am not certain what led me to crying. This morning before class I asked Wilbanks to tell me what happened because I only remember small memories here and there. She stated that I got back to our room around 9:45PM and I was crying. She said that I made the comment that I was tired of people taking advantage of me, but I did not give many details. I do not think Rooks would intentionally harm or disrespect me. I do not remember what happened or what was said.

I remember White and James Richardson being in our room at some point. Richardson asked if I was ok and I believe I nodded my head. I am not exactly sure what I said to White. Wilbanks told me that Carla Dutton was on her way to campus to talk. I believe this was around 10:30 or 11:00PM. I fell asleep at some point. I believe at around 2:00AM on 5/13/2021 Carla Dutton walked into my room with Wilbanks. Carla told me to get dressed and that we were going to the training office to talk to her and Bill Bodrey. Carla and I walked to the office and met Bill and I gave my recollection of the night's timeline.

I do not recall many details of the night once we left the brewery. I feel embarrassed and disappointed in myself because I rarely let myself consume more than a couple cocktails and I never take shots anymore because I know I am not a good shot taker. I typically am the DD/volunteer to drive when we all go out. I do not have any injuries or marks on my person. I feel fine, just tired, only had a couple hours of sleep. My pride is hurt, and I feel extremely bad for making Bill and Carla drive to campus last night and keep everyone up late.

5/13/2021 approximately 1:00PM.

On a break during class I spoke to Rooks and asked him what happened last night. I asked him to tell me what happened once we all got back to campus because I did not remember any of the details. He stated that I was upset with my boyfriend, Hunter, and that is why I was emotional and crying. He said that Cole witnessed me being upset. He said that we called Hunter two times to talk and that is also what Hunter said when I asked him. Rooks said I was in his vehicle because we were talking to Hunter and he was trying to calm me down.

Rooks told me that he started to perform oral sex on me and that is when Charlie Johnston knocked on the window. Johnston did not know it was me in the vehicle. I do not believe that his actions were unwarranted. If I felt they were unwarranted I would have been fighting and struggling to get away. As to why I let those actions happen, I do not know. I do trust Rooks and know that he would not harm me.

When I was attempting to tell Bill and Carla what happened at 2:00AM this morning I was still under the influence and did not have knowledge of why I was so upset. I just knew I was upset

when I got back to my dorm room, and something had made me emotional. I did not remember being upset with Hunter and letting my emotions get the better of me. I assumed something bad had happened between Rooks and I because I could not remember why I was so upset. I assumed Rooks was the issue. I assumed that because the last thing I remember was being with Rooks in his vehicle after Johnston knocked on the window. I talked to Hunter this morning and he told me that I was upset with him and was crying when Rooks and I talked to him on the phone.

After speaking to Rooks, he apologized because he did not know how drunk I was. I did accept his apology. I do not want Rooks to get in trouble or be punished. I believe that I overreacted due to being drunk, not sleeping much, and not having information as to why I was upset. I should have known better to drink as much as I did because I have not been sleeping well or very much this week. I was having fun while getting food and drinks with my friends and one thing led to another. I apologize for overreacting. I apologize for causing strain on my instructors and the Command Staff. After speaking to Rooks this afternoon, what he told me makes sense as to why I was upset.

Meg Hirsch 5/13/21

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