

anything else happen? And she said, no. She said, CHARLIE walked up at that point, CHARLIE JOHNSTON, walked up at that point, and that like -- the way that MEG explained it to us is that CHARLIE walking up like, caused a break in what was going on. And she said that she used that opportunity to get out of the car and come back to the room. And so, at that point, RICHARDSON said, "Okay," you know, "I'm gonna go call CARLA." And so, he steps out to call CARLA. And I sit in there for a few more minutes, and MEG'S still crying and upset. And she's like, at one point, she was like, she asked me and KAREN, like, okay, "I think I'm ready. Will you guys help me call CARLA?" and we're like hey, that's what RICHARDSON'S doing right now. And she was like, "Oh, okay. Sounds good." Um, so then, I leave the room, and at that point, I go back to my room because, uh, I think JAMES was on the phone with CARLA. And at some point, JAMES came back into our room and told us, you know -- us, being LUCAS and me -- like, "Hey, I called CARLA." Um, I'm not, you know, I'm not entirely sure -- um, actually let me backtrack for a second, because I just realized that I skipped over something. So, when I came back, and I first went into, uh, when I came back from the brewery, and I first went into our room, I told LUCAS that MEG and Q were pretty drunk, and then I went to CHARLIE and MATT'S room. When I came back in from CHARLIE and MATT'S room, I talked to LUCAS, and he told me that he had called Q and that Q was drunk and said that he was in the parking lot. And LUCAS said that he could tell Q was drunk because he was like, you know, telling him, "Hey man, I love you. You're a great guy," all this stuff. And so LUCAS told me that he walked out to the parking lot and saw MEG, Q, JUSTIN

JONES and JASON COLE sitting in the parking lot in JASON'S truck and that, like, MEG was like whispering in Q's ear and whisper, whispering in JUSTIN'S ear and stuff like that. And LUCAS told me that he thought they were drinking in JASON'S truck in the parking lot because he thought that he saw a liquor bottle in there. Um, so I'm sorry about that. So, um, then at that point is when we talked about that, and then he and I got ready for bed and laid down. Fast forwarding back to where I was a second ago, um, so after JAMES starts calling CARLA, uh, he comes in our room and tells us, you know, "Hey, I've called CARLA," um, "This is what's going on." And so, LUCAS and I were like, okay, well, um, you know, if we need to talk to her or whatever, just, just let us know. Um, you know, we'll, I mean, we're here, obviously, and we know, we know what's going on. And so, we sat in the room for a little bit and just kinda hung out. Um, at some point, JAMIE CRAFT came into our room, and he was telling us -- us being LUCAS and me -- that QUAMERE was like, was threatening to fight him and was just acting crazy and just, like incredibly mad and angry. Um, and was just kinda going nuts. And so, JAMIE stayed in there in our room for a little while before, I think, RICHARDSON came in there and said that he had been talking to Q and got him calmed down and that JAMIE could go back to his room. And so, LUCAS and I laid down again to try to go to sleep. And, I have no idea how long we laid down, but it probably wasn't very long. But LUCAS got a phone call from JAMES RICHARDSON asking, asking LUCAS if he would come out and help kinda keep an eye on QUAMERE. Because QUAMERE was talking

to CARLA, but he was walking around in the dark over by that pond by the, the barracks.

FM: Mm hmm.

EW: And so LUCAS goes out there, and I got up too just to kinda see if there was anything I could help with. And so, JAMIE CRAFT and I stood there kinda by my door and by MEG and KAREN'S door just kinda trying to make sure that nobody needed anything and that, you know, QUAMERE and MEG didn't have any interaction or anything like that. So, we stayed out there. I have no idea what time it was, and I have no idea how long we stayed out there, but it was a little while. And eventually, uh, JAMES and LUCAS walked QUAMERE back down to -- QUAMERE and JAMIE are roommates -- so they walked QUAMERE back down to QUAMERE and JAMIE'S room. And then at that point, JAMIE goes back down there, and LUCAS and I go into our room and lay down for what was the final time until the next day.

FM: Okay. So, MEGAN never, you said she was hysterical and crying and whatever, did she say why she was crying and hysterical?

EW: Not at first. It took me a while --

FM: Mm hmm.

EW: -- to get her to tell me why she was crying. Uh, and that was when she told me, finally, that Q had touched her. But yeah, in, in the beginning when I first went in there, she was just crying. She really wasn't talking to me. She just was kinda, for lack of a better word, just, just rambling about being embarrassed, and feeling

like she was taken advantage of, and just kinda talking in circles through that kinda stuff.

FM: Was she, in your opinion, was she intoxicated?

EW: Yes.

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

EW: Uh, no sir. Not that I can –

FM: Okay.

EW: – think of.

FM: Time now is 6:17 p.m. I'm gonna turn the tape recorder off.

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SPEAKWRITE 05/19/2021



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Chris Hosey  
Deputy Director for Investigations

THRU: Terry Howard  
Inspector

THRU: Bill Bodrey  
Special Agent in Charge

FROM: Eric White  
Special Agent  
GBI Region 1

DATE: May 13, 2021

RE: Eric White Statement, 5/12/21 Incident *EW*

On Wednesday, May 12, 2021, Quamere Rooks, Stephen Pendergrass, Jason Cole, Justin Jones, Brandon Crocker, Megan Hirsch, and I went to El Tejado Mexican restaurant for dinner after class. Meg and Quamere began drinking heavily at dinner. After dinner, Meg suggested we all go to Fox City Brewing Company. Everyone except for Brandon Crocker went to Fox City Brewing Company. We went to Fox City Brewing Company and stayed there for approximately two and a half hours. Megan and Quamere were drinking heavily ~~at~~ Fox City. When we all left, Stephen Pendergrass and I left together while the rest of the group was still in the parking lot at Fox City.

Upon returning to GPSTC, Stephen went into his room. I came into my room and spoke with my roommate, Lucas Beyer. I told Lucas that Quamere and Meg had done a lot of drinking tonight, and that we might have to make sure that they get up for PT session in the morning. I also mentioned to Lucas that Quamere had made a comment to me that he wished he could go see his wife. I then went to the room of Matt Pearce and Charlie Johnston.

I stayed in there for a few minutes because Charlie was teaching several people how to pick locks. When I returned to my room, Lucas told me that he had called Quamere, and that Quamere sounded very intoxicated. Lucas stated that Quamere was in the parking lot, and Lucas had walked to the parking lot to check on Quamere. Lucas told me that he observed Meg, Quamere, Justin, and Jason sitting inside of a vehicle. Lucas said that he observed Meg whispering in the ears of Quamere and Justin. I then got ready for bed and laid down. Shortly after lying down, I heard Meg's door shut. Meg's room is adjacent to mine and Lucas' room. I suggested to Lucas that we got check on Meg and warn Meg's roommate, Karen Wilbanks, that Karen may have to stay with Meg in the morning to make sure that Meg gets up for PT.

James Richardson was standing outside of our room when we opened the door. Lucas and I told James what we were going to do, and James stood there with us while I knocked on Meg's door. Karen answered the door. We asked Karen if Meg was okay, and Karen said that she was.

We told Karen to try to make sure that Meg wakes up for PT in the morning, and Karen said that she would and shut the door. We stood outside of our rooms for another few seconds talking, and then Karen opened the door and asked that I step inside of her room.

I walked into the room and observed Meg to be sitting on her bed crying hysterically. Karen stayed inside of the room while I talked to Meg. I asked Meg what was wrong, and she had a difficult time articulating to me what was going on. She was crying the entire time that we spoke. Over the course of several minutes, Meg had told me that she was embarrassed by what had happened to her. Meg told me that she did not want anyone to find out. Meg told me that she did not want to tell her boyfriend what happened to her because she was afraid of what he would think. During this time, I was attempting to get Meg to tell me what had happened to her that caused her to be so upset. Meg was reluctant to talk to me at first, but she eventually looked at me and said, "It was Q." Q is Quamere's nickname.

I asked Meg what Quamere had done, and she stated that Quamere had gotten too handsy with her. I asked Meg if she could explain to me how Quamere touched her, and she only stated that he touched her in a way that made her feel uncomfortable. Meg stated that this happened while only Meg and Quamere were sitting inside of Quamere's vehicle. After talking with Meg for several minutes, I suggested that we should call Carla Dutton and report what had happened to Meg. Meg was very reluctant to do this because she did not want anyone to know what had happened to her. Meg expressed to me that she was afraid that our classmates and her coworkers would look at her negatively if she talked to Carla about what happened with Quamere.

After speaking with Meg for several minutes, I left the room to give her some time to compose herself. After leaving Meg's room, I spoke with James Richardson. I told James that we had an issue with Meg, and that we would need to talk to Carla about it. Karen then opened the door again and asked me to come back inside. I went back inside the room and spoke with Meg again. Karen also remained inside the room. Meg was still crying hysterically and was talking to me about how her boyfriend had called her, and she did not know what to do. After talking with Meg for a few more minutes about the situation, she asked if James Richardson could come into the room. Karen opened the door and asked that James enter the room.

Once James was inside the room, I told James that Meg had told me that Quamere had touched Meg in an inappropriate manner earlier that made Meg feel uncomfortable. James asked Meg what happened, and Meg did not want to talk about the issue again at first. James eventually convinced Meg to talk to him about the situation, and Meg stated that Quamere had pulled his penis out. Meg stated that Quamere did not force her to do anything with his penis, but that he pulled it out and showed it to her. Meg stated that she felt very uncomfortable with this. Meg stated that Charlie Johnston approached Quamere's vehicle right as this happened. Meg stated that she used this opportunity to get out of the car and go to her room.

#### Statement of Eric White

Stephen Penningross and I rode together from El Tejado to Fox City, and from Fox City to GPSTC. I drove both times. I do not know exactly how many drinks Meg and Q had. I know they both drank a margarita at the restaurant. They each had several mixed drinks at Fox City.


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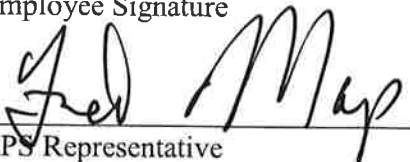
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