




MEMORANDUM

TO: Chris Hosey
Deputy Director for Investigations

THRU: Terry Howard
Inspector

THRU: Bill Bodrey
Special Agent in Charge

FROM: Lucas Beyer
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DATE: May 13, 2021

RE: Lucas Beyer Statement, 5/12/21 Incident

Following the dismissal of class on Wednesday May 12, 2021, I, Lucas Beyer, returned to my dorm room, room 112, in order to change out of my business attire and into casual clothing. Also in the room was my roommate, Eric White. He advised that he was going to dinner at a local Mexican restaurant with others from class and asked if I wanted to go with. I declined the invitation. After Eric departed, I went and had dinner at the GPSTC cafeteria.

At approximately 6:15PM, I briefly departed the campus and traveled to the Royal Seven gas station in Forsyth in order to purchase a soda and a snack. I also had several dollars broken into change so that I could do laundry upon my return to the campus. Other than the gas station, I made no other stops.

Upon returning to campus, I went to the laundry room and started a load of laundry. I returned to my dorm room and began working on my homework assignment for the following day.

Sometime between 8:00PM and 8:15PM, Eric returned to the room. He began telling me that some of our classmates that he went to dinner with that evening had gotten quite intoxicated. He explained to me that when they finished dinner at the Mexican restaurant, the group (Eric White, Stephen Pendergrass, Jason Cole, Justin Jones, Quamere Rooks, and Megan Hirsch) decided to go to Fox City Brewing in Forsyth in order to have a few beers. According to what Eric relayed to me, Quamere Rooks and Megan Hirsch consumed a lot of whisky at the Brewery and that they were both "trashed". At one point, Eric mentioned that Quamere had expressed a desire to travel home to see his wife. I asked Eric if Quamere was back on campus. Eric advised that he was not sure if Quamere was back or not and he stated that, when he left the brewery, Quamere was with classmate Justin Jones.

At that time, I went to the room of James Richardson and Justin Jones. I asked James if Justin had returned yet. He advised that he had not. I then explained to James what Eric had told me about the entire dinner and drinking episode. At that time, I was not very concerned about it and

James and I joked that we would just have to ensure that people got up for PT the following morning. I did decide to call Quamere just to make sure that he wasn't driving or planning on going home. I called Quamere at 8:28PM. I was located in James' room and James was present for the call. I put the call on speakerphone so he could hear. We could both tell from his slurred speech that he was intoxicated. Quamere advised that he was in the GPSTC parking lot with "other people" and he asked me to come see him. After I hung up the phone, James and I moved towards the parking lot.

At approximately 8:35PM, James and I arrived at the parking lot. I saw Jason Cole standing beside his truck and smoking. As I got closer, I saw Megan Hirsch in the front passenger seat, Justin Jones in the rear passenger side seat, and Quamere Rooks in the rear drivers-side seat. James Richardson and I approached the truck and we stood and chatted with the group for a few minutes. My intent for going out there was simply to make sure that everyone was ok. At the time that I got to the group, I was able to see that Megan and Quamere were very intoxicated but that everyone appeared to be in a good mood and that people were laughing and joking. In addition, I observed a glass bottle of what I believed to be whisky and a bottle of Coca Cola sitting on the front armrest of the truck. I observed Megan, Quamere, and Jason drinking from both bottles. I was offered the bottles several times but I declined. After about 5 minutes of talking with them, I told the group to be careful and left. James had previously departed after he had told them not to be late for PT. I returned to my room and finished my laundry, my homework, and I tried to go to bed.

After that point, I am not fully aware of what transpired, nor do I have a recollection of the timeline. I know that Megan eventually came back to her room and that Eric and I could hear her crying. This caused us to get out of bed and open our dorm door. I saw Quamere wandering up and down the breezeway acting extremely agitated. Jamie Craft, who is Quamere's roommate, had been off campus with his family for most of the evening. He had recently returned, and he was also in the breezeway and James Richardson was telling Jamie that Quamere was drunk, and he asked him to keep an eye on him. For some reason, Quamere got verbally aggressive with Jamie. I witnessed no physical aggression nor was I told of any physical aggression.

I also know that, around 10:00PM, Eric was asked by Megan's roommate, Karen Wilbanks, to come into their room and speak with Megan. This conversation went on for an extended period of time and eventually James Richardson also went into the room and eventually decided to contact the training cadre. Eric did not disclose the full details of the conversation with me, but he did advise that Megan told him that "something" happened between her and Quamere. It did not seem like any solid details had been established but it was more than enough to contact the cadre.

The next hour or two seemed to involve Quamere being angry with several people, Jamie Craft was not comfortable being in a room with him and stayed in my room, and Megan remained in her room. Eventually, I went outside to where Quamere, James Richardson, and Justin Jones were and tried to speak with Quamere. I believe he had just finished speaking on the phone with Carla Dutton when I approached him. He essentially collapsed on me and began crying on my shoulder. He kept repeating that he didn't do anything and that he was tired of everything being stacked against him. I convinced him to come inside, and I escorted him to James Richardson's room. It was around 12:30AM at this point and Quamere was still very intoxicated and was having difficulty walking so I supported most of his weight as we walked. I stayed with him and tried to calm him down while we waited for the cadre to arrive. Eventually they came, Quamere met them in front of the dorms, and I returned to my room.

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Employee Signature

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OPS Representative

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