

TELEPHONE INTERVIEW WITH BRIAN WHITE

Okay, today's date is Friday, May 21, 2021. Time has 10:42am. This is DIRECTOR FRED MAYS in the GBI OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS and I am speaking with SPECIAL AGENT BRIAN WHITE. He is a SPECIAL AGENT with the GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS. He is currently attending 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 WHITE, I have a statement here that you wrote up through the Chain of Command to our DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR INVESTIGATIONS, CHRIS HOSEY, dated May 13, 2021, in reference to the events on May 12, 2021. Is there anything you want to change, add, or delete to that statement?

BW: No, sir.

FM: Okay. So, you are with the GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, is that correct?

BW: Yes, sir.

FM: Okay. How long have you worked for GDC?

BW: I've worked with GDC for approximately 7 years.

FM: Okay. Alright, and on May 12, 2021, there was an incident, several incidents that happened dealing with two of our agents. And basically, I think you in your statement said that you didn't leave campus that night and that you met up with, is that CHARLIE JOHNSTON?

BW: Yes, sir.

FM: Okay. I think you said it was around 6:30pm.

BW: Yes, sir.

FM: Alright. And, y'all were in CHARLIE'S room talking and ERIC WHITE came to the room after coming back from dinner, and – basically, briefly tell me what he told y'all.

BW: Um, – *(coughs)* excuse me – he told us that, you know, that everybody had went out. I think they, they, I'm, I think he told us about going to the Mexican restaurant, and then they'd left there and went to the, the, uh, Fox's Brewery, or whatever the name of the place is. I'm not quite sure of the name of the place; I haven't been. And that, you know, everybody, a lot of the people started, um, drinking; some of them started drinking heavier, heavier than others. Um, that, uh, SPECIAL AGENT ROOKS told them several times that he just wanted to go home to see his wife. Um, and they pretty much had to tell him, you know, he couldn't go and everything else. He wanted to go home to see his wife, though, for, um, I guess, uh, for, for sexual purposes. And that's, uh, pretty much it. You know, and he just kinda told us, you know, about them drinking that night at the, Fox's Brewery.

FM: Okay. Did he say who was drinking more so than others?

BW: Uh, he, he did not. Um, I think he said that, you know, that he had had, I think he said he had had one drink. I think, you know, but he said, because he didn't wanna be involved with all the heavy drinking.

FM: Mm hmm. Okay. Alright. And the next morning, MATTHEW PEARCE told you some stuff that had happened. But I've already talked to him. So, but you had no personal knowledge of –

BW: The incident? No.

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FM: Okay. Alright. Okay, sir. Anything else you wanna say before I turn the tape recorder off?

BW: No, sir.

FM: Alright. The time now is 10:46am. I'm gonna turn the tape recorder off.

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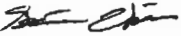


MEMORANDUM

TO: Chris Hosey
Deputy Director for Investigations

THRU: Terry Howard
Inspector

THRU: Bill Bodrey
Special Agent in Charge

FROM: Brian White 
Special Agent
GDC

DATE: May 13, 2021

RE: Brian White Statement, 5/12/21 Incident

On Tuesday, May 12, 2021 Charlie sent several people a group text asking if we wanted to hang out and throw a frisbee on the track. I met up with Charlie roughly around 6:30 pm and with him until roughly 9:30pm. Around 8:30pm we were in Charlie's room talking when Eric White came back from dinner discussing what all happened over dinner. Eric stated several people went to Mexican and then went to Fox's. While at Fox's several people started to drink and some started drinking heavier than others. Eric Stated the Rook's became very intoxicated wanted to go home and several people talked him out of it. During the conversation Matthew Pierce came into the room and we began talking about his night. Between 9:00pm and 9:30pm I left Charlie's room and went back to my own room.

This morning after breakfast Matthew told me that not long after I left the room Rook's came back and knocked on their door stating he need to talk to Charlie. Rook's came inside the room and started to act strange and that is when Justin came into the room and got Rook's out of the room. Rook's then continued to knock on their door several times until midnight and wanting a confrontation with Charlie but did not know what it was about.