

**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS
INVESTIGATIVE CASE SUMMARY**

IA-2022-30

On June 17, 2022, at approximately 5:58 PM, SA TENNELL was located at 2100 Kings Chapel Rd, Perry, GA., McEver Probation Detention Center, to conduct an interview with SGT CHRISTOPHER BENTLEY. The following is a summary of the interview for full interview refer to the recording attached to this ACISS report.

SGT BENTLEY has worked for the Dept. of Corrections for approximately 8 years. He has worked at Baldwin SP, Dodge SP, Dooly SP, and McEver since 2019.

He has been an SGT since 2018.

SGT BENTLEY stated that on June 5, 2022, at approximately 3:30 am, he was conducting a perimeter check at the facility and he discovered the writing on the wall. He said he walked by it and seen it and came back to the writing and rubbed his hand on the writing. He thought it was a pen writing on the wall. He stood back and took a picture of it. He then walked into the back gate and checked the armory and checked everything in there. He came out of the armory and walked up towards his car. He did not notify anyone that morning of the writing on the wall. He said he should have though. He is not sure why he did not notify anyone of the writing when he found it. He stated he stayed and looked at the writing on the wall for approximately 2-3 minutes. He said the writing on the wall had "SGT MILK AKA SGT MARSHALL and CO HILL" was at the bottom of it. SGT BENTLEY stated that he hoped the CO HILL did not write it on the wall.

SGT BENTLEY stated that he had heard about the incident with SGT MARSHALL and CO HILL. He heard about the incident from SGT WEBB. He stated that he did not hear it from CO HILL or SGT MARSHALL.

SGT BENTLEY stated the next shift, he always checked the back gate. He texted LT WALLING to see if he knew about the writing. He told LT WALLING that he had found some writing on the wall. He walked down the the wall where the writing was and took another picture of it and sent it LT WALLING. The time he notified LT WALLING was approximately 7:30 PM. SGT BENTELY told LT WALLING about the writing on the wall.

SGT BENTLEY has known SGT MARSHALL since he was a CO II. He denied knowing SGT MARSHALL outside of work.

SGT BENTLEY was not sure if CO HILL is the one who wrote it on the tool shed.

SGT BENTLEY asked if we knew who wrote it on the wall.

SGT BENTLEY denied that he wrote it on the wall and he just rubbed the writing.

SA TENNELL asked if he would be willing to take a polygraph and he stated he would if he had too.

SA TENNELL told him that he, SGT BENTLEY, wrote it on the wall. SA TENNELL told him that he watched the video.

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SA TENNELL talked to SGT BENTLEY, and he denied writing it at first, then finally admitting to writing it on the wall. He stated that it was a stupid thing to do.

SA TENNELL asked SGT BENTLEY "Why he did it" and he stated he did not know why he did it and repeated it was a stupid thing to do.

SGT BENTLEY denied that SGT MARSHALL had anything to do with it.

SGT BENTLEY wrote on a statement form that he had wrote "SGT MILK aka SGT MARSHALL CO HILL" on the wall of the tool shed at McEver PDC.

The interview concluded at 6:22 p.m. For further details, refer to the recording of this interview which was captured using a digital recorder. That recording will be saved electronically in ACISS. The Employee Responsibilities Form signed and dated June 17, 2022, will be placed in a case file and a digital copy will be saved electronically in ACISS. No further action was taken at that time.

ATTACHMENTS:

Audio recording of interview

Signed Employee Responsibility form

Employee statement form written by SGT BENTLEY

ID DATA:

SGT CHRISTOPHER BENTLEY

Employee ID #: 01023287

MICHAEL TENNELL : 6/21/2022

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