



available, and stated he would attempt to copy the recording from approximately 1235 hours to approximately 1245 hours (system time).

#### REVIEW OF 911 CALLS:

I had requested a review of 911 calls that came to the police department at the time of the incident. In addition to James Hughes' phone call, there was one female caller from [REDACTED]. I reviewed the recording and noted she did not indicate she had observed the assault.

At 1:15 pm on 12/26/13, I made contact with the caller, who identified herself as Sarah Weiss. Weiss stated she had not observed the incident. She stated she was walking down S. University and saw a guy doubled over. She stated she asked if he needed anything and called 911.

Weiss stated that possibly her sister, Rachel, could have seen something at the tail end, and had been walking ahead. She stated her sister believed he had fallen down.

At approximately 1120 am, on 12/26/13, I made telephone contact with Rachel Weiss. Rachel stated she had not observed what had occurred, other than hearing someone had fallen down and someone started a fight.

She stated she had heard from people in the area that one subject was walking with a megaphone, he was drunk and then fell, and people started kicking him. She stated she saw an ambulance pull up.

#### DISPOSITION:

Supplement to the original report.

### CASE REPORT

**Det. Monroe**

This is a non-priority follow-up to Case # 13-58729. Time of 1505 hours. Date of 01/17/14. Reporting Officer Monroe, Badge # 500. Incident type: Assault.

#### INTERVIEW WITH ERIK GUNDERSON:

I attempted in-person contact with Gunderson at his residence at approximately 2:30 pm on 01/17/14. I made contact with his mother, who provided me with a cell number for him. She informed me that he resides on campus, and would be traveling to Ohio this date.

I inquired from Mrs. Gunderson as to if she was aware of the situation. She stated she was aware of the incident. She informed me that her son told her he was just trying to calm Taylor down.

She made telephone contact with Erik, I spoke momentarily with him, informing Gunderson I would return a call to him on my cell phone.

Detective Warner and I returned to our detective vehicle, at which time I spoke with Gunderson by telephone. I asked Gunderson to explain what had occurred that night.

#### GUNDERSON'S STATEMENT:



I initially informed Gunderson that I had a video recording of the incident, I stated I knew much of what had occurred, and was filling in some of the details and wanted his perspective.

I asked Gunderson if he had been wearing a yellow tank top that night, he stated he has one, but wasn't sure if he was wearing it that night. I informed him that I believed he was wearing it from the recording. Gunderson stated he had initially been walking west towards Charlie's, possibly coming from the Blue Leprechaun or Study Hall (bar). He stated he was with Taylor Lewan, Mike Schofield, and some "random" other people. He also recalled he was with Taylor Lewan's brother.

He stated "we" started yelling at a group of people as they walked by, Ohio State fans, and they were yelling at us. He stated it was back and forth. He described it as "just talking crap."

Gunderson stated he turned around, and one person had been on the ground. He turned back around, and then tried to find his girlfriend.

I informed Gunderson that I wanted to review more details with him, and inquired about the subjects being Ohio State fans.

He stated they were "talking crap," and wearing red, so it was easy to figure out who they were.

He stated he turned around, and he was there, referring to the guy on the ground, with Gunderson stating he (Gunderson) came back afterwards, after he had found his girlfriend, and saw the cops there.

I explained to Gunderson that I had him well in the mix of things from the recording I was watching, it appeared things went more east of the Brown Jug, and that I was attempting to get additional surveillance recordings from businesses in that area. I asked Gunderson to explain further his involvement and what he had observed.

Gunderson repeated again that they were talking crap, going back and forth. He stated he does not know which group started it. He stated he told his group "Let's go," stating to me that they had better things to do.

He described the bantering back and forth as "fuck you man" and "screw you guys." He stated he was concerned it would be escalated to far.

Gunderson stated he grabbed his group and said "Let's go," and then turned around and walked back.

Gunderson stated he then went back, and saw the one subject on the ground, and did not see what happened.

Gunderson described Lewan's brother as talking most of the crap, and getting in someone's face, and it was getting heated.

I told Gunderson that he may possibly have to testify under oath and wanted to make certain that he could not be charged with any type of criminal offense, also explaining to him that he did not want to be involved in any problem because of someone else's decision.

I asked Gunderson if at any time he saw Taylor have physical contact with anyone. He stated he did not. He stated the whole thing only lasted 30 seconds.

Gunderson again stated he said "Let's go," and then saw a guy on the ground. I asked where the guy was located on the ground; he stated he was by the curb by Pancho's.





Gunderson stated that as they were walking west, the other group came around from the corner, and they were going past the Jug. He stated he said "Let's go," making reference to me probably knowing Taylor gets very aggressive. He stated he wanted Taylor to keep it on the football field. He stated he was worried about it getting physical, because the back and forth was not stopping.

I asked Gunderson who listened to him and kept going. He stated, "Pretty much no one."

I reviewed with him as to who was with his group. He stated Taylor's brother, Michael Schofield, and then stated "that was pretty much it." I asked about someone named Nick, and he stated one of Lewan's friends named Nick may have been there at that time. I asked him what was occurring when people were not listening to him. He stated, "More yelling."

I asked him specifically what Taylor said about what happened. He stated Taylor told him that his brother had hit the guy, with Gunderson stating to me that he didn't honestly want to know.

I asked Gunderson, if the recording showed him right in the mix of everything, what he was doing. He stated he grabbed Taylor. I asked about Schofield, and he stated he was not concerned about him. He stated he was worried about Taylor, because he is a "loose cannon," said he lived with the guy. He stated Taylor does not look for trouble, but seems to find trouble. He stated he grabbed him when he turned back around. He stated he then kept walking.

Gunderson described Taylor's brother as doing most of the yelling, and he (Gunderson) wanted to get Lewan away. He stated he was sure Taylor would go back to protect his brother.

I again asked what was occurring that caused him to say "Let's go," and I informed him that I believed he was telling me that it was not just friendly talk. He stated he thought "We need to keep moving, we don't need to be around it. Just like other team members." He stated that as the back and forth continued, in the back of his mind he thought "we don't need this, we have bigger fish to fry."

I asked if he knew how the guy got on the ground, and he stated he did not see it.

He again stated Taylor said his brother hit him, and then the article came out during the bowl game, with the article saying two people were on the ground.

I requested Gunderson to contact me the following day, prior to my report being finalized, to review as to whether he could recall any additional information.

My interview with Gunderson ended at approximately 3:00 pm.

#### ATTEMPT CONTACT WITH SCHOFIELD:

At approximately 3:02 pm on 01/17/14, I left a telephone contact for Schofield to call me.

#### DISPOSITION:

Supplement to the original report.

### **CASE REPORT**

**Ofc. Monroe**

Incident #13-58729. Time of 1100 hours. Date of 1/24/14. Reporting: Officer Monroe, Badge 500.

Incident Type: Aggravated Assault.

FOLLOW-UP CONTACT WITH ERIK GUNDERSON:

On 1/18/14, Gunderson informed me that his mother and he wanted to meet with me to review the information that he had provided to me. He inquired about meeting on 1/19 or 1/20, with me requesting he meet on my first day back to work on 1/21/14.

After attempting phone contact with Gunderson on 1/20 and early on 1/21, I was able to reach him by telephone at 3:00 pm on 1/21/14.

Gunderson stated the reason he wanted to meet was that he had spoken with Schofield, after I left a telephone message for Schofield, and Schofield told him that he was not even there at the time. He stated he thought Schofield was there, but Schofield said he had left earlier.

Gunderson stated he believes he was mistaken in providing me with that name. He stated he wanted to provide that information to me, and it was the reason he wanted to meet.

I asked Gunderson if there was any additional information or any clarification he needed to make regarding his prior statement. He stated he did not, and that his statement was accurate to the best of his recollection. He again indicated to me that he had been drinking that night.

CONTACT WITH ATTORNEY VINCENT PORTER (MICHAEL SCHOFIELD):

At approximately 5:30 pm on 1/17/14, I had received a telephone call from Porter after I left a telephone message for Schofield. I spoke with Porter at 9:50 am on 1/23/14.

Porter stated he had spoken with Schofield, and Schofield stated he was not present with Taylor when the incident had occurred. He stated Schofield said he had been with Taylor at the Brown Jug, but left prior to any problems.

I informed Porter that I would be able to likely confirm whether Schofield was present based on a video recording. I also informed him that I believed Lewan was arriving to the Brown Jug shortly before the incident had occurred, and I was not clear when Schofield had contact with him at that restaurant.

Porter stated he would speak further with Schofield to have a complete accounting of the timeframe and his whereabouts that date. I also inquired from Porter as to whether Schofield knew of any subjects who were present when the incident had occurred.

FOLLOW-UP CONTACT FROM RYAN MUNSCH:

Munsch had forwarded a Twitter message to me believing that a University of Michigan student by the name of Joe Christie may have additional information regarding a different assault involving Taylor Lewan. I made telephone contact with Christie on 1/23/14.

CONTACT WITH JOE CHRISTIE:

Christie informed me that the incident was not related to the December incident. Christie stated he believed it was the University of Michigan versus Iowa game. He stated the incident had also occurred near Score Keeper's Bar.

Christie again repeated that the incident was nothing, and it was quickly broken up, with the police being in the area. He stated no one wanted to pursue anything.