

LEWAN'S STATEMENT:

Lewan informed me that he had been in a bar, when a guy said he hit him. He stated he went out to talk with the officers.

At that point, I asked Lewan if he could provide more details to me concerning his activities. I informed him I realized he had played in the football game earlier this date, I had worked the game, and I asked him about activities afterwards.

Lewan made reference to a pregame party, and clarified that the party had occurred after the game. He stated his brother Bryce (Lewan), a buddy, Nick Bennett, and his girlfriend Alex Dileo had all gone downtown to South University in a cab. He stated a Michael Scofield had also been there, and maybe a couple of others. He stated the cab was packed.

Lewan stated that while getting out of the car, he had started paying for the cab, being the only person with money. He stated Nick and his brother were getting into it with someone. He stated they pulled his brother away, and pulled Nick away. Lewan stated he goes into the bar. He stated "I'm intoxicated," but describes his intoxication level as not ridiculous.

Lewan explained that pushing and shoving had occurred, and possibly "fuck you" was said and exchanged. He stated he is the captain of the football team, and is used to it.

He stated his brother, Bryce, is not used to having his brother criticized or abused, and described him as approximately 6 foot 2 and 195 pounds. I asked about Bennett's size, he stated he is 6 foot 5, 220 pounds, but described him as a soft, skinny guy. He described his brother as getting puffy and putting his chest out.

Lewan stated that after separating the subjects, he went into the Brown Jug, and 10 to 15 minutes later, heard his name out there that he had assaulted someone. He stated he decided to go out there. He stated he went to the area of Pancheros restaurant, and one of the guys said it was him. He stated then he heard someone say "maybe it was." He stated when someone said that's the guy, he thought, "What's going on here?"

Lewan heard the officer said "so he...", then someone said it could have been, and then someone was saying they weren't sure.

Lewan stated he did not strike or hit anyone, and the only time he had physical contact with anyone was separating people who were involved in the confrontation with his brother and Nick (Bennett).

I then drew a diagram, showing the location of the Brown Jug, Pancheros restaurant, and other businesses right in the area. He stated the incident had occurred in front of the Pancheros restaurant, and that they had stopped the cab in that location.

Lewan again explained that when someone says "Taylor Lewan, go fuck yourself," it doesn't mean anything to him having played football here and with the existing rivalries. He stated he did not assault anyone, and only grabbed his brother and Nick, pulling them by the collar. He again stated he is a captain of the football team, and is aware of his responsibilities.

As Lewan continued, he stated he could have pushed someone, but had no intent to harm. He stated the



only reason he put his hands on anyone was to tell his brother and Bennett "Let's go." He stated there was no hitting.

I asked Lewan about his intoxication level, and if it's possible that he didn't remember all of the details or having struck someone. He stated his memory was good as far as what he did, he stated he never used an open fist or a closed fist to hit anyone. He stated he was not drunk, and was functional. He stated was speaking from memory.

Lewan continued by stating he remembers his brother "bulling up" to three guys, saying "Come on, let's go," and remembers pushing and shoving. He stated its possible one guy might have fell, and he remembers a guy getting up.

I asked Lewan about other subjects getting involved, other than his brother and Nick Bennett, or himself. He stated it's possible others were involved, but he was only focused on them.

I asked Lewan if I could contact his brother, and obtain his statement while he was still present with me so that the statements would be independent. He provided his brother's telephone number to me. My preliminary interview with Lewan ended at approximately 3:42 pm.

I initially attempted to make telephone contact with Bryce, and then had Lewan contact him with his cell phone. I was able to speak with Bryce at approximately 4:02 pm, initially speaking with him on Lewan's phone, and then switching to an office phone for clarity.

BRYCE LEWAN'S STATEMENT:

Bryce stated they arrived at the Brown Jug, and hung out. He stated one of the Ohio State guys fell, and he was intoxicated. He stated he probably tripped, and he did not know the specifics.

He stated he and his buddy were laughing and pointing at him, was making reference to Ohio State, but were not being too serious. He stated that the guy got up, and he (Bryce) was being rude.

As Bryce continued, he stated "To be honest, I was being kind of rude." He stated he thinks the fallen guy came at him kind of, "came at me," and "I kinda protected myself."

He stated Taylor then saw him, probably said, "Oh my brother," and then came out and "pushed him to the ground." He stated Taylor was in the Jug, and "I was hanging out." He stated he appeared, referring to Taylor, and pushed the guy to the ground.

I asked specifically about the first altercation, and if there was a possibility he could have had the first physical contact against the other subject. He stated he could have, but would say, "No" and then added, "But I was egging him on." He stated he (Bryce) was saying, "You suck" and "Ohio State sucks."

He stated the other subject responded by saying "Fuck you," and then came at him, pushing Bryce. He stated he pushed him back, and thinks it escalated from there.

I asked about Nick Bennett, and he responded by stating, "Nothing."

I asked about Taylor assaulting anyone, and he stated there was a little pushing and shoving to separate them, stating, "That's it."

I asked how certain he could be from his vantage point as to whether Taylor had punched someone, with "1" being no possibility, and "10" being he saw Taylor punch someone right in the face. He stated, "3."



He stated it only looked like he threw him to the ground to get him off.

I asked Bryce about his involvement level, and he stated, "I started it." He stated he was, "Giving him shit" for falling down. He stated, regarding the other subject, the physical part, he first put his hands on him (Bryce).

I asked Bryce if he thought a bunch of people were involved, or just the two of them and the Ohio State guys. He stated he thought it was just a select group, and then made reference to Taylor not really being involved, and just to get the guy off.

I asked how physical it became between him (Bryce) and the one subject. He stated there was pushing and shoving, nothing serious. I asked about having observed anyone kicking the subject, and he stated, "No." At that point in the interview I obtained background information from Bryce.

I then asked Bryce how many Ohio State guys were there, and he stated there was the one he was making fun of, and he thinks the other guys were pulling them apart and not becoming involved physically. He stated he does not think they were trying to do physical damage.

I asked if there was any possibility Nick Bennett had become involved one on one with someone. He stated "no, he is not the type." He stated he's pretty sure he would only be involved in breaking it up.

I asked Bryce if he was struck. He stated he never got hit.

I asked if he could tell me what he was wearing that night. He stated he may have been wearing a Michigan letterman jacket, or maybe a flannel.

My telephone interview ended with Bryce at approximately 4:18 pm.

FOLLOW UP WITH TAYLOR LEWAN:

At approximately 4:20 pm, I again spoke briefly with Taylor. I spoke with him concerning Bryce describing Taylor as pushing someone to the ground afterwards. He stated that it was possible.

I informed him that one subject was very specifically stating that after everything had ended, he (Taylor), had physically assaulted him. Lewan stated he did not assault or strike anyone after the subjects were separated.

I spoke with Lewan further about the possibility of taking a polygraph test, regarding punching or striking anyone, other than to separate the subjects involved in the confrontation.

Taylor stated he would want to speak with some subjects about a polygraph test, stating he had some concerns about being nervous, but indicated it may be a possibility.

Our interview with Lewan ended at approximately 6:30 pm.

End of report.

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CASE REPORT

Det. Monroe

This is a non-priority follow up to 13-58729. Time of 1240 hours, date of 12/19/13. Reporting Officer