

Case Synopsis

On 10/21/09 CSUS Police Department received a phone call from [REDACTED] a live in Resident Advisor staff member at the American River Courtyard dormitory, located on the north end of the campus. Molay advised dispatch that there was a subject in room #1032 that was acting violent and throwing things out a first floor window.

CSUS Training Officer Solomon, and his trainee, Officer Lueders responded to the scene. While in route, Officer Solomon called Molay, via cell phone and obtained more information. Officer Solomon requested back up units, and for a unit to deploy a pepper-ball gun. Upon arrival Solomon and Lueders were directed to room #1032.

Upon their arrival they attempted to have the occupants of the room open the door for them. They were accompanied by Molay to the door. Officer Solomon and Molay both heard grunting noises from inside the room. During this time CSUS Officer Matthews had arrived and positioned herself in the courtyard of the complex, where she had a view of the main window into room #1032. She observed a male black adult swinging a baseball bat at something on the floor. She was unable to see what was on the floor. She also advised that Jones appeared to have barricaded himself into the room. CSUS Officer Bautista arrived on scene with a pepper-ball gun and positioned himself at the door to the unit with Officers Solomon and Lueders.

Using a key obtained from [REDACTED] Officer Solomon opened the door to the unit. Once the door was open Officers were able to observe the suspect, later identified as Quran Jones, in the main common area of the unit. All three officers held their positions outside the threshold of the doorway to the room. According to Officer Solomon Jones had a knife and was holding against, and into his check, Solomon stated that Jones had a crazed look in his eyes. Officer Bautista stated that he had seen several holes in the walls of the room. Solomon gave commands to Jones to drop the knife. Jones, after several commands to do so, did not drop the knife. Solomon ordered Bautista to deploy the pepper-ball gun at Jones. Bautista fired at least seven rounds into the chest of Jones with no effect.

Officer Solomon stated that Jones then approached the officers, with the knife in hand. Solomon retreated from the doorway and into the hall. Jones continued his forward advance towards officers. Solomon fired one shot at Jones from less than three feet away, and struck Jones on the abdomen. Jones fell to his knees, and was slowed by the shot, but still continued his forward momentum. Officer Bautista, fearing for the safety of Officer Solomon, fired two shots at Jones, striking him in the

right arm and left buttocks. Jones was taken into custody.

The officers then turned their attention to the interior of the unit, where they observed a male white adult, later identified as Scott Hawkins, laying on the floor, near the north wall of the common area. Hawkins was bleeding from his head and was unconscious. Hawkins was transported to the UCD Med Center, where he was pronounced dead at approx. 1516 hours.

On 10/21/09 Det. Higgins obtained a search warrant for the unit, signed by the Honorable Judge De Alba. A search was conducted of the unit, and several items were located. Among those items was an aluminum baseball bat, a scrap of paper from the trash can. The knife that the suspect was holding at the time of the shooting was located outside of the unit in the hallway near where he was taken into custody. The scrap of paper had several groups of writings on it. Among these was the following:

*"If Quran Muhammed Jones ever dies He Quran Muhammed Jones orders you to put his body in an incinerator so that every atom of his body is burned Away Thankyou"*

On 10/22/09 Det. Englefield attended the autopsy of the victim, at the Sacramento County Coroners office. Dr. S. Fiore conducted the autopsy. Dr. Fiore later told Det. Englefield that the cause of death was blunt force and sharp force trauma. During the autopsy Det. Englefield observed what appeared to be defensive wounds on the left arm and left leg of the victim. Per Dr. Fiore, the injuries found on the victim were consistent with being attacked with a knife, and a bat. Also present on the victim was a large friction burn on the left side of the face near the left eye. Per Dr. Fiore, the injury is consistent with being dragged across a carpet.

CSUS Officer Matthews told SPD Detective Dedonder the following:

*"The call came to OFC Baptista and OFCS Solomon and Lueders. The dispatchers said there was a suspicious person hitting and breaking out the windows. I thought they might need assistance so I advised the dispatcher to put me on the call as well. I was by the Library Quad when I responded to the call and it took me no more than 5 minutes to ride over to the call. This call didn't sound right, especially in the middle of the day. Right before I got there, I heard over the radio that he contacted [REDACTED] who is an R.A for the complex who informed him that the suspect was barricading himself in the room and breaking out the windows. OFC Solomon said he might need more officers. A couple minutes later OFC Solomon and his trainee arrived on scene, as did I. When I got there, some other people, campus staff told me which way to go. They directed me to where OFC Solomon and Lueders went. I went out into the courtyard. I followed Solomon and Lueders and*

saw them at the end of the hallway. [redacted] told me to go outside into the courtyard and cover the broken window to make sure this guy didn't try to escape via the window. I positioned myself outside the broken window and walked towards the window to find out what was going on. Inside the room I saw a black male, skinny, holding a bat. He was hitting the walls. He turned around and was hitting the floor with the bat. His eyes were wide open and one eye was looking one way and the other eye was looking the other way. His tongue was hanging out of his mouth. He looked really strange. The whole time I saw him, he had his tongue hanging out of his mouth."

[redacted], a Resident Advisor in the Dormitory, told Det. Burke the following:

"I went there with [redacted], and we stood about 15-20 feet from the window on the walkway area. There were two other people sitting by us; Sigai (sp) a MB, and Victor a MH or male Filipino. While on the walkway, I could see that both panes of the window were broken out and the screen had been knocked out. The front door was closed and there was a table propped up sideways against it. I heard a male voice mumbling inside for a minute or two, but I couldn't make out what he was saying. I heard someone going through what sounded like the utensils in the kitchen. I could not see anyone. I saw two police officers come in through the courtyard and go in to the door to the left (south/west door) of me and enter the building. A female police officer on a bike came into the courtyard and told us to stand back."

[redacted], a Resident Advisor, told Det. Vigon the following:

"I was with [redacted] right outside the door where this happened today. I was told by The main R.A. [redacted] to watch the door and catch anyone coming outside. All I knew was that some guy was in there breaking the window. While we stood there I heard three noises, one like a carpet tearing or heavy ripping. One like very labored, rough breathing- it was very loud. The other noise was a loud clanging of like free weights being dropped on the ground. I heard that one multiple times, about 5-10 times in a span of 5 minutes. When I first looked the window was already broken. We were in a meeting behind the front desk area. [redacted] came in and told us someone is throwing stuff out a window to the court yard, breaking windows"

[redacted], a staff person at the Housing Office, told Det. Jason the following:

"I work at the Housing Office at Sac State. Today I was giving [redacted] a tour of the American River Courtyard when we observed the disturbance in one of the dorms. Upon walking into the courtyard, I heard glass breaking. We continued to walk into

the complex and saw broken glass from outside of room with [REDACTED]. Through the window with the broken glass, I saw a male black adult in his early twenties. [REDACTED] looked into the window and asked if everything was OK. We could see from outside the window, that there was damage in the room. While looking through the window, I could not see that there was anyone else in the room with the male black adult. At that time, [REDACTED] called the police. The male black adult continued to vandalize the interior of the room, while we made the necessary telephone calls to the authorities. Through the window, I observed what looked to be a folding table that the guy placed against the interior entry door."

[REDACTED], a resident in the dormitory, told Det. Jaspersen the following:

"The first thing we did was we went to the study room on the second floor. There's a study room on every floor. We went to the one on the second floor (the same floor as their room). It's a public study room, but we were the only people in there. We went inside the study room, and from there you could see directly inside his room - the room where the window was broken out. The window was already just a little bit broken, and then there was some more breaking (after they got up there). We heard the glass breaking. From the study room, I was able to see "him" and I also saw him having something in his hand. Most likely it was a bat (in his hand). By "him", I'm referring to the guy I saw through the window. He was probably 5'10", skinny, wearing a dark sweater - navy blue or possibly black, he had a dark complexion - possibly African American, and he had short nappy-type hair. Also, what I saw from there was that he had the bat - or the thing in his hand - and he was bashing it against his own head. The object in his hand was long and thin. I would say it was a baseball bat. It was about this long (holding out his hands about 3' apart). I couldn't hear any yelling or anything. I just saw him hitting his own head. I couldn't see anyone else in the room, just him. After that, we went downstairs and outside into the courtyard. We saw two RA's (Resident Advisors) out there - [REDACTED] (Witness [REDACTED]) and a female one who I've never seen before. They were already out there. Then some more RA's came into the courtyard, maybe 3 or 4 more. I could still see into his room, but I couldn't see him. I could hear all this noise though (coming from the room). I heard the sound of an aluminum bat hitting something a lot of times, and I heard a lot of moving of furniture. I also saw him moving a table to the door as if he was trying to barricade himself inside. I heard some more of the baseball bat hitting something. It sounded like it was hitting something hard. I continued to hear furniture being moved towards the door and the sounds of glass breaking, but it wasn't the window breaking so it must have come from somewhere inside the room. It was just all these noises and sounds of destruction."

[REDACTED] also told Officer M. Moore the following:

"I heard the sounds stop for about 30 seconds. I could hear heavy breathing coming from the room. I then heard more glass breaking. I then heard the sound of the aluminum baseball bat hitting something solid, something very hard. I saw that he was hitting something on the ground, but I could not see what it was. I also heard the sounds of items and things being drug inside the room. I did not hear him yelling at anyone, just breathing like he was upset. I did not see anyone else in the room."

Officer Yasonia, who rode with Q. Jones in the back of the ambulance, had the following statement with him:

Officer: "What is your name?"

Jones: "Jerome."

Officer: "Who is the other guy?"

Jones: "My roommate."

Officer: "What happened?"

Jones: "He shot me first. He shot me first."