

Incident Report # 89435

University of Chamberlin Police Department		Case No: CR-03-1089
Reported On (Date/Time): 09/14/2003, 1:43 pm	Occurred From (Date/Time): 09/13/2003	Occurred To (Date/Time):09/13/2003
Officer Involved: Detective Aaron Doff (#1323)		

SUPPLEMENT – DETECTIVE INTAKE AND CHARGING DECISION

On September 14th I was assigned a possible aggravated sexual assault for review. I reviewed the initial officer's report and contacted both the complainant and the suspect. Both parties provided interviews. After interviewing both parties and reviewing the available evidence, no charges were filed at this time. All supplements and evidence are attached and uploaded into Casebox.	
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SUPPLEMENT – PATROL RESPONSE TO INITIAL REPORT

<p>On September 14th, 2003 at approximately 1:43pm, Officer Peters and Officer Jace were dispatched to a sexual assault report at 175 Philler Street. Dispatch advised the caller, Shannon Wright, reported that there may have been a sexual assault committed against one of her residents. When Officers arrived at the location, they spoke with Shannon who stated that she was a Resident Advisor in a dormitory located on the University of Chamberlin Campus and that one of her residents had come to her the previous night and she was concerned that she may have been sexually assaulted. She stated that the previous night, around 1:30am, Veronica entered the dormitory where Shannon was studying in a common area. She stated that Veronica's hair and clothes seemed disheveled and that she was crying and seemed to be "out of it." She did not say anything to her at that time, but this morning, around 8am, she stated that she went to Veronica's room and that during that time Veronica disclosed to her that the night before "something bad happened" and that an older male student had hurt her. Shannon had encouraged Veronica to call campus police or contact the security guard at the entrance of the dormitory. Veronica had told her that she just wanted to go to bed and try to get some sleep.</p> <p>Shannon stated that about an hour ago she knocked on Veronica's door and there was no answer. She stated she was worried about her and felt that it was her responsibility to call campus PD to make sure that she was OK. When officers knocked on the door, there was no answer but as they were in the hallway a woman, who was later identified as the alleged victim, Veronica L. Salinas (DOB: 7/17/1983) approached. As she approached there was a noticeable smell of alcohol and her eyes appeared red and glassy. She seemed shocked to see us, but agreed to speak to officers briefly. Ms. Salinas stated that she believed she had been sexually assaulted and choked the night before, but that she had not slept all night. Ms. Salinas agreed to contact the University PD the following morning to make an appointment to come to the campus police department and speak with a Detective the following week.</p>	
Officer Involved: Officer Tony Peters (#1784)	Date/Time: 09/14/2003, 1:43 pm

SUPPLEMENT – INITIAL CONTACT WITH COMPLAINANT V. SALINAS

On September 15 th , at 09:42 am I, Detective A. Doff, contacted the number for Vernonia Salinas to set up an interview time and received a generic voicemail and left my name and number with a request for a return call. On September 16 th , at approximately 16:20 I received a return call from Ms. Salinas and she advised that she had received my message about trying to set up an interview time and said that it might not be possible before the end of the week because she had a project that was due in two days. I expressed the importance of addressing the incident as soon as
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possible. She advised she would contact me again tomorrow to schedule something after she had an opportunity to see if she could possibly speak to her professor to delay the project deadline.

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SUPPLEMENT – FOLLOW-UP CONTACT WITH COMPLAINANT V. SALINAS

On September 17th, 2003, Ms. Salinas called back and stated that she could meet with me tomorrow after class, after 2pm, but that she had a mandatory practice with her dance troupe that she was supposed to attend at 5pm. She also mentioned that her father was in town and may come with her to the meeting.

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SUPPLEMENT – STATION INTERVIEW WITH COMPLAINANT V. SALINAS

On September 18th, Ms. Salinas arrived at the Campus police department and at about 15:27, I interviewed the victim at the UCPD in interview room A.

I told Ms. Salinas I would need to get some initial information from her. I asked her to tell me what had happened on the night of September 13th. She said that she was a freshman at UC and had moved here from California in August. She said that she had recently joined a sorority, Sigma Lambda Upsilon Tau, and that there had been a mixer on Saturday night at Corner Bar with a fraternity, Alpha Alpha Alpha. She stated she arrived around 8:30 pm with two other girls from her sorority. She said that earlier in the day there had been a "Chili Cook-Off" with a group of Greek Organizations.

She stated that after arriving at Corner Bar she went to the restroom and that when she was exiting the bathroom at the bar, a male, later identified as Jacob Mason, whom she referred to as Jake, walked by and they recognized each other from earlier that day at the Chili Cook-off.

She stated that they had some mutual friends and that some of the other girls were talking about how cute he was and telling her how he had graduated that previous summer and was going to business school at UC. She remembered one of them saying that her older sister knew him and that she thought he had a girlfriend. They did not have a conversation at the Chili Cook-off. She said she had begun drinking around 10:00 that morning and had consumed approximately 2 beers and a cup of "trash-can punch" that contained unknown alcohol(s) prior to arriving at the bar.

At the bar, she and Jake began a conversation and they decided to do a shot together. While they were doing the shot he asked how old she was and she responded that she had turned 18 that summer. She said that she had not consumed a beverage at the bar or prior to going to the bathroom because she couldn't afford to purchase them and because she was underage, she didn't think they would serve her. She stated that over the course of the next two hours she believes she had about 4 shots and one mixed drink that contained vodka. She stated that when she and Mr. Mason were taking the shots they began to flirt. I asked what type of shot they took, and she responded by telling me that one of them was a "sex on the beach" but that she didn't know what it was made of, but that it tasted "peachy and sweet" and that she couldn't remember the exact name but was called something like "panty drop" or "dropped panties." She said that at some point one of the friends she came with and three males (whom she recognized but only knew them as Johnny, Peter and Eric) joined her and Mr. Mason to do another shot. She said that Mr. Mason suggested they all go back to his house that is located off-campus for an after-party. He said it was just about 8 blocks away and that they could walk. At that time, her friends were not ready to go so Mr. Mason provided her his cell number so that they could connect after the party. Approximately 10 minutes after Mr. Mason departed, he sent her a text message, which she provided to me that stated: "My address is 460 Charter Street. House, lots of ways to party." At 11:02pm she received another text stating, "I have the music started, c u soon!"

She stated that around [10:52pm] she and one of her friends, Amie, agreed to meet the three males at Mr. Mason's house and they all departed Corner Bar. Upon arriving at his house, around approximately 23:20 Mr. Mason greeted them at the door and directed them to where the alcohol was. She said everyone was just hanging out and at some point she and Mr. Mason were sitting alone on the couch and he rested his hand on her thigh. She said that she didn't know what to do so she just left his hand there. He began to become more flirtatious, and she became uncomfortable. Around 12:30 am she was getting tired and wanted to leave but was unable to locate either of her friends and believed they may be hooking up with the other males who were at the house. Mr. Mason offered to walk her to her car because it was located back near the bar, and he didn't think it was a good idea for her to go alone. Ms. Salinas agreed, and they began in the direction of the bar and eventually were able to locate her vehicle after Mr. Mason used a flashlight.

She said when they located her car, she thanked Mr. Mason and he began to walk away. He suddenly turned back around and asked her how old she was. She again told him she was 18 and he stated: "I didn't believe you earlier, you are the sexiest 18 year old I've ever seen." As he spoke to her, he took both his hands and ran them down the sides of her body from her shoulder to her hips. Ms. Salinas became extremely nervous and anxious at this time, and she nervously asked how old he was. He responded: "I don't think you want to know how old I am." Ms. Salinas allegedly said "yes I do." At that time, according to Ms. Salinas, she told the suspect that she had to go home because her roommate would be waiting for her, and she stepped towards her driver's car door.

As she tried to open the car door, she said that Mr. Mason stepped in front of her and blocked her from opening the car door. She stated that her car only has two doors, so there was no way to reach for a back door. She said he stated that she had "nice tits." The victim became even more anxious and uneasy, because he was blocking her from leaving. She stated her heart was pounding and that she reached for the car door handle and tried to open the door, but he stopped her and said, "No, you should stay. You don't like me? You think I'm ugly." Mr. Mason had his hands on her hips and he continued to block her entry into her car, so she couldn't leave. Ms. Salinas stated that she did not want to be there and didn't know what to do because he was making such inappropriate comments. She began laughing nervously.

I asked her if there was something funny about the comments and she said there wasn't but that when she gets nervous, she sometimes laughs. I asked her why she was nervous speaking to me since I was the police and here to help her. She became quiet and I asked to tell me what she meant when she told the officers that she had been "sexually assaulted" because what she had described was not a crime, just inappropriate and immature behavior and most likely as result of both of their alcohol consumption. The complainant then began to cry and I stated that there was more. I asked her what she did when he put his hands on her hips and she stated that she asked him about his girlfriend, and that Mr. Mason told her "if I had a girlfriend, I wouldn't do this." She stated that he then "grabbed the back of her head and forced it forward, sticking his tongue down her throat." The victim stated she tried to move her dead back away from him, but that Mr. Mason held it so she couldn't move.

When the victim was able to pull away from Mr. Mason, she told him, "I don't think we should be doing this, there are people watching." She clarified that at the time there were people who seemed to be exiting the bar district who were walking down the street. [SLIDE: WHY DIDN'T SAY SOMETHING TO OTHERS] Mr. Mason told her it was fine and continued to block the exit. She said that she told him, "I don't think we should do this" and she explained to me that her sorority had a strict rule about engaging in relations during their first semester and she told Mr. Mason.

Ms. Salinas argued back, that she was an adult and that because he was associated with that particular fraternity it would be fine and he started telling her he wanted to have sex with her and "fuck her really good." He told her they should get in the car and have sex in the back seat. Ms. Salinas stated she told him "no" and stated that is not a good idea. She said he then took her hand and forced it onto his crotch.

The victim stated that she tried to pull away several times and he kept forcing it onto his crotch. Mr. Mason then took his other hand and began forcing it down the front of her shorts, towards her vagina. She continued to say that his

other hand went up her chest and then suddenly his hand pushed her into the car and the next thing she remembers was her pants pulled down and his penis going into her vagina. I asked her if she had told him to stop and she stated that she was coughing and unable to say anything at that point. She said that at one point she remembered saying "you don't want to do that, I am not shaved down there" and that Mr. Mason said "I don't care." She stated that she attempted to turn her body around from a face up position by pushing the back of the car seat with her left hand so that she could move her body away from him. At that point she stated that her body flipped over, and she felt something on her throat, and she stated she completely froze, and her body went limp.

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Date/Time: 09/18/2003, 15:27

SUPPLEMENT – INITIAL INTERVIEW WITH SUSPECT J. MASON

On October 5, 2003 at 3:40pm I called Mr. Mason and left a message on his voicemail. Within 30 minutes he returned my call where he expressed his desire to assist in the investigation.

We were able to schedule a time to meet the following morning. On the morning on Oct 6, 2003, Mr. Mason voluntarily came to the office to speak with me and agreed to be interviewed about the events that occurred on September 13. Our interview began at 9:12am. I started the interview by asking if he Mr. Mason knew why we asked him to come in today. He said "no, not specifically."

I explained to Mr. Mason that we were investigating the events that occurred on the night of September 13 and involved a woman named Veronica Salinas. I asked Mr. Mason if he knew Ms. Salinas and he immediately expressed his concern for her well-being, noting that she was "extremely wasted." I asked Mr. Mason how many alcoholic beverages he had consumed that day and he said that he didn't know exactly but it was at least 7 or 8. He stated that she arrived at his house sometime late that night after they had all partied at a bar. Mr. Marson stated Ms. Salinas was too drunk to drive but she insisted on driving her car home anyway. He knew that her car was located at least 5 blocks away because it was parked by the bar. Since it was dark outside, Mr. Mason stated that he wanted to make sure that she at least got to her car safely.

I asked him what happened then and Mr. Mason paused and said that he "Couldn't remember exactly what happened but that the two of them might have had drunk sex."

I asked Mr. Mason if the sex was consensual and he seemed surprised by my question. He asked if she said it wasn't... "because she really seemed into it even wanting me to choke her." I asked Mr. Mason how he knew that and he explained: "I remember her holding my hands there." I asked what he meant by "there" and I asked him to show me what he meant by that and he demonstrated it for me. I asked if at any point Ms. Salinas asked him to stop and he said "no, never." Mr. Mason also stated that "in fact she was the one on top of me the entire time."

I asked him if she seemed upset at any point and he said "no." He said that when she left she told him "thank you and waved goodbye to him smiling as she drove away." I asked Mr. Mason if there were any other things that he recalled that Ms. Salinas may have done or said when she was on top of him and he provided the addition detail that "she was the one who put his penis inside her."

"If she regrets anything we did, I feel really bad about that."

As we were wrapping up, I thanked him for coming in and asked him if there was anyone else we should be in touch with. He gave me the name and number of the bartender at the Corner Bar who served him and the alleged victim alcoholic shots and noted that he would remember Ms. Salinas ordered the second and third rounds of shots.

Throughout our interview he remained calm and polite.

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SUPPLEMENT – FOLLOW-UP CONTACT WITH SUSPECT J. MASON

On October 19, 2003, Mr. Mason contacted us and asked if he could come by the station as he had a document he wanted to provide us. I told him he could come by anytime and leave it with the clerk. Mr. Mason arrived and provided a copy of a polygraph which indicated no deception. See attached polygraph results.	
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