



PICKENS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

216 C. DAVID STONE ROAD · PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

Incident Report

Communications Report / CAD

Inmate Booking Report

Case S2023-02424

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Status	Approved
Report Type	Incident
Primary Officer	Timothy Striss
Investigator	None
Reported At	06/10/23 17:02
Incident Date	06/10/23 16:45 - 06/10/23 17:05
Incident Code	100IN : INFORMATION
Location	757 KEOWEE BAPTIST CHURCH RD, SIX MILE, SC 29682 (L106 - MILE CREEK PARK)
Zone	1
Beat	
Court	None
Ereferral County	None
Summary Of Incident	
Disposition	C-Administratively Closed
Disposition Date/Time	06/11/23 02:44
Review for Gang Activity	None
Status Indicator	Administratively Closed
Status Change Date	6/10/23
Warrant Obtained?	No

Unspecified

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

WHITTEN, STAN LEE SCOT

[REDACTED]

Vehicles

[REDACTED] SC - (Other)
2012 CHEVROLET SILVERADO
Owner STAN LEE SCOT WHITTEN

Initial Narrative By Timothy Striss, 06/11/23 11:12

On 06-10-2023 I Deputy Striss, Deputy Williamson, and Deputy Genthner were dispatched to Mile Creek Park in Six Mile SC for a fight in progress. Upon arrival I noticed a Blue Jeep pulling a boat which was described as the suspect vehicle. As I exited my patrol vehicle I made contact with a subject identified as Stan Whitten. I activated my body cam and asked what happened. Mr. Whitten stated that the guy talking to Deputy Williamson had hit him and he wanted to press charges. At that time I asked Whitten to start from the beginning. He said that the suspect was behind him as they were trying to leave the boat ramp area. The suspect then started yelling at him to move his vehicle so they could leave. Whitten then said he had gotten out of the truck he was driving and confronted the other person. Whitten stated that it became a heated argument and he then called the driver of the Jeep a ("spick"). At this time Whitten states the suspect came up to him and began arguing more and was pushing him backward then he was hit in the face area. Whitten did have abrasions on his forehead and nose area. EMS was declined. After hearing what Whitten said he advised he was the Chief of Easley Police Department. I did notice a strong smell of alcohol coming from Whitten's person and inquired if he had been drinking. Whitten stated he had a (few) beers. His demeanor throughout the investigation suggested he had a considerable amount of alcohol. He was appearing to nearly fall while at his truck, and then held onto the bed for a considerable amount of time. I did ask the Chief why he would say ("spick") to these people and he said "because I can". After I found out who Whitten represented I called for a supervisor to assist.

While waiting for the supervisor to arrive I went and spoke with the possible suspect and the complainant who was an off duty Park Ranger. The Park Ranger stated that he didn't see any altercations but did hear Whitten screaming at the other people. Vulgar language and racial slurs were being used. He then attempted to deescalate the situation. I then spoke with the other party and he was identified as [REDACTED]. He stated that they asked Whitten if he would pull his truck up so they could leave the boat ramp and Whitten got out of his vehicle and immediately started yelling profanities at them. [REDACTED] also stated that he was calling them all "fucking spicks" and screaming at them. At this time [REDACTED] got down out of the boat and told Whitten to get back away from his boat and family. [REDACTED] also stated that he had 7 children on the boat and they are Hispanic and Whitten would not stop screaming racial slurs at them. He then stated he did attempt to push Whitten back toward his vehicle with his stomach trying to remove Whitten from his family. [REDACTED] stated at no time did he hit Whitten and that he was drunk and when he turned around he fell down. [REDACTED] also stated there was another guy that had a pink shirt on that was helping him make Whitten go back to his truck and was also nudging him backward. [REDACTED] did also give a written statement.

Deputy Genthner did speak to another party that was with Whitten in his truck and his story did not corroborate with the others. Deputy Genthner identified this person as [REDACTED]. Genthner was told that [REDACTED] came toward Whitten's truck and they were arguing and at some point Whitten was on the ground. He was also the boyfriend of Whitten's daughter.

We also spoke with [REDACTED] fiancé. She was identified as [REDACTED]. Ms. [REDACTED] stated that she was cleaning the boat and an intoxicated guy approached them. He was calling them "spicks" and was flashing a badge. At some point another female came up to her and was attempting to hit her, so Ms. [REDACTED] put her arm up to get this female off of her and the other female was struck in the mouth by [REDACTED] forearm. [REDACTED] stated that she believed this to be Whitten's daughter. A written statement was given.

Another person that was involved was identified as [REDACTED]. He was the driver of the Jeep that was with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that Whitten was calling him and others ("spicks") and profanities. He did not see [REDACTED] do anything to Whitten. He did state that there were 7 children on the boat and they were very scared and while Whitten was yelling at them all they were being removed from the boat to take them out if the situation. I did ask for a written statement but [REDACTED] declined. A body cam statement was given.

At this time Lt. Sullivan, Lt. Fricks, and Cpl. Jones arrived. Myself, Deputy Genthner, and Deputy Williamson advised other Deputies of what the situation was. At this time Lt. Fricks went and spoke with Stan Whitten. A short time later Whitten left the area. Lt. Fricks then spoke with [REDACTED] and he then dispersed. Nothing further.

All body cam footage has been downloaded and labeled from my camera.
Nothing further

Supplemental Narrative By Roman Fricks, 06/11/23 00:22

On June 10th 2023, around 18:00 hrs. I Deputy Fricks responded to the Mile Creek Boat Ramp in reference to a disturbance. Officers on scene had requested a supervisor be en route due to an altercation that involved the Easley Chief of Police, Stan Whitten.

Upon arrival I was advised that Mr. Whitten claimed to have been physically assaulted by [REDACTED], and that both parties were still on scene. The officers told me that they had spoken to several bystanders and witnesses that reported seeing Mr. Whitten approach Mr. [REDACTED] at his vehicle shouting profanities at him, and other people with him. They said to the Deputies that Mr. Whitten appeared to be drunk, and was acting aggressive and threatening. No one mentioned seeing Mr. Whitten being assaulted.

I then made contact with Mr. Whitten. He told me that he had an argument with Mr. [REDACTED], and that he was "bulldogged from behind" after he had turned around to walk away. He advised that he did wish to pursue criminal charges against him for the assault. I noticed Mr. Whitten had minor abrasions on his forehead, and the bridge of his nose. At this time I informed him that we would gather statements from all witnesses, but based on what witnesses had told other Deputies on scene, it was very likely that he would be charged with Public Disorderly Conduct. Mr. Whitten hesitated, and seemed to be waiting on my opinion on how to proceed. I told him that no one could change what had happened, and that it might be best to see things as a lesson learned. Mr. Whitten told me he understood what I meant, and agreed to do just that. Earlier during our conversation Mr. Whitten admitted to having some beer, but not to the point of being intoxicated. He stated his wife would be driving home, since she had not consumed any alcohol. Mr. Whitten left at this time.

I then went to speak with Mr. [REDACTED]. I asked him what had occurred, and he told me what witnesses had already reported to other officers. I asked him if he physically assaulted Mr. Whitten, he replied "no". He advised that Mr. Whitten came close enough to him that his belly may have touched him. He stated that Mr. Whitten stumbled and fell to the ground on his own, as he was walking away. I told him that no criminal charges would be made, and that a report would be completed for information purposes only. He was fine with that.

Supplemental Narrative By Tim Williamson, 06/11/23 13:12

On 06/10/2023, I Deputy Williamson arrived on scene at Mile Creek Park in the county of Pickens to assist Deputy Striss with a fight in progress call. Upon arrival I made contact with a male subject who stated that he was involved in the altercation; he identified himself as [REDACTED]. I asked [REDACTED] what took place. [REDACTED] stated that they had pulled their vehicle over to finish getting their boat ready to leave the park. [REDACTED] stated that a male subject started to yell at them from a truck that was parked behind them. [REDACTED] stated that he told the male subject that he was getting ready to finish and that he needed to wait. [REDACTED] then stated that the male subject then got out of his truck and walked up to him while he was standing in the back of his boat along with small kids ranging in age from 1 to 16. [REDACTED] stated that the male subject then started to curse at him and everyone that was in the boat and started to call everyone that was with him "spicks". [REDACTED] stated that he then got off the boat and told the male that he needed to go back to his vehicle and calm down and that he did not need to use racial slurs around the children. [REDACTED] stated that the male subject then said "fuck you" and I'll say anything I want to say because its freedom of speech.

[REDACTED] stated that he then started to use his body weight to push the male subject back to his truck and told the subject that he did not want to fight with him. [REDACTED] stated that the male subject then turned around and fell down. [REDACTED] stated that he never struck the male subject with his hands. I was then informed that when the male subject fell he then stated that he was a police officer and started flashing a badge around. [REDACTED] stated that during the altercation another female got out of the subject's truck and came up to his fiancé, [REDACTED], and attacked her. I then spoke with [REDACTED] and asked her what had taken place. [REDACTED] stated that a female who she believes to be the male subject's daughter got out of the truck she was sitting in and ran up to her and attacked her. [REDACTED] stated that the female scratched her on the stomach. [REDACTED] then said that she put her arms up to defend herself and when she put her arms up that the female was hit by [REDACTED] forearm. I did see a scratch mark on [REDACTED] stomach that was consistent with what she had told me. Deputy Striss then came to me and stated that the male subject that was talking to was identified as Stan Whitten. I was then informed that Whitten was the Chief of police at Easley Police Department. After being advised of that information, I did not speak with Whitten. Lt. Sullivan was then notified about the situation. I then collected written statements from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

Sometime later, Cpl. Jones arrived on scene along with Lt. Sullivan and Lt. Fricks. After their arrival they took over the scene. Nothing further at this time.

Supplemental Narrative By Chris Sullivan, 06/11/23 15:49

On 6-11-2023, I Lt. Sullivan was requested by Deputy Striss to be en route to Mile Creek Park. I received a call from Deputy Striss who advised the incident involved Stan Whitten who is the Chief of Police at Easley. He stated Stan advised he had been assaulted. Due to the incident occurring at shift change I spoke with Lt. Fricks and advised him of the situation. While en route I learned the offender had left the scene. When I arrived on scene, I observed several boats parked along the side of the road. Stan's boat and truck was parked directly behind the boat and truck belonging to the other person involved. When I arrived on scene, I learned there was not another person involved and no assault

occurred. I was made aware Stan had made several remarks to the other person involved and admitted to consuming alcohol. Lt. Fricks spoke with Stan and I spoke with an off duty Park Ranger. The Park Ranger stated when he got out of the shower, he heard a commotion but did not see anything that had took place. I did not speak with Stan or the other person involved who was identified as [REDACTED].

Supplemental Narrative By Ryan Genthner, 06/11/23 16:28

On 06/10/2023, I Deputy Genthner, arrived on scene at Mile Creek Park in the county of Pickens to assist Deputy Striss and other responding units with a fight in progress call.

Upon my arrival, Deputy Striss and Deputy Williamson already began speaking to members of both parties. I then began interviewing subjects around the scene of the event to see if anyone else saw the fight. I was able to make contact with a subject named [REDACTED] who stated that he was the boyfriend of Chief Whitten's daughter. [REDACTED] stated that he was inside of Mr. Whitten's truck when they were leaving the boat ramp. [REDACTED] stated that there was heavy traffic leaving the boat ramp, and that there was a blue Jeep pulling a boat behind them with numerous subjects on the boat. [REDACTED] stated that the subjects on the boat started saying "smart comments" when they stopped their truck and boat. [REDACTED] stated that blue jeep passed them and moved in front of their truck. [REDACTED] stated that the subjects from the boat on the Jeep continued making comments to them. [REDACTED] stated that he and Mr. Whitten exited his truck, and went to the talk to the subjects. [REDACTED] stated that a verbal argument ensued between the two parties, and that they were walking back to the truck when the driver of the blue Jeep (later identified as [REDACTED]) walked over to Mr. Whitten who was now at the back of his truck near the trailer. [REDACTED] stated parker stated that he was getting back into the truck when he saw [REDACTED] push Mr. Whitten causing him to lose balance and fall on his face. [REDACTED] stated that he then exited the truck, and attempted to break up the fight by jumping on [REDACTED] back. [REDACTED] stated while he was attempting to break up the altercation he fell to the ground and got hit in the head by someone. [REDACTED] stated that he didn't know who hit him do to multiple subjects surrounding around him at that time. [REDACTED] did have scratch marks on his left leg and left elbow from the concrete.

I then attempted to make contact with other witnesses surrounding the scene to no avail. Sometime later, Cpl. Jones arrived on scene along with Lt. Sullivan and Lt. Fricks. After their arrival they took over the scene. Nothing further at this time.

Supplemental Narrative By Tony Jones, 06/11/23 21:13

On 6/10/23 I Deputy Jones responded to Mile Creek boat ramp in reference to a disturbance on progress. Just prior to shift change Units from Adam Team received a call for service in reference to a disturbance/fight in progress. After I started the shift I also responded to the incident location. Upon my arrival I located Deputies Striss, Williamson, and Genthner who were already on scene, and had gained control of the incident. In surveying the scene I noticed two vehicles both with boats attached, pulled to the shoulder of the drive. At the rear vehicle I noticed a male subject who I recognized as Stan Whitten, through previous encounters through our job. I then noticed Deputies talking to individuals near the front of a marked patrol vehicle. Those individuals were identified as [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]. At this time no obvious disturbance was taking place. I approached the Deputies in an attempt to gain information on the events. I was then advised that both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] stated that they and other family members were confronted by Whitten who to them appeared to be drunk, and began to yell racial slurs. I was also told that [REDACTED] did step in front of Whitten in an effort to get him to retreat away from the children who were currently still in the boat. During this encounter it was stated that Whitten turned to walk away and fell possibly due to his unsteadiness. A short time later Lt Fricks and Sullivan arrived on scene who then took control. I personally spoke to no parties involved in the incident.