EMIGRATION POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS

Arrest Report

Snow Canyon County Citation #: #012345678

Arrestee's Name: (Last, first, middle) SS# D.O.B

Buckley Alex C. xxx-xx-4723 04/25/2001

Charges: Booking Number: Defendant status:

Arson; felony murder 02073647 Adult

Date Time: Location:

Crime 05/17/2019 23:01 Bald Mountain Preparatory

Occurred: Friday 732 Bald Mountain Dr. Emigration, Zion, 84000

Circumstances of Arrest

Responding Officer: Officer Benjamin Trost

Victim: Carly Walsh

Report of Responding officer:

On May 17, 2019, I was called to a fire on the campus of Bald Mountain Preparatory Academy. When I arrived, the Snow Canyon County Fire Department was already on the scene. As Fire Captain Ty Gomez noted, this fire appeared to be deliberately set. Although it caused extensive damage to the dorm, his team was able to contain it before it spread to other buildings. I began interviewing witnesses and collecting evidence. I spoke with several Bald Mountain students. Based on their accounts of Buckley's interactions with Carly Walsh, and Pope's description of the clothing, height, and hair color of the suspected perpetrator, I had enough evidence to bring Buckley in. I found Buckley in the parking lot near Watchman dorm, wearing the outfit Pope described. Buckley voluntarily gave me Buckley's phone. I then brought Buckley to the station for questioning. Buckley was held overnight and arrested the next day (5/18/19).

Forensic evidence (collected at the scene):

- A red gasoline container found in the parking lot near Watchman Dorm.
- Alex Buckley's cellular phone, voluntarily handed over to me. Relevant screenshots were catalogued and preserved.
- Carly Walsh's cellular phone, provided by Dakota Pope. Relevant screenshots were catalogued and preserved.
- The clothes Buckley was wearing when arrested were photographed and preserved as evidence.

Report Addendum: Witness Interviews

Recorded by Officer Benjamin Trost

Dakota Pope: 11:15pm, 05/17/19 interviewed at the crime scene Dakota Pope spoke with me at the scene of the crime. While Pope was visibly injured, Pope was not in critical condition. Pope seemed in shock at the time of the interview and continued to repeat the name "Carly," telling me we needed to "Get Carly out." Pope insisted that student Carly Walsh was still inside the burning building when Pope got out. Pope reported being in the dormitory building at the time it was set on fire. Pope stated that Watchman dorm was one of three dorms that housed female students and that Pope had been in the room assigned to Carly Walsh for a study session at the time the fire started. Pope recalled smelling gasoline and seeing a pool of liquid forming under the dorm room's door seconds before the fire started. Pope stated that Pope escaped the fire by jumping out the window, and that this jump was the source of Pope's injury. Pope described seeing someone rapidly flee the scene of the fire; that individual reportedly dropped a red gas canister. Pope noted that this suspect was wearing a yellow shirt and dark pants and compared their wardrope to the work uniform of a student named Alex Buckley. Pope noted that Buckley had made threats towards Walsh in the past and insisted that I find and question Buckley.

Ana Gandhi and Don Hernandez: 11:23pm, 05/17/19 interviewed at the crime scene

Ana Gandhi, the Resident Assistant ("RA") for Carly's floor of Watchman Dorm, spoke with me at the scene of the crime. Gandhi reported attending a school dance and seeing the fire as she was walking home with her date, Don Hernandez. She reported seeing smoke and flames coming from the dorm starting at 11:00pm and immediately called 911. Gandhi reported seeing a victim, later identified as Dakota Pope, exit from the third-floor window. Gandhi and Hernandez moved Pope away from the fire to the location where the EMTs found the three of them. Gandhi indicated that only students could enter dorms because an access card is required, though she admitted that someone had propped the door open for a short time that afternoon. Hernandez corroborated her story in full.

Alex Buckley: 12:25am, 05/18/19 interviewed at the police station After being advised of Buckley's rights, Alex Buckley chose to speak with me about the fire. Buckley claimed Buckley worked at a convenience store about a mile from the Bald Mountain campus, and that Buckley was working until 10:45pm on May 17. Buckley claimed that after work, Buckley walked to the school's student union,

purchased food with cash at a vending machine, and then walked toward Kayenta dorm, where Buckley lived. Buckley denied being at or near the scene of the crime until 11:40 p.m., when the police found Buckley walking towards the dormitories and apprehended Buckley. At the time of the arrest and the interview, Buckley was wearing what Buckley identified as a convenience store uniform. The uniform included a yellow polo shirt with a small logo on the front and dark cargo style pants. Buckley was not wearing an arm brace at the time of arrest, although Buckley complained of pain in Buckley's right wrist and asked to retrieve a brace from Buckley's room prior to leaving the campus. This request was denied. When asked if Buckley's work required contact with red gas canisters, Buckley stated that the store had such canisters available to loan to customers in need. Buckley reported providing one to a customer, Todd Larkin, on the night of May 17. Buckley claimed that Larkin was a former boyfriend of the victim. Buckley voluntarily provided Buckley's cellular phone for examination. While the phone contained no text messages of material consequence, e-mails between Buckley and Lupe Rodriguez that discussed Carly Walsh were documented and preserved.

Ridham Patel: 10:04am, 05/18/19, interviewed at 7-Eleven
Ridham Patel reported being the regional manager and an owner of the
establishment where Alex Buckley was employed. Patel stated that
Buckley was a model employee. Patel recalled Buckley being present
at the store on May 17, 2019 from 4:30 p.m. to about 10:40 p.m. When
asked if the store carried red gas containers, Patel stated that
they did, and that one was unaccounted for. When asked about
customers between 10 and 11pm on May 17, Patel reported working in
the store's office at that time and denied seeing or hearing any
customers enter the store during that period. Patel provided a
receipt for a purchase of one gallon of gas in that time frame.

Lupe Rodriguez: 11:25am, 05/18/19, interviewed on the Bald Mountain Preparatory campus

As someone with whom Buckley had discussed negative feelings about Carly Walsh, Lupe Rodriguez was interviewed about those communications with Buckley. Rodriguez, Buckley's academic advisor, explained that Buckley was in the running for a full college scholarship, and that Buckley saw Carly Walsh as Buckley's only competition. Rodriguez reported Buckley becoming enraged and aggressive about the prospect of not winning the scholarship, but stated that the only injury Buckley ever caused was to Buckley's own hand. Rodriguez also provided me with Buckley's full disciplinary history, which contained only one report.



Watchman Dorm, May 18, 2019



Watchman Dorm, photographed aerially, May 18, 2019



Key: Medium blue circles: full prints (20 points, 18 points) matching Alex Buckley

Light green circle: partial print (7 points) matching Alex Buckley

Orange circle: full print; no match found



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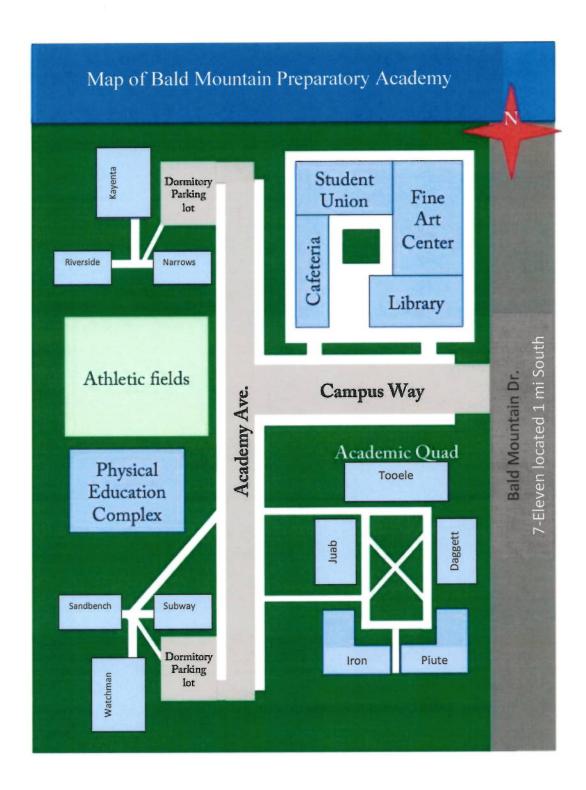
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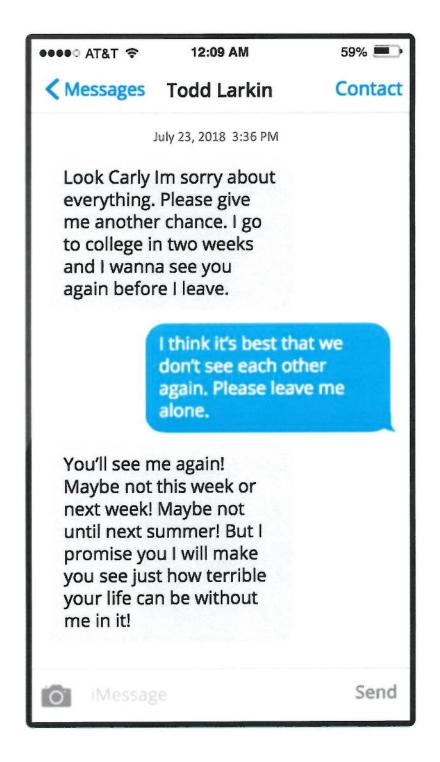
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DATE: 05/17/2019 10:34:46 PM

THANK YOU







On 4/23/2019 at 10:35 AM, Alex Buckley abuckley@bmprep.org > wrote:

I can come by around 3:35. But unless you have a way to get Carly Walsh out of the picture, there isn't much to talk about.

- Alex

On 4/22/2019 3:10 PM, Lupe Rodriguez rodriguez@bmprep.org wrote:

I'd just like to chat. I know an injury can make this time of year difficult, especially when you are under stress.

Warmly, Lupe Rodriguez

On 4/22/19 at 2:42 PM, Alex Buckley <abuckley@bmprep.org> wrote:

I can come in after class on Wednesday. But I am really fine. I just lost control for a bit.

- Alex

On 4/22/2019 9:35 AM, Lupe Rodriguez </ri>

Alex,

I heard about your hand injury. I would love to make an appointment to discuss what happened and how to best move forward. If you are free anytime this week, please let me know.

Warmly, Lupe Rodriguez On 5/15/2019 at 8:57 PM, Alex Buckley abuckley@bmprep.org > wrote:

My scholarship is going to be fine. After this weekend, Carly Walsh won't matter to me at all. I spent too much time this year letting Carly get the best of me, when I really just needed to take matters into my own hands this whole time. No need to meet. I have work anyway.

- Alex

On 5/15/2019 4:13 PM, Lupe Rodriguez rodriguez@bmprep.org wrote:

Alex.

I noticed you missed our meeting today. Is everything going okay? How did the scholarships turn out? Do you have any time to meet this week? Maybe Friday during lunch or after school before the dance?

Warmly, Lupe Rodriguez

On 5/08/2019 9:14 AM, Lupe Rodriguez </ri>

Alex.

How are the scholarship applications going? Have you turned them in yet? If you need any help proofreading, my door is always open; if not, I will see you at 3:35 next Wednesday for our meeting.

Warmly, Lupe Rodriguez

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Grade:

Student Incident Report

Bald Mountain Preparatory Academy

Report date and time: Incident date and time: March 7, 2016 3:45pm March 5, 2016 10:50am

Report filed by:

Lupe Rodriguez

Student name:

Alex Buckley

Date of birth:

April 25, 2001 Age: 14

Incident Location:

Bald Mountain physical education complex

Offense:

Destruction of property

Parent notified:

Yes Police called? No

Description of incident:

Alex competed in the Robotics event at the Science Olympiad Regional Competition hosted in the Bald Mountain gymnasium. Alex was awarded fourth place. As the top three places were announced, Alex became resentful and angry. Alex punched at and then kicked the project built by the student who took second place. The project fell over, started to smoke, and eventually caught on fire. The fire alarm sounded and the building was evacuated. While Alex claims the incident was an accident and that Alex did not intend to harm the project, the teacher advisor for Science Olympiad, David Gray, disagreed. Mr. Gray called me during the alarm and said that Alex had intentionally harmed the project and ought to be suspended or punished.

Remediation/follow up recommended? Yes Description of recommended remediation:

Alex should receive anger management counseling once per week for the remainder of the school year. Failure to complete the counseling sessions will result in Alex's expulsion. At the end of the school year, Alex should be re-evaluated and, pending advisor approval, be allowed to continue studying as a scholarship student at Bald Mountain.

Signature of student: Alex Backley Date: 3/7/16

Signature of counselor: <u>Lupe Rodriguez</u> Date: <u>3/7/16</u>

Remediation completed? Yes Date completed: May 13, 2016

Description of completed remediation:

Alex met with me each Thursday from March 10 – May 12, 2016. I worked with Alex on developing skills to handle stressful situations and deal with anger in a respectful manner. Alex had experienced some difficulty during the transition from a large public school to Bald Mountain, and I have helped Alex learn to control the emotions resulting from this transition. Alex has made significant progress in the past two months, and based on that progress, I am fully comfortable signing off for Alex to continue studying at Bald Mountain in our scholarship program.

Signature of counselor: <u>Lupe Rodriquez</u> Date: <u>5/12/16</u>