

At this time, Walter Smith stated that he turned (around) to see what was going on and why Officer Tapp was reacting to her (Student [REDACTED]). Smith stated that Student [REDACTED] made her response to Officer Tapp in front of him (Smith). Student [REDACTED]'s response to Officer Tapp was "I'm not afraid of that gun." Smith stated that Officer Tapp hesitated and then responded to Student [REDACTED]'s remark by "body checking" Student [REDACTED] into the wall where Student [REDACTED] also struck a bar (Metal Handrail).

Walter Smith stated that he turned between Officer Tapp and Student [REDACTED] and stated to [REDACTED], "I don't know why he did that; it's not going to happen again." Smith stated that Student [REDACTED] was crying while she replied my side hurts. I hurt I hurt. Smith informed Student [REDACTED] that she could see somebody about her injury but right now do not be afraid.

Walter Smith stated that prior to Student [REDACTED]'s remark to Officer Tapp; there was not any verbal exchange between anybody who was present. Smith stated that the girls stopped talking because Smith told the two female students that he did not want to hear any talking. Smith stated that Officer Tapp initiated the verbal exchange between Officer Tapp and Student [REDACTED].

This investigator asked Walter Smith if he heard Student [REDACTED] make the remark "you are a coward and have no courage without your fucking gun" to Officer Tapp. Walter Smith stated "No way." "No way." "No way in hell." "I'm sorry."

Walter Smith stated that Officer Tapp did not ask Student [REDACTED] if she was hurt nor did Officer Tapp offer medical treatment for Student [REDACTED].

Walter Smith stated that Officer Tapp bounced off Student [REDACTED] and kept walking. Smith stated that Officer Tapp never looked back. Smith stated that when Officer Tapp walked to the bottom of the ramp, Officer Tapp told Janee (Coworker of Smith) "I checked her."

Walter Smith stated that upon his arrival to the Dean's Office, he walked into the Dean's Office and commented, "Turn on the damn monitor." "The camera's got this on because you're not gonna believe what he did." Smith stated that he told everybody that he (Officer Tapp) got carried away and Smith had to report what he had seen and what had happened to his administrators. Smith stated the administrators needed to view the incident on camera and deal with it accordingly.

Walter Smith stated he told Dean Jared Mountain to view the video. Smith stated that Dean Mountain's response to the video footage was "I'll be damn." Smith repeated that all Student [REDACTED] said to Officer Tapp was "I'm not afraid of the gun" and Officer Tapp went at Student [REDACTED].

Walter Smith stated that without a doubt, Officer Tapp's actions against Student [REDACTED] were deliberate. Smith stated that he did not observe Officer Tapp stumble or anything. It was not a slip. It was not a trip. Smith Stated that Officer Tapp took deliberate steps and put himself in a position to perform a "body check." Smith stated that he was surprised at the speed Officer Tapp moved against this "little girl" (Student [REDACTED]). Student [REDACTED] was not aware of the "body check" because she was not looking at Officer Tapp as he approached her.

Walter Smith stated that while in his presence, Officer Tapp never once put his hands out to catch himself. Officer Tapp never once said he was sorry. Officer Tapp never once said do you need anything. Officer Tapp never once looked back after he initiated the contact with Student [REDACTED].

Statement of: Bruce Gilman - Roosevelt H.S. Principal

Bruce Gilman stated that Officer Tapp informed him of the incident but not the severity of the incident at approximately 2pm on the incident date April 20, 2010. Gilman stated that Officer Tapp informed him that he had stumbled into a student, the student had an injury, the parents were upset and I might hear about it.

Bruce Gilman stated that at approximately 08:00 on Wednesday April 21, 2010, his Assistant Principal Patty Fetter came to see him. Fetter informed Gilman she had seen the video of the incident and it seemed much more serious than what (Officer Tapp) described to Gilman and he needed to see the video.

Bruce Gilman stated that he viewed the video. The video recorded the situation from behind the parties involved. The video does not have any sound. Gilman stated that he observed Officer Tapp walk somewhat purposely across the skyway and kind of leaned over Student [REDACTED] and threw a hip into her. Officer Tapp then continued walking ahead of her [REDACTED] down the hallway.

After viewing the video, Bruce Gilman stated that it did not appear to him that he (Officer Tapp) stumbled. It appeared that he (Officer Tapp) moved towards her (Student [REDACTED]) with intent and he intentionally threw his hip into her.

Bruce Gilman stated that he then had a meeting with Officer Tapp. Gilman informed Officer Tapp that he viewed the video and it appeared to be a more serious egregious situation than what he (Gilman) understood from the day before (April 20, 2010). Gilman informed Officer Tapp that he (Gilman) had an obligation to take it further and call Sgt. (Donna) Olson, Officer Tapp's supervisor.

Bruce Gilman stated that after meeting with Officer Tapp, Officer Tapp apologized. Officer Tapp stated that he did not say that he stumbled. Officer Tapp stated that he was sorry for what he had done and never intended to cause the girl (Student [REDACTED]) any kind of harm.