

AFFIDAVIT OF CORY PETERSON

I, Cory Peterson, **HEREBY DECLARE AS FOLLOWS:**

I am submitting this affidavit to clarify events depicted on the video submitted to the Zoning Commission by the Citizens Association of Georgetown (CAG) on June 2, 2011.

I was a first-hand witness to and participant in significant events captured on the video, and submit this information because I believe that those events are inaccurately described.

Below is my account of an incident that is described by CAG as a “loud party” at the corner of 34th and Prospect Street.¹

On the early morning of Sunday, November 21, 2010, at approximately 2:15 a.m., I was working for the University as a SNAP officer. On routine patrol through the neighborhood, I was flagged down by a Georgetown student on the corner of 34th and Prospect Street (next to the dry cleaners). The student stated three men in a black SUV had tried to pull him into the SUV, presumably attempting to abduct or assault him just a few minutes earlier. The student escaped his assailants, and knocked on the door of one of neighbors, who was present when I was flagged down.

Based on this information, I immediately called the University’s Department of Public Safety and requested that the police be dispatched. Within seconds, both MPD and University police were on the scene investigating. Both MPD and the University police interviewed the student, the neighbor and myself. As information was gathered, Officer Emmanuel from MPD stated he witnessed the SUV and the three men in the neighborhood that evening, substantiating the student’s account of the incident. On Tuesday, November 23, after further investigation, the University sent out a Public Safety Alert to all campus staff, faculty and students regarding the incident, consistent with its practice of alerting the community to suspected crimes that occur in the areas surrounding campus.

At the Zoning Commission Hearing on June 2, 2011, CAG presented a short video to support its opposition of the University’s campus plan. The video shows an incident with MPD, DPS and SNAP cars all visible at the corner of 34th and Prospect Street. It was described by CAG President Jennifer Altimus as the police response to a “loud party” that was making it impossible for the residents in nearby homes to sleep. This is incorrect. The video depicts the police response to a serious crime. I am confident this is the case both because of my clear recollection

¹ On the online recording of the June 2, 2011 hearing, this incident is found at hour 2, minute 18.

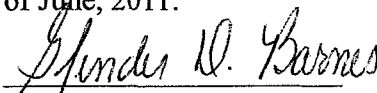
of events, and because I am pictured in the video – I am wearing a bright yellow coat, writing a report, with MPD and DPS officers standing nearby taking information from the student and the neighbor. I observed the camera crew hired by CAG on the opposite street corner and noted their presence in my report to the Off Campus Student Life Office. The report I was writing was later filed by me with the Off Campus Student Life Office and, as noted above, a Public Safety Alert issued by the Department of Public Safety regarding this incident. Copies of both of those documents are attached to this affidavit.

I declare that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my personal knowledge, information, and belief.

Executed on the 17th day of June, 2011.


Cory Peterson

Subscribed and sworn to before me,
a Notary Public, on this the 17th day
of June, 2011.


Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 12/14/2011

Off-Campus Student Life
Student Neighborhood Assistance Program (S.N.A.P.) Incident Report

S.N.A.P. Personnel: Cory

Date: 11/21/10

Address Visited or Location of Incident if Outdoors: Corner of 34th and Prospect Street

Time Responded: 2:15 am (approximately)

Responding because of: Hotline Call _____ **Caller's Name and Phone No.:**

(Please note if she/he declines.)

Does the caller want OCSL to follow up with him/her? _____

Routine Patrol _XX_ **MPD Call** _____ **DPS Call** _____ **Other (specify)** _XX_
The student and an elderly neighbor stopped us on patrol. _____

Resident Name(s): REDACTED

Total # of People Involved: 4 ?

Did the gathering appear to be a party? n/a

Description of scene upon arrival.

We were driving down Prospect Street towards Wisconsin Avenue when we were stopped by {NAME REDACTED} (a Copley Student) and a neighbor asking for the police. We pulled over and assisted with calling the police DPS and MPD.

If you visited a residence, indicate whether the following could be clearly heard coming from the house:

Music: _____ **Voices:** _____ **Noise:** _____

Describe the level/volume of what you heard:

n/a

If your stop concerned students on the street/sidewalk/alleyway, describe their actions and level/volume of voices/noise: n/a

Describe the resident's/residents' or student's/students' response to your request.

Resident {NAME REDACTED} stopped SNAP to ask for police assistance because he said three men attempted to abduct him on 34th Street.

According to Resident {NAMED REDACTED}, 3 Hispanic men driving a black GMC SUV were parked very close to the 34th and Prospect Street corner when they approached resident {NAME REDACTED} about a cigarette. They then started to ask about alcohol and when resident

S.N.A.P. Reports are due no later than 9:00am Monday morning. Please email reports directly to Anne Koester at ayk2@georgetown.edu and Ray Danieli at rfd8@georgetown.edu

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{NAME REDACTED} refused and attempted to walk away, one of the individuals put his hands on Resident {NAME REDACTED} and attempted to pull him towards the SUV. As this happened an MPD car on routine patrol came to the stop sign on 34th Street, stopped and continued on. When this occurred, the 3 Hispanic men jumped into the SUV and sped away. Resident {NAME REDACTED} then knocked on a neighbor's door for help.

DPS and MPD both responded to the scene and took information from resident {NAME REDACTED}. Resident {NAME REDACTED} was in relatively good spirits afterwards, had no physical harm done to him and appreciated the quick response from everyone involved.

Was MPD contacted? Yes Did MPD show up? Yes

Was the Reimbursable Detail contacted? Yes Did an officer show up? Yes

Name(s) of MPD Officer(s): Officer Emanuel and other officers

Additional Comments: The officers seemed hesitant to believe the story until Officer Emanuel from MPD corroborated the story by explaining that he had been observing three Hispanic men and a black SUV parked at that location for some time.

It should be noted the film crew from CAG videoed most of the interaction after arriving a couple of minutes after the police.

Public Safety Alert: Attempted Abduction at 34th and Prospect Streets

DPS investigators learned today that on Sunday, November 21, 2010 at approximately 2:15 a.m., a student reported to MPD that while walking in the vicinity of 34th and Prospect Streets, three suspects approached him and attempted to engage him in conversation. One of the three unknown suspects then grabbed the student's arm and began to pull him toward a black SUV that was parked nearby. He was released and the suspects fled when an MPD police car appeared.

The Department of Public Safety is requesting that anyone who has information regarding this or any other incident(s), or who noticed any suspects before or after the incident(s), to contact them immediately at (202) 687-4343.

Incident

Date: November 21, 2010

Time: 2:15 AM

Location: Non-campus, West Georgetown

Address: 34th and Prospect Streets

Incident type: Aggravated Assault

Respondents: MPD

Incident summary: DPS investigators learned today that on Sunday, November 21, 2010 at approximately 2:15 a.m., a student reported to MPD that while walking in the vicinity of 34th and Prospect Streets, one of several unknown suspects grabbed the student's arm and began to pull him toward a black SUV. He was released and the suspects fled when an MPD police car appeared.

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Victim(s):No injuries were reported in this incident.

Victim(s) status:

Witness description of suspect(s):The three suspects are described as Hispanic males wearing black clothing. One of the suspects wore his hair in a ponytail.

Safety Reminder

The Department of Public Safety would like to remind all students to practice the following security measures:

1. On campus students should call DPS at 202-687-4343 regarding any safety concerns.
2. Off campus students with immediate safety concerns should call MPD at 911 and DPS at 687-HELP.
3. Practice security at home by not propping doors open, always keeping doors and windows locked, even when you are in residence, and not opening the door to strangers.
4. Students noticing suspicious activities or individuals loitering around entrances to residence halls, apartments, or townhouses should immediately notify DPS at 202-687-4343.
5. Students may utilize the services of THE SHUTTLE or DPS SAFERIDES escorts as a means of providing safe passage off-campus. Call 784-RIDE for DPS SAFERIDES escorts.

Georgetown University's Department of Public Safety (DPS) notifies the campus community when crimes are reported to DPS or the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) which the University believes represent a threat to its students or employees, in a manner consistent with the Campus Security Act. The University uses its best efforts to provide information that is both accurate and helpful, but community members should recognize that the University is able to relay information only as it is reported to DPS and/or MPD.

Public Safety Alerts

- [Burglary in White Gravenor Building](#)
- [Burglary in the 1400 Block of 36th Street and 3600 Block of O Street](#)
- [Public Safety Alert: Theft and Assault at Vital Vittles](#)
- [More...](#)
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Incident Reporting Quick Links

- [Reporting Crimes or Suspicious Activity](#)
- [Campus Security Authorities](#)
- [Anonymous Tips Reporting](#)
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