

To: Sgt. Patrick St. John  
From: Auxiliary Officer Justin Blackburn  
Date: July 26, 2017

In Summary: On July 26, 2017 I was working traffic control for the Paul McCartney concert at the Hollywood amphitheater. My assigned traffic post was 183<sup>rd</sup> and Oak Park Ave. As normal egress progressed at approximately 00:30 on July 27<sup>th</sup> 2017. A white party bus approached the intersection heading westbound on 183rd street. As the bus came to the stoplight at 183<sup>rd</sup> and Oak Park Ave, a white male in his mid to late 40s wearing a blue Hawaiian shirt and khaki shorts stepped off the bus. When he got off the bus the man had what appeared to be a can of Miller Lite in his hand. Before he proceeded to walk into the intersection the man took a sip of his what appeared to be the beer and placed it back on the steps of the bus. Another male in his late 40s stepped off the bus also highly intoxicated and holding a Miller Lite. The disorderly male walked into the intersection and tried to stop the traffic traveling northbound on Oak Park Ave. As I realized what was happening the man began to wave his bus through the intersection even though traffic was not stopped. The bus only moved about three feet and the friend that was standing outside the bus holding a beer was almost knocked over by the open doors of the bus. I proceeded to ask the man to step out of the roadway and to get back on his bus. He then proceeded to yell, " this is my bus and these are my people, we are going west". I then told him again to get out of the road and get back on his bus. As he approached me he was holding out his hand trying to introduce himself but I could not understand what he was saying and I was getting a strong odor of alcohol from his breath. My partner Robert Ebeling came over and told him that he was creating a very dangerous situation and repeatedly told him to get on the bus, however he was not cooperating. We explained that we would get them through the intersection as soon as possible and informed the bus driver that he was to not let anybody off the bus at any intersection while leaving the amphitheater. Sgt. Devine later notified me the individual that we were telling to get back on the bus was Mayor Jacob Vandenberg.

Justin Blackburn, Body # 1511

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To: Sgt. St. John

July, 29, 2017

From: Ofc. D. Reilly #127

Ref: Incident at Concert on 7-26-17

On the date I was assigned to the intersection of Flossmoor Road and Ridgeland Ave for traffic control for the concert. After the concert was over myself and Ofc. Hughes began our regular duties of directing the vehicles from the venue onto both Flossmoor Rd and Ridgeland Ave south bound. During the egress the weather had changed and it began to downpour. Traffic was extremely congested due to the large amount of guests at the venue.

While directing traffic we also have pedestrians walking on both sides of the road walking to their Uber rides or just waiting for a ride in general. During the egress an individual was walking towards our location in a determined manner and talking out loud, to Ofc. Hughes and I. Due to the pouring down rain and the noise from the vehicles it was difficult to understand this male person. As the person got closer I recognized the person as Mayor Vandenberg. The mayor now 20 -25 feet away continued to say "move the cones we are going left move the cones " ! I then saw a large RV approaching our location. The mayor continued to walk towards ofc. Hughes and continued to talk to him. I was then asked to remove the cones so that the RV could turn northbound onto Ridgeland Ave.

Prior to moving the cones (which do not allow vehicles to travel northbound onto Ridgeland Ave), we had to stop all other traffic to ensure the safety of both the pedestrians that were in the area and the other vehicles so that there wasn't an accident. The RV was able to now turn left onto northbound Ridgeland Ave. The mayor then entered the RV and continued northbound on Ridgeland. Myself and Ofc. Hughes continued with our duties until all the vehicles left from the venue.

Sincerely,

Ofc. D. Reilly

*Reviewed by [unclear]  
7/29/17*

July 29, 2017

Dear Sergeant St John,

On Wednesday July 26, 2017 during egress of the Paul McCarthy concert an incident occurred at 183<sup>rd</sup> and Ridgeland which is the post I was assigned to. I was giving a person directions when I noticed a white party bus pull up in front of the cones I had set up. These cones were set up to prevent cars from going west and north on Ridgeland Avenue and directing the cars to turn eastbound on 183<sup>rd</sup>. A white male jumped out of the party bus yelling "mayor coming through", "mayor coming through" and moved the first set of cones so the party bus can advance closer to the intersection. I ran over to the bus and began putting the cones back in place because other cars started following the bus. I did this to keep the traffic moving in the eastbound direction. At the same time I was doing this I was looking at the man moving the second set of cones. He was still yelling "I'm the mayor", "mayor coming through". This is when I recognized the man and he was the Mayor. [REDACTED] At this point I did not stop him. The Mayor got back on the bus and it turned westbound. I put the second set of cones back in place and continued directing traffic.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Theresa Holford

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Robert Ebeling

7/29/17

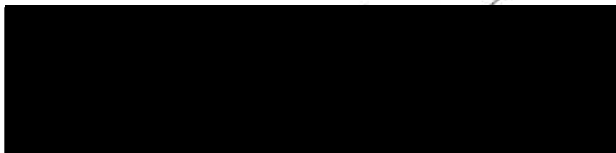
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Incident Report

Memo:

On the morning of Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at or around 12:30 A.M an incident occurred at the intersection of 183<sup>rd</sup> street and Oak Park Avenue. At this time I was blocking off all south bound traffic down Oak Park Avenue. My other two partners were operating the traffic control box. We had just stopped all East/West traffic flow and had our North-bound traffic moving. Shortly thereafter, a white male individual exited a white bus which was first in line heading West-bound. At first I did not notice this individual until I heard yelling and my partners voice saying "sir, please get back on the bus". I realized the yelling was coming from the subject and that he was refusing all orders from my partner, Justin Blackburn. The man then walked directly into the middle of the intersection while traffic was moving and yelled: "These are my people. This is my bus. We're going west. We're going west". It is to be noted that he was yelling just about as loud as he could while saying this. Multiple vehicles had to slow down and change the angle of their course to avoid hitting the subject. At this point he was not only endangering himself but the traffic and pedestrians as well. I then shouted at the subject to stay where he is. I then stopped North-bound traffic and made my way to him as quickly as possible. When I reached him I said "sir you need to get back on that bus". At this time I realized the subject was heavily intoxicated. He smelled of alcohol, had glassy/bloodshot eyes and was swaying side to side. I told him again "sir you need to get back on the bus, we have traffic moving". He replied by saying "its oaky,

they're with me and were going west now". I realized he wasn't going to be compliant and I walked him back to the corner where the bus and my partners were. I then said "okay let's get back on the bus so we can get you guys moving". He replied by trying to shake my hand and started saying words but his words were so slurred I could not make out what he was saying. He stood there for quite some time with his hand stuck out waiting for me to shake it. I told the subject four additional times to get back on the bus giving him ample time to respond between each command. He kept mumbling words I could not understand and at this point I knew he was uncomprehensive of the situation. I then elevated my voice and said "if you don't get on that bus right now I will call out my supervisor and get an officer out here as well and we can make this a problem". The subject looked at me as if he couldn't believe what I was saying. He did not verbally respond and slowly made his way back into the vehicle. I then told the driver to not let anyone off this bus again and he understood good and well. I then told my partner to get the west-bound traffic moving so we could get the bus on the move. My partner then advised me that when the subject got off of the bus he was holding an alcoholic beverage. He then proceeded to take a drink from it and then put it back on the bus. The incident as described then ensued. Later on that morning we were advised on who the individual was and that a similar set off events took place involving other officers at their intersections with the same subject.



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DATE: JULY 29, 2017  
TO: SGT P ST. JOHN  
FROM: T. ALLEN #125  
REF: MUSIC THEATER EGRESS

ON JULY 26, 2017 DURING THE EGRESS OF THE PAUL MC CARTNEY CONCERT AT THE HOLLYWOOD CASINO AMPHITHEATER. I WAS DIRECTING TRAFFIC AT RIDGELAND AND NORTH ROAD. I SAW A BUS NORTH BOUND ON RIDGELAND FROM SOUTH ROAD. THIS ROAD IS CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT TAXIS.

THERE WERE TRAFFIC CONES BLOCKING THE NORTH BOUND LANE OF RIDGELAND AND A COMMUNITY SERVICE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC CONES BLOCKING THE SOUTH BOUND LANES.

I WAS DIRECTING TRAFFIC FROM EAST BOND NORTH ROAD TO SOUTH BOND RIDGELAND WHEN THE BUS STOPPED AT THE TRAFFIC CONES. I THEN SAW SOMEONE MOVING THE TRAFFIC CONES FROM THE ROADWAY, IN FRONT OF THE BUS, TO THE SIDE OF THE ROAD. AS I APPROACHED TOWARD THE BUS, I RECOGNIZED MAYOR VANDENBERG MOVING THE TRAFFIC CONES. HE SAID, I AM THE MAYOR OF TINSLEY PARK AND I NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE. HE THEN BOARDED THE BUS.

WHEN I WAS ABLE TO STOP OUT GOING TRAFFIC, THE BUS PROCEED NORTH BOUND ON RIDGELAND. [REDACTED]

To: Sgt. St. John

From: Ofc. K.Hughes #111

Date: July 29, 2017

Subject: incident on July 26, 2017 @ Hollywood Amp Theater

I'm writing this in reference to an incident that occurred on July 26, 2017 during the egress of the sold out Paul McCarthy concert.

I along with my partner (Ofc.Reilly ) and two auxiliary officers were performing our duties of assisting vehicles exiting the parking lots of the Hollywood Amp Theater onto either eastbound Flossmoor road or southbound Ridgeland Ave (Due to the high volume of cars and the downpour of rain, this is a very dangerous task). As cars were exiting I observed a male white subject followed by a large party bus, approaching me in an aggressive manner. The subject had his head down. I assumed it was because of the rain. He was saying something as he continued to walk towards me but I couldn't understand what he was saying. As the subject got closer I heard him say "move the cones we're going left, we're going left" I stated to him "no you cannot go left you have to go straight". When he was about 5-7 feet away from me he lifted his head, I recognized him as Mayor Vandenberg. He stuck his hand out to introduce himself then stated "I have to get out of here. We need to go left, move the cones". At that time my partner and I had to stop all traffic (pedestrian and vehicle), removed the cones to allow Mayor Vandenberg and the party bus to go north in a safe manner.

On July 28, 2017 Mayor Vandenberg called me to apologize for his action on that night.

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