



Brigham Young University Police

Incident Report [REDACTED]

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Nature: SEX ASSAULT
Location:

Address: MTC S1
BYU Campus UT 84602

Offense Reported:

Offense Observed: SXRA

Offense Codes: Rape

Received By: Cunningham A (B)

How Received: Telephone

Agency: BYPD

Responding Officers: Nelson R L (BY)

Responsible Officers: Long J (BY)

Disposition: Active 11/28/17

When Reported: 11:54:16 11/28/17

Occurred Between: 06:00:40 01/01/84 and 11:53:40 03/30/84

Assigned To:

Detail:

Date Assigned: **/**/**

Status:

Status Date: **/**/**

Due Date: **/**/**

Radiolog:

Unit: 18A25

Enroute:

Arrived: 11:56:47 11/28/17

Completed: 12:12:02 11/28/17

REPORTTEES:

Name: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]



Address: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Work Phone: () -

VICTIMS:

Name: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

WITNESSES:

Name: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Work Phone: () -

SUSPECTS:

Name: BISHOP, JOSEPH L.

Name Number: B13585

Race: W

Sex: M

DOB: [REDACTED]

Hght: ' "

Weight: 0

Hair:

Eyes:

Address: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NARRATIVE:

Delayed report of sexual assault on MTC property. Case closed due to statute of limitations.

SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:

Name: Nelson R L (BY)

Date: 14:27:06 11/28/17

On 11/28/17, [REDACTED] made contact with BYU Police Department to report a sexual assault that had occurred on MTC property in 1984. The case is currently under investigation.

12/23/17, Case closed due to statute of limitations.

SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:**Name:** Long J (BY)**Date:** 16:00:09 12/10/17

Supplemental report

J. Long

[REDACTED] said her Spanish instructor in the MTC was [REDACTED] who possibly might remember Joseph Bishop removing [REDACTED] from class. I located [REDACTED] who lives in [REDACTED]. I called [REDACTED] on 12/07/2017 and we talked over the phone.

I asked [REDACTED] if she taught Spanish at the MTC in 1984, [REDACTED] replied she did. I asked [REDACTED] if she remembers one of her students, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said she does remember [REDACTED] but it was so long ago she would not have too much information. I asked [REDACTED] what she could remember about [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] claimed that she was engaged to be married, [REDACTED] thought that was odd since missionaries are not normally engaged when they arrive at the MTC. I asked [REDACTED] if [REDACTED] was ever removed out of class by anyone, [REDACTED] said she could remember that happening. [REDACTED] could not provide any further details on [REDACTED] during her stay at the MTC.

I asked [REDACTED] who the MTC President was during that time, she said she couldn't remember. I asked if I gave her a name would she recognize it, she replied yes. I gave her the name of Joseph Bishop, [REDACTED] said he was the MTC president while she worked there. I asked [REDACTED] if she ever had any dealings with President Bishop, she said she never had any interaction with him. [REDACTED] said she was sorry for not remembering more, she also wanted to know what was going on. I told [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] had filed a police report about something that had occurred during her time at the MTC. I thanked [REDACTED] for her time and the call was ended.

SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:

Name: Nelson R L (BY)

Date: 15:39:48 12/19/17

Initial Report:

On 11/28/17, [REDACTED] made contact with BYU Police Department to report a sexual assault that had occurred on MTC property in 1984. After being notified by dispatch, I called [REDACTED] to gather preliminary information. [REDACTED] reported that while she was in the Missionary Training Center (MTC) preparing to serve an LDS mission, she was sexually assaulted and raped by the MTC President Joseph Layton Bishop Jr.

Interview with [REDACTED]

Detective Jeff Long and I met with [REDACTED] at her home in [REDACTED] on December 4, 2017. [REDACTED] said Joseph took her out of class on several occasions to have one on one conversations. She said some of the conversations were about [REDACTED] and some stories from Joseph were of a sexual nature. At one point, Joseph asked her if she wanted to see a room where he would sometimes prepare for his MTC duties. He took her to a small room which had a bed, TV, VHS tapes and chair. They sat on the bed and talked and at one point he tried to kiss her. She resisted and he then ripped her blouse open, pushed her on the bed, ripped her skirt, and pulled down her panty hose and garments. [REDACTED] then said sexual intercourse occurred without her consent describing brief penetration of about 2 inches but since his penis was somewhat limp, he didn't penetrate deeper. She then pushed him off and left the room.

After the attack she avoided Joseph while completing her MTC training and then went on her mission. She returned home and starting in 1998, she said she made multiple reports of the incident to the LDS church throughout several decades. In 2010, [REDACTED] contacted LDS church headquarters in an attempt to find out the results of her reports and if Joseph had been disciplined. When they told her she couldn't get that information she made a threat over the phone about killing Joseph. Pleasant Grove Police Officers met with her interviewed her. No charges were filed. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] also told us about another missionary that may have been assaulted during the same timeframe. Her name was [REDACTED] (unknown spelling). Attempts to identify and locate [REDACTED] have been unsuccessful.

[REDACTED]

Interview with Joseph Bishop:

After interviewing [REDACTED], Detective Long and I met with Joseph at his [REDACTED] residence on December 5, 2017. Joseph's account was fairly similar to [REDACTED] except for the Rape. Joseph told us that he did go to his small MTC preparation room in the cafeteria area with [REDACTED]. Then while talking to her he asked her to show him her breasts which she did. When asked to explain why his account about the rape was different that hers, he said he either can't remember it or that [REDACTED] was exaggerating her account. Joseph said the room did not have a bed, TV or VHS tapes. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Further Information:

Between the time [REDACTED] reported the rape, and her interview with us in [REDACTED], [REDACTED] had traveled to [REDACTED] and met with Joseph. She spoke with him about this incident that took place at the MTC. [REDACTED] said he admitted to everything except the rape. [REDACTED] recorded the conversation and provided us a copy of it. I listened to it and it was consistent to their interviews except the facts of the rape and the room layout. He mostly said he didn't remember when [REDACTED] confronted him about the rape. [REDACTED].

Shortly after our interview with Joseph, [REDACTED] called us and said Joseph had called her saying that he told the police everything except the facts of the rape. [REDACTED] told him that she had recorded their earlier conversation. We made contact with Joseph and told him he shouldn't have contact with the victim since he is involved in a criminal investigation as the suspect. He agreed he wouldn't and wanted to tell us that [REDACTED] said he was part of a bigger picture and that she told him she wanted to expose the LDS church to this kind of incidents. [REDACTED].

Follow up:

We relayed the facts about the case to the Utah County Attorney's Office for review. They concluded the following information:

"Bob,

After thorough review and careful consideration, I have determined that I cannot pursue criminal charges against Mr. Bishop. I have no reason to doubt the victim's disclosure, and would have likely prosecuted Mr. Bishop, but for the expiration of the statute of limitations. The alleged rape occurred in 1984. At that time the statute of limitations was four (4) years. The statute remained the same for over a decade, and I am now convinced that nothing occurred to toll it. If you have questions or want to discuss my decision in more detail, feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Thanks,
David Sturgill
Deputy Utah County Attorney "

The case is now closed.

SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:

Name: Nelson R L (BY)

Date: 16:29:08 01/03/18

On December 21, 2017 [REDACTED] left a voice message on my cell phone stating that she had spoken with the Utah County Attorney's Office and received the information that due to the statute of limitations, this case could not be prosecuted. She also thanked us for our time in investigating her case. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:

Name: Nelson R L (BY)

Date: 11:53:43 01/11/18

[REDACTED]
