

## PLANNING AND PREP SCENARIO

**Date of incident:** 03-15-2023

**Time:** 8:00pm

**Alleged Conduct:** Sexual Assault

**Potential Policy Violation:** A violation of the Title IX Sexual Harassment Policy.

**Does UC (OGEI) have jurisdiction:** yes

**Location:** Daniels Hall (student housing center) 45 W Daniels St, Cincinnati, OH 45219

**Complainant:** Clarice Starling

**Respondent:** Brian Butters

**Student Witness #1:** Brandi Waiters

**Faculty Witness #2:** Susan Summers

### Summary of incident:

On April 1, 2023, the University of Cincinnati Title IX Coordinator received a formal complaint from Complainant Clarice Starling, a sophomore, alleging misconduct by another student believed to be Respondent Brian Butters, a senior. Specifically, the report stated:

*“On March 15, 2023, at approximately 8:00pm, I was entering my residence hall (Daniels Hall) 45 W Daniels St, Cincinnati, through the north side exterior doors when the alleged respondent ran up to me and forcibly grabbed both of my breasts. I immediately screamed and he ran away eastbound on W. Daniels St toward the next intersection at Jefferson Avenue. When I attempted to follow the alleged respondent, I saw him run east across Jefferson Ave into an older lady, almost knocking her to the ground. I went to check on the woman he ran into and realized that she is my communication professor, Susan Summers. Professor Summers stated to me that she was ok, and asked why I was chasing after the alleged respondent. I continued to follow the alleged respondent as he ran into the Views on Vine parking lot, which was one block further east on W. Daniels. As I ran into the parking lot, I saw a red sedan exit outside the south entrance onto W. Daniels. I continued to look for the alleged respondent in the parking lot and was contacted by another Daniels Hall residence assistant, Brandi Waiters. Waiters told me she did see an older male running back to a red sedan and leave quickly. I have never seen the alleged respondent before and did not give him consent to touch me in any way. I also recall that he smelled as if he had been drinking alcohol.*



### **Daniels Residence Hall**

Starling described the alleged respondent as white male, 35-45yo, 5'10", stocky build, wearing a black UC football jersey with the number ten on the front, dark colored pants, and white tennis shoes. Starling also mentioned that he had some type of bright colored tattoo on the left side of his neck.

A follow-up assessment did confirm that there was a red Chevrolet Camaro parked at the Views on Vine Parking lot (southwest corner of W. Daniels and Glendora Ave) approximately one block east from the Daniels residence hall. This vehicle was captured on a UC campus parking lot security video arriving at the parking lot at 7:55pm. Due to the location of where the vehicle was parked, the alleged respondent exiting the vehicle was not able to be seen.



### **Views on Vine Parking Lot**

At approximately 8:10pm, the same red Camaro was seen leaving the parking lot at a high rate of speed eastbound onto E. Daniels St. The vehicle license plate was captured on the surveillance video and the car was determined to be registered to another student, **Brian Butters**. Butters was identified as being a senior at UC. Further inquiries into Butters' student file revealed that Butters had been escorted off the campus by UC campus police the day before after he had yelled at the financial aid counselor when he was informed that his student loans were denied for the upcoming semester.

The UC student witness, **Brandi Waiters**, was contacted and recalled seeing the alleged respondent running from W. Daniels into the Views on Vine parking lot to the driver's side door of a parked red sedan and pull out just as she was arriving for her class around 8:05pm. Waiters recalled that the alleged respondent was a white male wearing a white t-shirt, blue jeans and white Nike Air Force One tennis shoes. The physical description of the alleged respondent provided by Waiters was consistent with the alleged respondent's physical description that was provided by Starling.

The UC faculty witness, **Shelly Summers**, was interviewed and stated she was walking westbound on W. Daniels St, just west of the Views on Vine parking lot, and recalled seeing the alleged respondent running east past her shortly after 8:00pm. Summers remembered this because the alleged respondent ran into her and didn't apologize. Summers provided a clothing description of the alleged respondent that was consistent with the one provided by Starling. Summers recalled that the alleged respondent had a tattoo of a clown on the left side of his neck. Summers is 82 years old, highly educated, and wears corrective lenses.



**Susan Summer's location**

As a UC title IX investigator, you have decided to interview Butters. Butters has responded to your email correspondence, has remained cooperative but maintains he never left his apartment the day of the incident. Butters stated he had stayed home to search for jobs on the internet all day. Please review the biographical information below and answer all questions on the other Prep and Planning handout.

**Information Confirmed by Initial Investigation**

**Complainant:** Clarice Starling

Age: 20yo

Employment: Daniels Hall resident assistant.

Complaint history: No prior complaints

**Respondent:** Brian Butters

Sex: male / Height: 5'08" / Weight: 150lbs / Hair: black / Eyes: brown

Age: 38yo

Social Media: [ProudBoys4Life@facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/ProudBoys4Life/), hobbies listed on his Facebook page include conservative radio podcasts, youth ministry

**Student Eyewitness:** Brandi Waiters

Sex: Female

Age: 24yo

Employment: Daniels Hall RA

**Faculty Eyewitness:** Susan Summers

Sex: Female

Age: 82yo

Employment: UC Faculty

\*Retired Military Veteran (Analyst with the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA))

