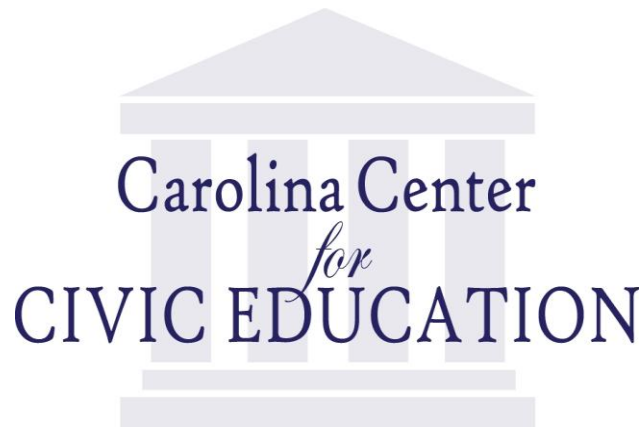


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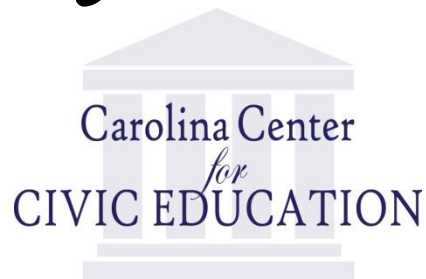
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BRIEF SUMMARY:

Kinsley Williams is charged with two counts of cyberstalking (Arc. Code Ann. §97-45-15). The person Kinsley allegedly stalked via an on-line, campus-sponsored chat room is Jamie Anderson. Williams and Anderson are juniors at Magnolia University, Mockingbird County, Arcadia. Both students reside in Rutledge Hall, a co-ed dormitory on campus.

TIMELINE:

The timeline is meant to be used as a convenience and should NOT be relied upon over the actual statements and the chat room discussions at the end of the problem. The timeline may not be entered into evidence and should not be referred to at all during trials. If conflicts are found between the timeline and the statements/chat room discussions, the statements/chat room discussions control.

Monday, October 18

Chat room entry “Jam’s in the window. Exercise all you want, my friend, you won’t be able to run fast enough.” Originated from computer in the university library.

Thursday, October 21

Chat room entry “Jammin’s been seen wearing school colors all week. Think blood won’t show on those dark colors?” Originated from computer in Rutledge Hall.

Student Union Incident No classes. Union relatively empty.

Friday, October 22

Chat room entry “Anticipation is what it’s all about, and building fear. You never know when you’ll be forced to face your greatest fear ... suffocation, torture, painful prolonged death.” Originated from computer in Rutledge Hall.

After a 20-min. break “Time is running out, my Jammin friend. Maybe we can meet in the alley?”
Both from computer in Rutledge Hall.

Saturday, October 23

Chat room entry “I admit to being mad, but madness can be a good thing. It gives me direction, focus and an outlet for my aggression. Ever wonder about pain and suffering.”

After a 7-min. break “Jammin, can you come out of your 2nd floor roost and play?”

Later on the 23rd The clock is ticking. Time is on my side. Time is running out my friend.”

Chat room entry (read at campus computer room with police witnesses) “Jam will rot just like Jelly if buried long enough.”

Anderson receives e-mail message with no subject line from a campus computer

“FF may lose control at any time ... longs to test your control. How long will you last, my jammin friend? If you’re afraid, you better stay locked up in your 2nd floor roost and not go out to play. You could be sorry. You could be dead.”

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PROSECUTION WITNESSES

Jamie Anderson, alleged victim of cyberstalking

Shelby Edwards, Jamie Anderson's roommate

Ashton Hodges, Mockingbird County Police Investigator assigned to the case

DEFENSE WITNESSES

Kinsley Williams, alleged cyberstalker

Loren Albert, Magnolia University Professor of Computer Sciences

Pat Clifford, Magnolia University Webmaster and Cyber Angel

STIPULATIONS

1. There is no First Amendment issue in this case.
2. There is no entrapment issue in this case.
3. There is no jurisdictional issue in this case.
4. The indictment is correct and not constitutionally flawed.
5. The witnesses' statements are sworn statements and are deemed authentic.
6. Chat room discussion transcripts are stipulated as an authentic representation of what was on the computer at the time they were seized by authorities.
7. Items included in the chat room discussion transcripts that begin and end with "***" are administrative notes only and were not part of the original "chats."
8. All students named in this mock trial problem have signed the waiver for chat room use.
9. There are no stipulated experts. Any witness offered as an expert must be admitted as an expert for evidentiary purposes.

Arcadia Code Annotated

§ 97-45-15. “Cyberstalking”; penalties.

(1) It is unlawful for a person to:

(a) Use in electronic mail or electronic communication any words or language threatening to inflict bodily harm to any person or to that person’s child, sibling, spouse or dependent, or physical injury to the property of any person, or for the purpose of extorting money or other things of value from any person.

(b) Electronically mail or electronically communicate to another repeatedly, whether or not conversation ensues, for the purpose of threatening, terrifying or harassing any person.

(c) Electronically mail or electronically communicate to another and to knowingly make any false statement concerning death, injury, illness, disfigurement, indecent conduct, or criminal conduct of the person electronically mailed or of any member of the person’s family or household with the intent to threaten, terrify or harass.

(d) Knowingly permit an electronic communication device under the person’s control to be used for any purpose prohibited by this section.

(2) Whoever commits the offense of cyberstalking shall be punished, upon conviction:

(a) Except as provided herein, the person is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than two (2) years or a fine of not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

(b) If any of the following apply, the person is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than five (5) years or a fine of not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or both:

(i) The offense is in violation of a restraining order and the person has received actual notice of that restraining order or posting the message is in violation of an injunction or preliminary injunction.

(ii) The offense is in violation of a condition of probation, a condition of parole, a condition of pretrial release or a condition of release on bond pending appeal.

(iii) The offense results in a credible threat being communicated to the victim, a member of the victim’s family, or another individual living in the same household as the victim.

(iv) The person has been previously convicted of violating this section or a substantially similar law of another state, a political subdivision of another state, or of the United States.

(3) This section does not apply to any peaceable, nonviolent, or nonthreatening activity intended to express political views or to provide lawful information to others. This section shall not be construed to impair any constitutionally protected activity, including speech, protest or assembly.

**INDICTMENT
CYBERSTALKING (97-45-15 ACA)
COUNTS I & II**

THE STATE OF ARCADIA
MOCKINGBIRD COUNTY

SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

THE GRAND JURY of Mockingbird County, duly elected, empaneled, sworn, and charged to inquire in and for the said State, County, and District, in the name and by the authority of the State of Arcadia, upon their oaths present that:

KINSLEY WILLIAMS

in said County and State, between the 18th day of October, 2010 and the 25nd day of October, 2010, did knowingly without legal justification cyberstalk Jamie Anderson when he/she used in electronic communication, words or language threatening to inflict bodily harm to Jamie Anderson;

and

in said County and State, between the 18th day of October, 2010 and the 25nd day of October, 2010, did knowingly without legal justification cyberstalk Jamie Anderson when he/she electronically communicated with another repeatedly, for the purpose of threatening, terrifying or harassing Jamie Anderson;

in violation of Arcadia Code Annotated Sections 97-45-15(1)(a) and 97-45-15(1)(b) (1972) and contrary to the form of the statute in such cases made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Arcadia.

A TRUE BILL:



Devon Rogers, District Attorney



Lynn Perry, Foreperson

CHARGE: CYBERSTALKING

10-0026

**IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION**

STATE OF ARCADIA)	
Prosecution)	
)	
v.)	<i>No. 10-0026</i>
)	
KINSLEY WILLIAMS)	
Defendant)	

JURY INSTRUCTIONS

- The defendant is charged with the offense of cyberstalking. The defendant has pleaded not guilty.
- The defendant is presumed to be innocent of the charges. This presumption remains with him/her throughout every stage of the trial and during your deliberations on the verdict and is not overcome unless from all the evidence in the case you are convinced beyond a reasonable doubt that he/she is guilty. The State has the burden of proving the guilt of the defendant beyond a reasonable doubt, and this burden remains on the State throughout the case. The defendant is not required to prove his/her innocence. A reasonable doubt is a doubt based on reason and common sense arising out of some or all of the evidence that has been presented or lack or insufficiency of the evidence. Proof beyond a reasonable doubt is proof that fully satisfies or entirely convinces you of the defendant's guilt.
- A person commits the offense of cyberstalking (Count I) when he/she knowingly uses in electronic mail or electronic communication any words or language threatening to inflict bodily harm to any person or to that person's child, sibling, spouse or dependent, or physical injury to the property of any person, or for the purpose of extorting money or other things of value from any person.
- To sustain the charge of cyberstalking (Count I), the State must prove the following:
 1. That the defendant knowingly used any words or language threatening to inflict bodily harm to Jamie Anderson, and;
 2. That the defendant used electronic mail or electronic communication to transmit threat.

If you find from your consideration of all the evidence that each of these elements has been proven beyond a reasonable doubt, you should find the defendant guilty.

If you find from your consideration of all the evidence that any of these elements has not been proven beyond a reasonable doubt, you should find the defendant not guilty.

- A person commits the offense of cyberstalking (Count II) when he/she knowingly electronically mails or electronically communicates with another repeatedly, whether or not conversation ensues, for the purpose of threatening, terrifying or harassing any person.
- To sustain the charge of cyberstalking (Count II), the State must prove the following:
 1. That the defendant on at least two separate occasions knowingly electronically mailed or electronically communicated with Jamie Anderson, and;
 2. That the defendant's purpose was to threaten, terrify, or harass Jamie Anderson.

If you find from your consideration of all the evidence that each one of these elements has been proven beyond a reasonable doubt, you should find the defendant guilty.

If you find from your consideration of all the evidence that any one of these elements has not been proven beyond a reasonable doubt, you should find the defendant not guilty.

Prosecution Witness Statement of Jamie Anderson
(Alleged victim of cyberstalking)

1. My name is Jamie Anderson, and I'm currently a junior at Magnolia University. I live on campus in Rutledge Hall, one of the co-ed dorms on campus. This is my second year living at Rutledge Hall. I requested assignment to this residence hall again because I knew so many of the student residents that the place started to feel like home.
2. I logged onto the campus chat room the university sponsors as part of my class registration. The chat room gives students a chance to discuss courses, homework assignments and things like that. I posted a message asking for the reading assignments for my literature course. I didn't want to fall behind.
3. Prior to signing on for the first time, I had to read and sign the usual release that says that the campus authorities monitor user activity by use of the "red button" scheme to protect students from unsavory activities. When I was in the campus advisor's office to sign up for the service, a couple of other students were in there with me. We all joked about the release; I don't think any of us took it seriously at the time. I didn't think signing the release as really being a deterrent if someone wanted to hack or bend the rules.
4. I hadn't used the chat room all that much until late September or early October. I know it was on a Friday. The campus pretty much clears out on Fridays, so I gave it a shot and asked if anyone had the assignment for my English 301 class. I got an almost instant response to my request for the homework assignment from another student in class. It seemed funny that we'd been told not to reveal our actual names, address, telephone numbers or other personal information. I thought at the time that the small campus was full of friendly folks all concentrating on their educations and having a good time at college.
5. After that first positive experience, I visited the chat room often. There would often be movie reviews or discussions on books being read, bestsellers and assignments and information on good places to eat. And, there was also the routine info on class assignments in case someone was out sick. I'm not very computer savvy, but I could use the chat room and my campus e-mail account with no problems.
6. I was in a class with Kinsley Williams during our sophomore year. It was a class on psychology, and the professor was using quite a bit of literature as a way to help us understand various psychological problems and profiles. It was a fun class, but I remember that Kinsley was frustrated because none of the literary situations created really challenging psychological profiles. Kinsley asked to do some extra-credit reading and did a report on Jack the Ripper. It was a painful report to listen to, and I guess I was a bit more sensitive than some. Kinsley's report almost made me ill. It was very graphic. Kinsley seemed to enjoy the class's discomfort with some of the descriptions and photographic materials that were circulated during the report. I asked the professor if I could be excused in the middle of the report; I was that upset. I was given permission to leave, but had to explain to the professor in the hallway why I was so upset. The professor understood, and I left, called home and discussed the report with my parents. I felt better after speaking with them.
7. I think it was about two months after I'd signed up to use the chat room and about a week after the student union incident where I'd avoided Kinsley Williams, that I noticed some references to my nickname, which is Jam. Some kids in the dorm call me "the Jam" because my dorm room is so messy that the door sometimes jams up against something ... and my real name is Jamie, so it sort of fits. My chat room and e-mail user names are both the same, Jammin@Magnolia and Jammin@Magnolia.edu. In hindsight, I should have been much more careful in choosing user names and e-mail addresses. Better to be as anonymous as possible on the Internet. My password is, or was, JACHAT. This has changed now.
8. Anyhow, one day I logged onto the chat room and remembered that someone had posted two messages on previous dates that had sort of freaked me out. "Jam's in the window. Exercise all you want, my friend, you won't be able to run fast enough." My first thought on reading that was that I'd been goofing around the night before doing some jumping jacks and running in place in the dorm room. My room is on the second level, so I rarely bother to close the drapes, as no one can really see in the room. I sort of calmed myself down by telling myself that I wasn't a jogger, so it must not have really been meant for me. But, I did show the message to my roommate Shelby. Shelby sort of shrugged it off at first, but then read the second message further down the discussion thread. Then we both got concerned.

9. There were some other messages on the board that same day, and the discussion was about a campus hazing that had taken place at a high school a few weeks ago. Some kids had been pretty badly beat up and suffered some extreme indignities, to say the least. There are no sororities or fraternities allowed at Magnolia, so there's never been a problem with that kind of social rite of passage, so to speak.

10. We both saw the statement; "Jammin's been seen wearing school colors all week. Think blood won't show on those dark colors?" Shelby and I both thought that this line in particular was directed at me because I had been wearing school colors all week. I have a part time job at the university union, and we were promoting t-shirts, sweatshirts and other university logo clothes and items. All of the student employees had been given an assortment of stuff from the union store to wear as a sales promotion.

11. Shelby and I were both convinced that someone using the chat room knew that I was Jammin@Magnolia and was trying to prank me somehow. I first thought someone was just trying to get my attention, but some of the other lines started to really get to me, and I started having trouble sleeping and would constantly look over my shoulder wherever I went. Shelby and I started going places together or not going out at all. This made going to class for a week or so a little difficult, but we worked it out between us so that neither of us would be alone walking on campus.

12. Even though we were careful, we kept visiting the chat room. We felt like sleuths looking for some additional evidence, to determine for sure if someone was earmarking me for trouble, or threats or something. We were drawn to it, even though it was freaking us out. It really never occurred to either of us that we should press the panic button that the university offers as a safeguard. I can't say why. We sure got to the point that we were close to panic.

13. On October 22, 2010, a Friday, there was a flurry of chatter about a course on campus that was talking about terrorism and the law. It's a government and current events course, in the political science field. There was plenty of discussion on freedom of speech and September 11, and individual rights. Nothing too frightening, it was a good discussion actually.

14. But then we saw another reference to "Jam." "Anticipation is what it's all about, and building fear. You never know when you'll be forced to face your greatest fear ... suffocation, torture, painful prolonged death." And it started up again with, "Time is running out, my Jammin friend. Maybe we can meet in the alley?"

15. Shelby and I saw it at the same time, and Shelby said that maybe we should notify someone on campus about the series of postings that were mentioning me. I said I'd think about it. I guess I was trying to talk myself out of being afraid. But the next day, on the 23rd, a Saturday, when campus was really empty, there were two more postings.

16. One was responding to the comment I mentioned above, about suffocation and torture, saying that the language was inappropriate. I don't know who had posted that response, but I was glad someone else on campus was feeling uncomfortable about the discussion.

17. The person who'd been posting the threats responded to that by saying, "I admit to being mad, but madness can be a good thing. It gives me direction, focus and an outlet for my aggression."

18. About ten minutes later my computer indicated I'd received an incoming e-mail with the subject line blank. I usually just delete these without opening them, fear of virus problems, but I opened it. The message was from user@MagnoliaULib, which meant it was from one of the campus library computers where you can either sign on with your student I.D. or as a general student, using the user@MagnoliaULib and then the password "student." It's anonymous, so far as I can tell. Anyhow, the message said, "FF may lose control at any time ... longs to test your control. How long will you last, my jammin friend? If you're afraid, you better stay locked up in your 2nd floor roost and not go out to play. You could be sorry. You could be dead." Someone had figured out that all you had to do to Jammin@Magnolia was add a dot and then "edu" to turn it into my e-mail address.

19. And then we totally freaked. Shelby and I turned off the computer and locked the dorm room on our way out and went right to the campus police station to report on what we'd been seeing. Campus police called the Mockingbird County authorities, and they all met with Shelby and me and with other campus officials who got involved. That's when I learned how high-tech the campus computer system was. Every chat room discussion had been captured, fully, and was stored on disks in the security offices. They had access to every chat room discussion thread and all they had to do was search for "Jam" and "Jammin" or other variations, and they found some vague references I hadn't even seen.

20. The campus police and other university personnel asked if I had any idea who might be targeting me, and I said I thought of one person, but really didn't want to say because I wasn't at all sure. I was relieved when their investigations lead them to Kinsley Williams. I just don't know why Kinsley chose me as a target for the stalking, which is what it really was. Stalking.

21. Once the police became involved, there were only two more references to me in chat room discussions, neither was as threatening as the first, but they still crossed the line and are included in the complaint against Kinsley Williams.

22. One appeared on Sunday, October 24, and referred to "Jam" and "Jammin," and included mention of my English homework. It was then I remembered that I'd asked for the homework assignment for English 301. It must have been pretty easy for Kinsley Williams to figure out that Jammin@Magnolia was Jamie in English 301.

23. The message that appeared on October 21 was probably what convinced me that Kinsley was, in fact, the person behind all the threatening chat room messages. I'd seen Kinsley in the student union, and I had made a point of turning and walking in a different direction. I'm absolutely positive Kinsley and the friends that were there with Kinsley all saw me avoid them, and I have to say I wasn't all that subtle about it. Shelby was with me, and I actually grabbed his/her arm and dragged him/her down a side hallway. I also know that they saw us make that move because we stopped and looked back and saw Kinsley laughing and pointing at us. That's when Kinsley said, and we both heard it perfectly, "There goes Jammin@Magnolia, The Jam," and when Kinsley said "The Jam," he/she made that little quotation mark sign with his/her hands and laughed a pretty scary laugh.

24. Another proof, sort of, that it was Kinsley Williams who was posting all those messages in the chat room is that they stopped right after Kinsley was arrested. During the whole investigation, we were told to keep on using the chat room and not discuss the investigation with anyone.

Jamie Anderson

Prosecution Witness Statement
Shelby Edwards, Jamie Anderson's roommate

1. My name is Shelby Edwards, and I'm Jamie Anderson's roommate at Magnolia University. Our dormitory room is on the second floor of Rutledge Hall. Kinsley Williams also lives at Rutledge. All of us are juniors at Magnolia, and we all knew each other. That is, Jamie and I knew each other well as we're from the same high school, but we knew Kinsley Williams only in passing.
2. I remember that Jamie and I signed up for the chat room together, on registration day, just in case. I don't think either of us really planned on using it all that much, but then Jamie got sick and needed a homework assignment from someone and it worked so well that we both started jumping in and commenting now and again. It's a useful tool. We enjoyed it for a few weeks and then things got strange.
3. We went to the student union to get some coffee and meet friends on Thursday, the 21st. When we arrived, we saw Williams sitting at a table in the middle of the union with a bunch of friends. Jamie grabbed me and pulled me back out of view, but we heard Williams and the other people at the table laughing and saying things about Jamie, like making fun of the nickname, "The Jam." Not their business. I guess it wasn't all that frightening, being as it was such a public place, but we were in such a tense state that we reacted like we were really freaked out by running into Williams and those other pals of his/hers. We left the way we came rather than walking through the union and setting ourselves up as targets for more of their verbal teasing. I know Jamie didn't sleep well that night. I didn't either.
4. I keep a pretty accurate calendar of where I'm supposed to be and when, because when I get too busy, I sometimes forget stuff. The calendar came in handy when we reported the chat room threats to the authorities because we, Jamie and I, were able to confirm 100% that the discussions took place on the dates they did. My calendar jived with the printouts that the computer guru's were able to retrieve.
5. I even urged Jamie to print some of the chat room screens, so we'd have something to refer to if questions arose about what we'd been reading there. It was some pretty ugly stuff.
6. I remember that Jamie got real freaked out after seeing "Jam" and "Jammin" appear in some of those ugly messages. I know if I'd seen my name attached to those threats, I'd have gone through the same or worse emotions that Jamie suffered. Jamie pretty much stopped opening the curtains in the morning, answering the phone or taking walks. And Jamie's behavior was catching, especially since I'd read the messages as well. All that talk of torture can really dig in and sort of fester in your mind. Jamie and I decided that we'd hang pretty close together and make sure that Jamie wasn't alone. Ever. And we were doing that when the additional messages came on the message board.
7. I don't know why we didn't just sign off and stop using the chat room. I guess we sort of felt that we wanted to know what the person out there was thinking and that we'd be able to tell if there was a real threat coming Jamie's way. Better to know than try to guess, you know?
8. Anyhow, after about the third mention of "Jam," I started asking Jamie if we shouldn't alert the campus authorities or dial that 9999 campus phone number to let someone know how freaked we were getting. I felt sorry for Jamie. There was a real confused feeling in him/her. I guess it's hard to get someone in trouble. I don't think I'd have minded so much getting someone who was picking on me so awfully in trouble. They deserve whatever comes their way. Eye for an eye, they say.
9. I was pretty insistent after Jamie stopped eating. Wouldn't go to the dorm cafeteria or any of the local restaurants. I was asking other friends to bring us fast food almost daily. I was afraid to explain why, so I just said we were working on a class project and couldn't get away from the computer that long.
10. I think Jamie lost about 10 lbs. And night after night, I'd wake up to see Jamie just sitting there, or peering through the closed curtains, or listening at the doorway. It was awful to watch, and I tried to offer some comfort and assurances. After all, there is a dorm alarm system. The doors are usually kept locked, and we have to use keys to get onto the resident floors, and we had the phone right there. But it didn't help.

11. I can't remember ever discussing with Jamie the possibility of clicking on the panic button on the chat room web page. I think we may have considered it, but decided that the university must be monitoring the page because they said in their registration materials that the pages were not considered private. I guess that maybe in the backs of our minds we thought that someone would be watching and know that something was wrong. No one ever contacted us to check to see if we were alarmed or concerned or anything like that though.

12. I guess we could have put a stop to the whole business if we'd used that panic button early on. Maybe then we would have gotten some sleep, Jamie wouldn't have been so freaked out, and Kinsley Williams would have avoided getting into all this legal trouble.

13. When we did finally decide to report the problem, we went to the campus officials together with the printouts we'd kept. They were able to match their computer times and messages to ours so they could see we hadn't faked anything.

14. Then they really started watching the chat room. They told us to keep logging on and using the computer in our room to use the chat room. We did. It felt sort of good knowing that someone else was watching and that there was a good chance that someone was going to get caught red-handed sending those ugly messages. We were still pretty apprehensive though and kept up our policy of never being alone, closing curtains and keeping our doors locked up tight.

15. It didn't take long after we reported the problem to the campus officials that the computer guys told us that they thought the chat room messages had been sent from a computer inside Rutledge Hall. Jamie really freaked and started talking about quitting school, dropping out for a year or two, going home to get a job and letting things settle down. Terrible to let someone get away with threatening someone like that and causing such life changing fears to take over.

16. Finally, they made an arrest, Kinsley Williams, and the chat room messages referring to Jamie stopped immediately. Guess that sort of proves that Kinsley must have been the one doing all that nasty stuff. What a jerk.

17. And now we've heard that Kinsley Williams may be using the defense that someone else is probably using his/her passwords and codes. That's funny. Williams's been using that chat room and must have seen the tags on the ends of his/her comments. I know Kinsley's taking classes in law-enforcement, so why would a student who is so interested in law-enforcement and all that stuff not want to investigate and find out who was adding text? Makes no sense. I'd have been furious if someone started altering my comments, especially if they were turning something allegedly innocent into something dangerously threatening. That's nonsense. Kinsley's supposed to have such a keen mind. Why wasn't it used when the additional lines were seen? I would have thought it would be the kind of challenge Williams would love!

Shelby Edwards

Prosecution Witness Statement, Ashton Hodges,
Mockingbird County Police Investigator assigned to the case

1. My name is Ashton Hodges, and I am a Mockingbird County Police Investigator assigned to one of the police force's "elite cyber crimes squad," which means I've received special training in computers and on-line security issues. Officers are allowed to choose which "elite squad" they are interested in and then the force offers extensive training. The fact that we get to choose means that each officer on the force is given special training in his or her area of interest. Goes a long way to boost morale. I also have a degree in computer science from Magnolia University. I graduated with honors 10 years ago and went right to the police academy. I served 4 years in the Navy as a computer technician on board the U.S.S. Reliant. This is my 2nd year on the force. I was on duty when Jamie Anderson and Shelby Edwards arrived at the university security offices. I took the call from the university and went over there to help with the preliminary interviews and investigations.

2. When I arrived, both of the students were highly agitated and nervous. My first thought was that if we don't get them calmed down, we're not going to get good information from the interviews. So, I set out to calm them down by offering them sodas, sitting with them for a while, introducing myself and generally making them comfortable with the surroundings and the people they'd be speaking with. Even after they relaxed, Jamie kept exhibiting nervous tendencies like hand wringing, twisting and turning in the chair, standing and pacing the floor. Things like that are very telling during the interview process. I'd say that whatever had happened to these two kids, they were taking very seriously, and they were scared.

3. They mentioned that almost all of the communications had taken place through computer on-line chat rooms, but that there had been one face-to-face confrontation that had also upset them both. Evidently, Kinsley Williams saw Jamie and Shelby in the student union and had targeted them there with some teasing remarks that had made quite a threatening impression on them both.

4. It is routine for Magnolia University campus police and the Mockingbird County police department to cooperate fully when something happens on campus or a student has a complaint. We have a long history of cooperation and support for each other's offices and authority. I was called in to take statements, so if a civil or criminal investigation ensued, there would be a proper chain of evidence.

5. The campus police had already called the computer technical staff to retrieve the chat room conversations that had taken place in the past two or three weeks. We were going to limit the search for the threatening language by asking the students what times they had entered and exited the chat room. Knowing how efficient the computer staff at Magnolia University can be, I knew we'd have the information very quickly.

6. Shelby Edwards had the presence of mind to bring in a calendar that indicated quite a few of the incidents they were questioning. Nice kid. Thoughtful, and I'd be willing to bet Shelby is a good student. Organized.

7. It's routine in this kind of case to encourage continued chat room use to see if we can draw out the person or persons who are making threats. When we encouraged Jamie to continue utilizing the on-line chat-room until they could follow the leads, they had to try to identify the sender of the threatening messages, Jamie's fear showed in full force. You could see his/her face go pale and his/her hands tremble. Shelby Edwards looked a bit taken aback as well. I suppose they had thought that simply reporting the problem would make it go away. That's not how investigations work though. We sometimes need help to find out the computer that was used, and the passcode of the user.

8. I am aware that Magnolia University has in place monitoring software that automatically alerts security staff when certain words or phrases are used in the chat-rooms on campus. It's called the "shark program." I knew we'd need to interview the computer technology staff to see when the discussions took place, which computers were used, etc. This could be a lengthy process.

9. This past winter, I investigated some child exploitation cases on the Internet. The common denominator was that all three cases originated in chat rooms. I try to encourage parents and teens, and even younger children who are allowed Internet use to always take great care in protecting their confidentiality. In one of the cases I mentioned, I asked the teenager involved if she knew how to research the name and information on the person she'd been chatting with. She felt she didn't need to because she'd been chatting with this person and had asked so many questions. She felt confident she knew the person. What she hadn't thought of was that person might be lying. I asked her if she had given out any personal information, and she said she hadn't. But then I asked if she'd ever mentioned her high school name. She said yes. I asked if she'd indicated her gender, and she admitted she had. I asked if she'd ever mentioned what year she was in school. She said she had. I then asked one more question. Had she ever mentioned any of her extracurricular activities? Again, she said yes. All these, to her, seemed innocent enough. However, when all taken are as a whole, they provide an incredible amount of information for a stalker or other criminally minded individual.

10. The information the teenager offered could have helped to narrow the search for a target. Think about it. She told this person what high school she went to. That narrows the field, in this case, to less than 800. From the entire world, to 800. Then she said she was a female. That cut the number in half, to approximately 400. She mentioned she was a senior, narrowing the field to about 100, and she also indicated she was a cheerleader, thus narrowing the global field to eight. And, take this into account as well. The high school she attended has a website that displays photographs of team sports and, you guessed right, the cheerleaders. So, if this girl had also mentioned that she was blond, or had long hair, the field would narrow even more. So, even though this girl hadn't given out her name, address, telephone number, e-mail or web information, anyone with enough will could have located her pretty easily with the information she had provided.

11. After checking the captured computer information available from the University's computer systems analyst and computer tech people, we were able to determine which computers on campus had been used to enter the chat room each time one of the suspect comments was made. All but one time, the computer used was the one located in the Rutledge Hall common room on the first floor of that dormitory. That computer sits in a small, rather out of the way room, down a hallway, and you can close the door for complete privacy. It's the perfect place to undertake questionable computer behavior, and think that you couldn't be traced because of the number of students with access.

12. The University has in place a "filter" system called "the shark program" that has the capability to capture questionable language and alert monitors to potential problems. However, we've learned through experience that no software program is foolproof. First, it has to be switched on. You have to learn how to maneuver through the data history files to see what's been going on.

13. By checking user files, sign on dates and times, we were able to discern that the user name and passcode, which students must register when they sign the initial release forms to utilize the chat room, belonged to Kinsley Williams. The username was "Shokwave," which is one of Kinsley Williams's usernames. Shokwave's password is "Crag07." The other registered student username Williams uses is "Fatalflaw2006" with the password "Kincrag." Both usernames appear on the printouts of the chat room discussions in question. Both were using the Rutledge Hall computer. The one message that did not use that particular computer was the first message with a reference to "Jam." That one appeared on October 18 and said "Jam's in the window. Exercise all you want, my friend, you won't be able to run fast enough." That message was posted from a computer in the Magnolia University Library, 2nd floor student lounge. The username was "Fatalflaw2006" with the appropriate password "Kincrag."

14. As a routine user of the campus e-mail and website, I can testify that often e-mails are sent but don't arrive until seconds, minutes or even hours later. And, relying on any campus clock when indicating where you might have been at what time, can be taking a chance. Everyone on campus knows the campus clocks are unreliable, and, more often than not, they're way off. Must be because of power brownouts or something. They just can't seem to keep the things running right.

15. Williams seems to think that his/her username and password from last year, which were “Fatalaw2006” and “Kincrag” were found on a textbook he/she sold and are being used by someone trying to get Williams into trouble. We have yet to locate that particular textbook, which Williams says was sold back to the University bookstore. We checked at the University Library to see if this particular textbook had found its way onto the bookshelves and might have been available or accessible for student use, but they don’t have that particular textbook in their inventory. They have five duplicate versions, but none have the writing on the cover that Kinsley Williams says should be there. We also checked with the University bookstore. There was no book so marked in its inventory, but that doesn’t mean there might not have been at some time. University personnel did indicate that they do not make an effort to clean or erase markings off of used textbooks sold back to the bookstore.

16. There is some responsibility that the selling student should assume in erasing any personal information, like a password, personal code, etc., if they choose to sell a textbook, or donate it somewhere. Even if accounts are no longer being used, or go stagnant, they can still cause problems. Williams should have taken care to erase his/her computer e-mail and user codes from that textbook. If there’s a lesson to be learned here, in addition to the seriousness of computer threats, it’s that personal information should be guarded.

Ashton Hodges

Defense Witness Statement
Kinsley Williams, alleged cyberstalker

1. My name is Kinsley Williams, and I'm a junior at Magnolia University. I live in Rutledge Hall, the same dorm where Jamie Anderson and Shelby Edwards live. I admit, without reservation, that I use the on-line chat room offered by the University, but I deny any intent to threaten any specific person in the various postings I submitted.

2. I guess I can see how someone might be unsettled by talk about sleep deprivation and human laboratory experiments to study pain and suffering and hate crimes, but my major is psychology with a minor in law enforcement. I have an honest curiosity about these things that is shared by many in my classes.

3. I decided on this major because I want to become a psychologist to help post-traumatic stress disorder patients recover from their traumas. I watch quite a bit of television when I'm not doing my homework. The history channel and the news channels often have special programs on virtually every crime that has ever been committed, and they often run stories told by the survivors. I'm incredibly interested in these first-hand accounts of how victims survive, their thought processes, their physical strengths, etc. I mean, if we all knew what it took to survive a terrible situation, they'd be able to train us all to withstand just about any terror we could ever expect to face. I think my research is going to be very useful someday.

4. I guess that because I'm such a serious student, I am often perceived to be a loner or outsider. I know I'm a bit of an over-achiever and often accept extra credit assignments, especially if they allow me to undertake some individual options in my research. One of my extra credit reports in my psychology in literature class evidently freaked out some of the less challenged students. I don't really understand why. I wasn't exposing any deep dark historical or psychological secret. The schools all teach crime and punishment, and television programs run the same kinds of pictures I showed. One student got up and walked out, obviously shaken. Now that same student is lodging a complaint against me.

5. The chat room has been a great resource for me, and I vigorously deny improper use. I've often ridiculed the general chat room population, but I've never targeted any individual. The statement that said, "Anticipation is what it's all about, and building fear. You never know when you'll be forced to face your greatest fear ... suffocation, torture, painful prolonged death," was from me. I had been discussing torture camps with some other students and was responding to a question that someone had asked as we all headed home. It's true. Anticipating something dreadful is often worse than the actual happening, when it finally occurs. Like going to the dentist. You think how awful it's going to be, but then you do it, and it's not all that bad. Fear gets to you and makes you freak. Discussing controversial views should not be illegal, even if someone misinterprets the statements that are made!

6. I remember writing something like "I admit to being mad, but madness can be a good thing. It gives me direction, focus and an outlet for my aggression." Someone had said that I was nuts in one of my classes. I prefer the word "mad." It's so much more poetic, somehow. Loads of highly productive and famous people have been thought to be mad, but still gain fame and fortune for their thought processes. I admit that being a bit different makes one appear to be a bit mad, thus the statement. Being different, to me, is a good thing. It isolates me from people I don't really care about, and I'm allowed to focus on my thoughts, goals, class work, research, etc.

7. I am, while a loner, a very aggressive student. I like to challenge my professors by tossing them questions they don't expect. I like to make them think as much as they like to make me think. I guess I may be a different kind of student from what they normally see, but I've had quite a few professors compliment me and tell me they enjoy the challenge of having me in their classes.

8. I flat out deny having anything to do with the two statements that are included in the complaint that say; "Jam's in the window. Exercise all you want, my friend, you won't be able to run fast enough." And "Jammin's been seen wearing school colors all week. Think blood won't show on those dark colors?" Who cares when Jamie was exercising, or what color his/her clothes were? And that bit about the blood. I am absolutely convinced that some nut case with some computer expertise has been out there using my passwords.

9. I'll also admit to typing in the statement that read, "The clock is ticking. Time is on my side. Time is running out my friend." How anyone could see that as a threat, I don't know. I was talking about a statistical probability

that all of us in the chat room at the time would be victims of crime. I think everyone understood what the context was. It's when you pull the dialogue apart and start looking for ugliness that it appears to be threatening. That's not my fault.

10. And, when that transmission, the one on the 22nd that said "Maybe we can meet in the alley?" that everyone thinks is so awful, appeared, I wasn't near a computer. I had logged off and was actually at an interview, talking with the computer lab personnel about a report I was going to do about on-line research. So now they're probably going to say that I have the technical ability to pause a computer e-mail entry or had someone else press the enter key. Good luck.

11. I think that someone in the chat room knew that Jamie and I weren't seeing eye to eye and started tacking on comments to my chat room commentary. I even think I know how it was done, and I've asked Pat Clifford if I'm right. I think if you ask Pat, you'll find that anyone could have logged into the chat room using my personal information and tagged words onto my comments after I'd signed off. This is especially true if I happened to be using one of the university computers, like at the library, the union or in the common room at Rutledge Hall, and I have used those computers, but not frequently. I can't remember the last time I used the library computer. Must have been a few months ago.

12. There's a strong possibility that someone's pranking both Jamie Anderson and me. I know that I had written my personal pass code from last year for the chat room on the cover of my forensics textbook from last year, and I sold that book or donated it to the library without erasing the information. I haven't closed that account, I just added a new one this year, so someone could be making this look like it's coming from me when it isn't. That should be illegal, if it isn't! Some may think that it's a convenient way for me to have pranked someone, using an old account, but it's just plain easier to let the old accounts ride, rather than completing paperwork. It's not a crime to be lazy, is it?

13. I've been asked what computer usernames I've got on file in my name. This year I registered the username "Shokwave" with a password "Crag07." Last year, I had registered under the username "Fatalflaw2006" with the password "Kincrag." I'm absolutely positive that the Shokwave/Crag07 information was written on my forensics book from last year. I'm also absolutely positive that whoever has that book is the person you're looking for. Again, I'm willing to admit to making some of the statements, or participating in some of the discussions, but my intent was not to harass anyone. I thought all along I was in an educational conversation, a learning experience, you know?

14. People are also making a big deal about me making fun of Jamie in the student union. Since when has laughing at someone been a crime? All I did was make fun of the nickname "The Jam." I was sitting at a table in the union with some friends, and Jamie came around the corner and lurched back so suddenly, dragging someone with him/her out of view. Then they peeked around the corner, like kids playing hide-and-seek! Jamie was making a fool of him/herself by dragging that friend behind some wall and acting so afraid. It was pretty childish.

15. By the way, someone tells me that Jamie received an e-mail from the University library computer that they think came from me. I wish they'd fingerprint all those computers over there. I haven't used the library computers for months.

Kensly Williams

Defense Witness Statement
Loren Albert, Magnolia University Professor of Computer Sciences

1. My name is Loren Albert, and I am a Magnolia University Professor. I teach computer science, computer ethics and advanced technology and research. I've been serving in my capacity as head of the computer technology division for four years.
2. I encourage my students to use the on-line chat room and discussion opportunities as a safe and efficient way to expand their studies. It is important for students to realize early on that our student chat rooms are not meant for entertainment. They are meant as learning and communication tools. They should be used for open dialogue. Students are encouraged to utilize the chat rooms and to adhere to the rules and guidelines set forth by the university and my individual professors. For example, I tell my students to be particularly aware of message length, continuity of discussion and articulate responses that can keep the discussion flowing. Short is always better. Brief phrases are easier to respond to and keep the discussion going without lengthy delays that can create confusion.
3. Some students arrive on campus experienced with computer chat rooms. Others experience a bit of timidity when they first use the tool, but with some encouragement, these students learn how the medium works and are able to use it efficiently within a matter of weeks.
4. What students sometimes don't understand is that there can be a number of "conversations" going on simultaneously and they need to process the discussions to weed out what is relevant to their particular discussion.
5. Having a problem like this arise on the Magnolia University campus is disturbing, and I've been in meeting after meeting with University Deans, the Chancellor, faculty and staff to try to determine whether or not the chat room facilities should be shut down. There seems to be the overwhelming response from the student body that they want the chat rooms to continue, but with additional monitoring by campus officials.
6. It was one of my responsibilities to supervise the on-line chat rooms, and I take that responsibility very seriously. It was my decision to include the "red button" feature that students can click if they feel discussions are getting out of line or crossing into a territory that makes them uncomfortable. The red button has never been used during this academic year. Quite often students take it upon themselves to admonish other students that ask inappropriate questions or use unacceptable language. I'm very proud of the Magnolia University students. They are using a tool in a very adult manner.
7. Unfortunately, on the week that the alleged cyberstalking took place on the Magnolia University chat room, I was on and off campus taking care of family wedding plans and was not checking on the chat room conversations, as I usually do at least three to four times a day. I log-on routinely and read discussion threads to see how students are using the chat room and if there are problems with the equipment, etc.
8. This particular allegation is the first time in the history of the chat room that such a threat has been observed. It is my personal opinion that the language does not rise to the level of a criminal complaint; however, as a university official, I need to be aware of all investigations and allegations, so I've reviewed all the chat room discussions in question.
9. I am concerned that there may be some unauthorized use of a student's password. Based on our records, one of the alleged offensive statements occurred on Friday, October 22. Between the entries, "Anticipation is what it's all about, and building fear. You never know when you'll be forced to face your greatest fear ... suffocation, torture, painful prolonged death," and "Time is running out, my Jammin friend. Maybe we can meet in the alley?" There's a 20 minute break or lapse in the discussion. That is plenty of time for Kinsley Williams to have logged off and left the building and someone else, an unauthorized user, to enter, log on and use Kinsley's password to continue the conversation and issue the threatening second phrase. Kinsley Williams was actually interviewing someone on campus in the computer lab at the time that second phrase appeared so Kinsley may not have been the person responsible for making the entry. I can confirm that because I saw Kinsley.

10. Unauthorized use, if indeed that is what happened in this situation, is a serious infraction of the campus rules. A year ago, the university experienced an on-line prank when a student, I'll call John, left a computer workstation without logging off and protecting his e-mail account. The next student who sat down at the station realized that he had the opportunity to prank the student named John and sent out a rather innocent message to the chat room that indicated that John was madly in love with Marsha. This embarrassed both John and Marsha, who had never really spoken to each other. I was able, in class, to call attention to the breach and discussed the misconduct, which violated university policy and academic integrity of the chat room. The resulting gossip from the incident was innocent, and no one was hurt. And the prankster issued a verbal and written apology to the parties he'd pranked. This offered a valuable learning experience to everyone involved in the chat room. We haven't had that type of prank since.

Lauren Albert

Defense Witness Statement
Pat Clifford, Magnolia University Webmaster and Cyber Angel

1. My name is Pat Clifford, and I work at Magnolia University in the computer technology lab.
2. It was my responsibility to design the university's chat room option for the students. In doing so, I made sure that every one of the university's computers, in the library, dormitories, student union, computer labs and in the offices, could link directly to the chat room with appropriate user names and passwords. That would ensure that the students would have access, and the faculty and staff would be able to have access as well. We drafted a form for the students to sign, so they'd be aware of some of the "panic" or "red button" options in case they felt there were problems. They also signed a form that indicated they had read the rules for using the chat room. Those rules prohibit abuse of the system, hacking and unauthorized use, like using someone's password without their knowledge, and other standard common sense rules.
3. I think the chat room has a lot of potential, but I don't think it's being used as the university had first envisioned. At the outset, teachers would go to use the chat room to expand on classroom discussions and pose challenging questions to the students for additional debate. That never happened. The chat room, as it is used now, is 99.9% student driven. The only time a faculty member visits is to check in if they are assigned as a monitor for a day or so. Those monitor duties rotate, so no one has to continually be responsible for reading all the chatter that goes on.
4. Usually the discussions are about assignments – what's due when, why do they give us so much to read, do you have something I need or want, etc. There has certainly been nothing very in-depth, controversial or inspiring. I've monitored the chat room off and on since inception and can tell you that there has been no earth breaking news out there.
5. I have read the transcripts of the conversations in question, and I fail to see why any of the language created this uproar. I found none of it to be particularly threatening. But, I'm not a 19-year-old student away from home. I suppose if I were out there without a good support system, and if I got it into my head that someone was mad at me or didn't like me, some of the wording could be construed as vaguely threatening. But it does not cross the line into a cyberstalking matter. There's just no basis for it.
6. It's incredibly common for students to forget their passwords and use someone else's for a few seconds to get an assignment ... and that's after all the nagging we do to tell them to keep that kind of information strictly confidential. Students also, quite commonly, write their usernames, passwords, e-mail addresses and other information on the covers of books or notebooks. I've even found this kind of information written on napkins in the university's coffee shop.
7. Maybe there's a false sense of security because the students all know that the faculty, advisors and campus security have access to the chat room, and we monitor the discussions on a regular basis.
8. There's been a bit of a fuss between the campus security office and the computer technology folks regarding security-screening devices that are supposed to filter discussions to look for particular words or phrases. It's my feeling that the technology we have isn't nearly sophisticated enough to do that. Even words we find offensive can be used in sentences, especially in intellectual discussions or debates, so that they lose their offensive nature and become part of a very positive discussion.
9. For instance, pick a phrase like "kill you," which initially sounds terrible, unless it's used in a phrase like, "those shoes will kill you if you wear them too long," or something like that. I think "murder you" has been filtered once, and that was a student warning another that if he got caught doing something "Your parents are going to murder you." We let that kind of thing slip by. We've never had a filtered phrase appear in a sentence that would infer a direct threat, like "I'm going to kill you." Same thing with murder you, torture you, etc. Maybe it's because the students realize the phrases they aren't supposed to use that can raise an alarm with one of the security personnel assigned to monitor the chat rooms.

10. I've met Kinsley Williams. Kinsley was interviewing me about Internet use in combating terrorism ... and that interview was scheduled for 4:00 on the 22nd, but Kinsley showed about fifteen or twenty minutes early, at about the same time as one of the alleged communications in the complaint. Kinsley seemed to be exceptionally bright, although somewhat distracted.

11. Some folks seem to think that Kinsley has a bit of an odd streak. I'm not at all sure that's true. I just saw a very intelligent and motivated student who wanted to seek out answers. In any event, I do not believe he/she is capable of stalking anyone. I should know as I have been combating cyber crime such as this through my involvement with the Cyber Angels, a watchdog group of volunteers who work closely with law enforcement agencies to address and monitor on-line abuse and cyber crime. I am on a special team that is responsible for answering e-mails from people that are being stalked on-line. Victims are given information regarding how to protect themselves and how to turn the predator in. From my personal experience, Kinsley does not fit the profile.

Pat Clifford

EXHIBITS

- A. Magnolia University Student On-line Chat Room Usage Policy
- B. Magnolia University On-Line Student Chat Room Instructions/Rules
- C. Magnolia University Internet Chat Room Dialogue Excerpts (18 Oct 2010)
- D. Magnolia University Internet Chat room Dialogue Excerpts (21 Oct 2010)
- E. Magnolia University Internet Chat Room Dialogue Excerpts (22 Oct 2010)
- F. Magnolia University Internet Chat Room Dialogue Excerpts (23 Oct 2010)
- G. Shelby Edwards – Daily Diary Excerpts 2010

Magnolia University Student On-line Chat Room Usage Policy

All students utilizing the On-line Chat Room must read and sign this release form. Students who are found to have violated this Usage Policy will be barred from further use of the On-line Chat Room and may face civil or criminal penalties, depending upon the violation.

Students violate Magnolia University's On-line Chat Room Usage Policy when they engage in any of the following prohibited activities. This is not an exclusive list; other activities not listed may be prohibited, at the discretion of Magnolia University.

- Hacking and related activities are strictly prohibited. Hacking includes, but is not limited to, illegally, or without appropriate university authorization, accessing computers, accounts or networks, penetrating or attempting to penetrate university computer security measures, port scans, stealth scans, and other activities designed to assist in hacking.
- Obscene, defamatory, abusive or threatening language or content is strictly prohibited. Use of the Magnolia University On-line Chat Room to post or transmit, or otherwise make available obscene, defamatory harassing, abusive or threatening language is prohibited.
- Pornography is strictly prohibited. Use of the Magnolia University On-line Chat Room to post or transmit, or otherwise make available any pornographic, obscene or other inappropriate materials is strictly prohibited.
- Any activity meant to cause disruption or interference with the Magnolia University On-line Chat Room is prohibited. Actions meant to harm, disrupt or threaten to disrupt services, business operations, reputation, goodwill, student and/or student relations, or the ability of Magnolia University students to effectively and safely utilize the Magnolia University On-line Chat Room are prohibited.

If Magnolia University finds any violation of this Usage Policy, Magnolia University may take any appropriate action to stop or correct such violation, including, but not limited to, shutting down the On-line Chat Room and/or removing information. In addition, Magnolia University reserves the right to monitor and retain electronic copies of all communications posted through its On-line Chat Room for security purposes and for purposes of quality assurance.

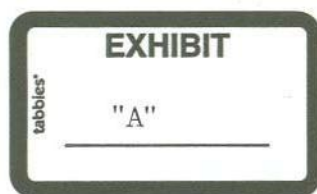
Violations received by Magnolia University regarding the use or misuse of the On-line Chat Room may be forwarded to campus or other appropriate law enforcement authorities for investigation and resolution.

Student users of the Magnolia University On-line Chat Room are encouraged to maintain strict levels of secrecy and confidentiality to guard their personal information. If a breach of personal on-line security has been noted or is suspected, students are advised to immediately change their passwords and/or e-mail addresses. Serious breaches of security may be reported to campus administration, campus security, the Magnolia University Student Union, Computer Services Division and/or the Dean of Students.

I have read and understand the Magnolia University Student On-line Chat Room Usage Policy.

Student Signature

Date



Welcome to Magnolia University's On-Line Student Chat Room.

Click to select chat topic: You will need your Student Chat Room User Name and Password to participate!

Student Directories

Freshmen

Sophomores

Juniors

Seniors

Faculty Notes (Find course descriptions and syllabus information)

Library Study Circles (Join a topic/discussion thread)

English & Literature

History & Archeology

Forensics & Law

Mathematics & Sciences

Music & Theater

Athletics & Health

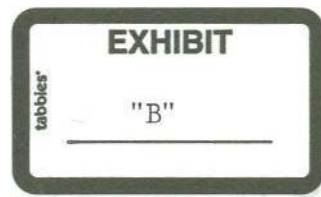
General (campus life, assignments, general discussions)

Chat room Rules:

1. No swearing, racist or sexually explicit language.
2. Respect the opinions of others.
3. Provide accurate information when discussing class assignments.
4. Be aware of the panic and discipline systems used in this chat room.
 - a. Panic. There is a red button at the bottom of the chat room page. If you are alarmed or concerned regarding on-line discussions, feel free to click on the red button, which will alert university personnel to the problem.
 - b. Discipline. Magnolia University reserves the right to monitor the chat room message boards 24/7. University monitors are authorized to act on behalf of the University if they feel action should be taken to close the chat room to protect the integrity of the site and ensure the safety of our users.

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Privacy Waiver: Information contained in this communication is neither privileged nor confidential. You have signed a waiver of privacy, which is on file in the office of the Dean of Students. This page and the sub-pages may be monitored by the campus office of information technology and security personnel. Campus authorities will address any misuse and serious infractions of chat room rules which may lead to loss of campus privileges, expulsion or criminal prosecution. Infractions should be reported to campus security or to the Dean of Students by dialing 9999 on any campus telephone.



MAGNOLIA UNIVERSITY
INTERNET CHAT ROOM DIALOGUE EXCERPTS

Monday, 18 October 2010

Cannonball enters the chat room 4:45 p.m.

Cannonball 4:46 p.m. Hi folks, anyone got the assignment done from History of Western Civ from last week? I thought it was pp 205 to 400, but Chancy5 said we had to go all the way to 414. Anyone?

Chancy5 4:52 p.m. I'm pretty sure it's to 414 but I could have written it wrong.

Butters 4:55 p.m. It must be 414, that's what I wrote 2.

Allthumbs enters chat room at 4:55 p.m.

Cannonball 4:55 p.m. More work for me. I'd rather be outside.

Micahforce enters chat room at 4:55 p.m.

Micahforce 4:56 p.m. page 414 is right. I have that too and just spoke with Prof. G.

Jammin@Magnolia enters chat room at 4:56 p.m.

Jammin@Magnolia 4:56 p.m. Hi everyone. Concur with page 414. BTW-Anyone in here seen the student play at the Union? Hamlet?

Cannonball 4:58 p.m. Nope. Shakespeare ain't my bag.

Fatalflaw2006 enters chat room at 4:58 p.m.

Yankeegirl enters chat room at 4:59 p.m.

Butters 4:59 p.m. I heard it was good, but haven't seen.

HughesQ enters chat room at 5:01 p.m.

Cannonball 5:02 p.m. I'd rather be outside than in on a day like today.

Micahforce 5:10 p.m. Just walked by the lake. Joggers are out in force. Go Magnolia track team!

PhoebeS 5:11 p.m. So why, if we'd all like to be outside, are we in on our computers?

Jammin@Magnolia 5:11 p.m. I'm going out now. Get some p.m. sunshine and exercise.

Fatalflaw2006 5:11 p.m. Jam's in the window. Exercise all you want, my friend, you won't be able to run fast enough.

Micahforce 5:12 p.m. Jam, you run with the track team?

Yankeegirl 5:12 p.m. If you do, run fast and win!

Cannonball 5:13 p.m. Jam, if you're on the team, fly!

Jammin@Magnolia 5:13 p.m. Not on the team.

Jammin@Magnolia exits chat room 5:13 p.m.

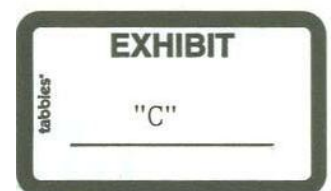
Fatalflaw2006 5:14 p.m. Not on the team, but practices nonetheless. In the window.

Cannonball 5:15 p.m. Fatalflaw2006, you're creeping me out.

Fatalflaw2006 exits chat room at 5:25 p.m.

Allthumbs 5:26 p.m. That fatalflaw person was making some inappropriate comments, don't you think?

Cannonball 5:26 p.m. Sure do. Flaw's out now. No worries.



MAGNOLIA UNIVERSITY
INTERNET CHAT ROOM DIALOGUE EXCERPTS

Thursday, 21 October 2010

Jammin@Magnolia enters chat room 3:18 p.m.

Fleetstreet enters chat room 3:18 p.m.

Yankeegirl enters chat room 3:19 p.m.

Yankeegirl 3:20 p.m. Anyone know if the campus is doing a Veterans Day celebration again this year?

Striker8 enters chat room 3:20 p.m.

Coreforce enters chat room at 3:20 p.m.

Allthumbs enters chat room at 3:21 p.m.

Zulu enters chat room at 3:22 p.m.

Zule 3:22 p.m. Don't know but last year's celebration was a gas. Check the union bulletin board?

Yankeegirl 3:23 p.m. did that. Nothing there.

Rogerwilco enters chat room 3:24 p.m.

Jammin@Magnolia 3:25 p.m. Last year's was cool. The color guard was awesome.

Shokwave enters chat room 3:25 p.m.

Shokwave 3:25 p.m. Speaking of color, Jammin's been seen wearing school colors all week. Think blood won't show on those dark colors?

Yankeegirl 3:26 p.m. What's that all about?

Fleetstreet 3:26 p.m. Yeah, what's up?

Yankeegirl 3:27 p.m. Talk like that can prompt a panic button alert, you goof.

Shokwave 3:27 p.m. No harm intended, no harm done. Drop it.

Jammin@Magnolia exits chat room 3:28 p.m.

Allthumbs 3:29 p.m. Hey Shokwave, you know someone using Fatalflaw2006? You two should get together sometime.

Shokwave 3:30 p.m. Aware of Fatalflaw2006. Not interested.



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Friday, 22 October 2010

Shokwave enters chat room at 2:30 p.m.

Striker8 enters chat room at 2:45 p.m.

Jammin@Magnolia enters chat room at 2:45 p.m.

TravellerX enters chat room at 2:45 p.m.

Yankeegirl enters chat room at 2:46 p.m.

Yankeegirl **2:46 p.m.** Classes out for the weekend. Sigh.

Striker8 **2:47 p.m.** Yeah, relief from drudgery, eh?

TravellerX **2:50 p.m.** Anyone on from the history and forensics class? Some pretty strange stuff in that class.

Striker8 **2:51 p.m.** like what?

Allthumbs enters chat room 2:52 p.m.

TravellerX **2:53 p.m.** like lots of talk about killing. Really freaky.

Striker8 **2:54 p.m.** that's what's going on in class? Talk like that?

Shokwave **2:54 p.m.** Some criminals used fear as a control; fear is stronger than chains and fences.

TravellerX **2:56 p.m.** Upset quite a few students in the class. Some had relatives who had been victimized. It was a sad class.

Mocker1 enters chat room at 2:57 p.m.

Yankeegirl **2:59 p.m.** My neighbor's mother survived an attack. She absolutely never talks about it.

Striker8 **3:00 p.m.** understandable not to talk about pain and suffering when it's been so close.

Yankeegirl **3:01 p.m.** Guess so. Not sure I'd have survived.

Shokwave **3:03 p.m.** Wonder if anyone our age would handle the situation well. Would be interesting to try to re-create the atmosphere.

Mocker1 **3:04 p.m.** Hey Beth, whaddup?

Yankeegirl **3:05 p.m.** You kidding?

TravellerX **3:05 p.m.** That's crossing the line. Who would want to do that?

Striker8 **3:05 p.m.** Someone not quite right in the head.

Shokwave **3:07 p.m.** Don't call me crazy.

Striker8 **3:08 p.m.** I didn't. But the thought of studying pain and suffering? Come on.

Shokwave **3:08 p.m.** It would be amazing to study pain and suffering. Doctors must do it all the time. Long-term effects of suffering could produce some interesting data. Volunteers? Hey, Jam you still here?

Mocker1 **3:08 p.m.** We gotta get back to Raleigh for BBQ.

Jammin@Magnolia **3:09 p.m.** just listening



Allthumbs **3:09 p.m.** Don't respond to that kind of comment.
Shokwave **3:10 p.m.** Listen good and respond or don't. Anticipation is what it's all about, and building fear. You never know when you'll be forced to face your greatest fear... suffocation, torture, painful prolonged death.

Jammin@Magnolia exits chat room at 3:12 p.m.

Striker8 **3:12 p.m.** You're a freak
Shokwave **3:12 p.m.** Thanks for the compliment. Jam is full of fear. Would make a great experiment.

TravellerX **3:12 p.m.** You're so lame.

Allthumbs **3:13 p.m.** Shokwave, you're about crossing the line there with all that torture talk.

Shokwave **3:13 p.m.** Don't be such babies. It's talk.

*** no significant discussion for approximately 20 minutes***

Jammin@Magnolia enters chat room at 3:35 p.m.

Shokwave **3:36 p.m.** Jammin is back. Time is running out, my Jammin friend. Maybe we can meet in the alley?

Jammin@Magnolia exits chat room at 3:37 p.m.



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Saturday, 23 October 2010

Allthumbs enters chat room at 9:30 a.m.

Allthumbs 9:30 a.m. Anyone up yet?

Coreforce enters chat room at 9:32 a.m.

Coreforce 9:32 a.m. Just joined in. No chatter?

Allthumbs 9:32 a.m. nothing this a.m. Weekend. Sleeping late maybe

Talon enters chat room at 9:33 a.m.

Talon 9:34 a.m. There's been talk on campus that someone in the chat room is freaking people out. Anyone on-line a witness?

Allthumbs 9:35 a.m. You may mean someone named Shokwave. Been picking on participants and trying to scare people.

Talon 9:35 a.m. Why would someone do that?

Shokwave enters chat room at 9:35 a.m.

Coreforce 9:36 a.m. Who knows? Shokwave, you nuts or what?

Shokwave 9:37 a.m. I was just talking about a forensics and history class. I can't help if people take things out of context.

Allthumbs 9:37 a.m. You were crossing a line. You obviously ID'd Jammin and have been trying to freak ... you crazy?

Shokwave 9:38 a.m. I admit to being mad, but madness can be a good thing. It gives me direction, focus and an outlet for my aggression. Ever wonder about pain and suffering?

Jammin@Magnolia enters chat room at 9:40 a.m.

Shokwave 9:45 a.m. Jammin, can you come out of your 2nd floor roost and play?

Jammin@Magnolia exits chat room at 9:45 a.m.

indicates lapse in time

HMSPinafore enters chat room at 7:30 p.m.

LaLa enters chat room at 7:30 p.m.

Shokwave enters chat room at 7:31 p.m.

Shokwave 7:32 p.m. Anyone review the chat room conversations from earlier in the afternoon re: torture, etc.?

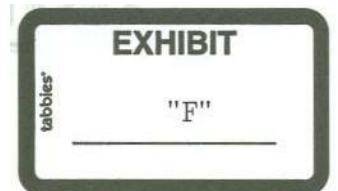
LaLa 7:33 p.m. not me

HMSPinafore 7:33 p.m. me neither.

Thor56 enters chat room at 7:34 p.m.

Yankeegirl enters chat room at 7:34 p.m.

Yankeegirl 7:35 p.m. Not that again.



CATGIRL enters chat room at 7:35 p.m.

CATGIRL 7:36 p.m. Free speech. What was going on?
Shokwave 7:36 p.m. discussion on pain and torture and what can be learned from fear
Thor56 7:37 p.m. I'd just as soon not know
LaLa 7:37 p.m. Me neither
Shokwave 7:37 p.m. Why not? Statistics tell us that we're just about all going to be victims at some point in our lives.
LaLa 7:38 p.m. So what? You can't let fear guide your whole life.
CATGIRL 7:38 p.m. No kidding. What a waste of time.

Jammin@Magnolia enters chat room at 7:40 p.m.

Jammin@Magnolia 7:41 p.m. Not this again.
Shokwave 7:41 p.m. You chickened out before.
Jammin@Magnolia 7:41 p.m. Had better things to do.
Shokwave 7:42 p.m. Really? Like what.
Jammin@Magnolia 7:42 p.m. Inappropriate question.
Shokwave 7:42 p.m. Not really, but never mind. Back to the discussion. Everyone's going to be a victim. Even all of us. I've actually been one already, so statistically I may be out of the picture.
LaLa 7:43 p.m. What happened to you?
Shokwave 7:43 p.m. to quote someone above, inappropriate question.
LaLa 7:43 p.m. sorry
Shokwave 7:44 p.m. Just remember, the clock is ticking. Time is on my side. Time is running out my friend.
LaLa 7:44 p.m. What's that supposed to mean?
CATGIRL 7:44 p.m. Yeah, what are you talking about?
Shokwave 7:45 p.m. Just that statistically, all of you are going to have to endure. Gotta meeting.

Shokwave exits chat room 7:46 p.m.

No relevant discussion for approximately 30 minutes

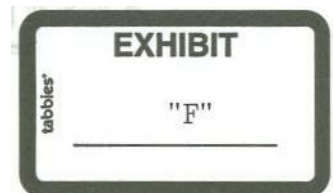
Fatalflaw2006 enters chat room at 8:15 p.m.

Fatalflaw2006 8:16 p.m. Anyone still want to talk about pain and suffering? Time is running out, my Jammin friend. Maybe we can meet?

Jammin@Magnolia exits chat room at 8:17 p.m.

Shokwave 9:30pm Jam will rot just like Jelly if buried long enough.

chat room entry read at campus computer room with police witnesses



Shelby Edwards - Daily Diary Excerpts 2010

October 16 home
October 17 home
October 18 Jamie got creepy message at chat room
October 19
October 20
October 21 Another creeper for Jamie; Jerks at the Student Union
October 22 Jamie's freaked and so am I; More chat room chatter.
October 23 Calling Security. Witnesses to chat room - finally, some sleep
October 24 Calm Sunday! No chat room blather
October 25 Heard from campus police, questioning Williams
October 26 WILLIAMS ARRESTED!

