

**JUVENILE CONFIDENTIAL**



# Cornell Police Dept

Incident #: 23CO00267

Reporting Officer: Luke Abbate - COPD

Report Time: 03/29/2023 15:43:39

## Incident

Incident Nature  
Juvenile related cases

Occurred To  
03/29/2023 15:43:36

Contact

Disposition Date  
04/13/2023

Cleared Date

Address  
221 MAIN ST; CORNELL PD  
CORNELL, Wisconsin 54732

Received By  
Tim Walters

Disposition  
Closed Case

Cleared  
N

Clearance  
Report Taken

Occurred From  
03/29/2023 15:43:36

How Received  
Officer Report

Miscellaneous Entry

Judicial Status

Cargo Theft Related

Responding Officer(s)  
Luke Abbate - COPD

## Persons

### CORNELL HIGH SCHOOL Business

Address  
708 BRIDGE ST  
CORNELL Wisconsin 54732

Race

Height

Phone  
(715)861-6947

Sex

Weight  
0

DOB

Ethnicity

### MILLER, TALENA R Mother

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

**HRYNIEWIECKI, VENUS A**  
Mother

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**BROOKSHAW, TRACY L**  
Mother

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**BAKER, GREGORY C**  
Complainant

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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**Narratives**

**Original Narrative**

**03/29/2023 22:41:18**

On March 29th, [REDACTED] reported to the Cornell Police Department that his daughter, [REDACTED] was involved in a fight at the Cornell Middle/High School, and she was receiving harassment and threats from the other girl and her friends. [REDACTED] advised he wanted to report the incident to the Police because he wanted the issues to stop and he had not yet been contacted by the school district after he was told they were investigating the incident. [REDACTED] claimed that he had been told by his daughter, [REDACTED], that girls at school were trying to fight her. He claimed that school staff walked his daughter to her mother's car on Friday, March 24th, after she had told them people were threatening to fight her and she was afraid of "getting jumped." He advised that on Monday, she sent him messages that the girls were trying to fight her again. He claimed she sent him messages that she was trying to avoid them, and she did not want to fight, and then later sent a message saying she was "crying in the bathroom after fighting." This was on March 27th around "2:27pm."

[REDACTED] advised that the fight had been on March 27th, and he had been told by the school that both girls were "at fault." [REDACTED] advised that he was upset and had told the school about the threatening [REDACTED] had received prior to the fight, but he did not know what they were doing about it. He advised he had not been told of any outcome of any investigation yet, and he had not been told that anything was being done about the fight. [REDACTED] claimed that [REDACTED] was upset by the incident, and that she said the girls were still making threats to her, and she had to be walked to and from the school by school staff or himself at pickup and drop-off times. The girl involved in the fight with [REDACTED] was [REDACTED], and she reportedly had her friend, [REDACTED] take a video of the fight on [REDACTED] phone." [REDACTED] completed a written statement.

I asked if [REDACTED] could come and interview at the Cornell Police Department, and [REDACTED] advised she was home sick, and that her mother had come down with a contagious illness and he believed [REDACTED] had also contracted it, and she was not feeling well currently. He advised she would be available after she recovered.

I made contact with Cornell School Principal Elliot about the incident, and I was informed that he had not handled the incident, and that incoming school Principal Braaten had handled the incident. I was unable to make contact with Coach Braaten after the school had closed.

Investigation is ongoing.

Officer Luke Abbate  
Cornell Police Department

**Supplemental Narrative 03/30/2023 17:23:11 Luke Abbate - COPD**

On March 30th I met with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] at the Cornell Police Department. I was in full duty uniform at this time, wearing a department issued body camera. I escorted them into the recordable interview room and advised them of the room's

recording features. I advised both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that the conversation was not mandatory and they could choose to not talk with me. I advised that they were free to leave if they choose, or to stop answering or talking with me at any time. Both advised they understood and they wanted to talk. I asked [REDACTED] to tell me what happened.

[REDACTED] advised me that she had not got along with [REDACTED] for a long time, and they disliked each other "Since we were kids." She claimed that they had a history of verbally arguing, and that earlier in the month, "Out of the blue" [REDACTED] had started to "flirt" with her boyfriend. She advised this had only happened once, and she had told [REDACTED] not to do it anymore, and she believed [REDACTED] only talked with him to make her mad. She claimed after this she started hearing that [REDACTED] was wanting to fight her. [REDACTED] claimed that she did not communicate with [REDACTED], and they were not related even though they had the same last name. She claimed that other people at school were telling her [REDACTED] wanted to fight her, and she told them she did not want to fight.

[REDACTED] advised that last Thursday she had been "cornered" by [REDACTED] and some of her friends, and she had tried to "elbow" her way through them and [REDACTED] had "shoved me back." She described this action by standing up and pushing forcefully with both of her arms while stepping forward. [REDACTED] claimed she had told a school principal about this on Thursday, and they had "talked" with both of them. [REDACTED] advised she did not think it did any good, as on Friday she heard [REDACTED] and her friends, talking in the lunchroom about getting her and fighting her. She claimed after this she started hearing that [REDACTED] "getting jumped" by them on Friday, and she had told Principal Elliot and he had walked her out of school on Friday so she could get to her mother's vehicle without getting jumped.

[REDACTED] advised on Monday at school, she had been told that [REDACTED] was going to fight her. She claimed [REDACTED] had met her in a class and told her she needed to fight her to resolve this issue. [REDACTED] claimed she said she did not need to fight or resolve anything, and [REDACTED] then told her she would "Fight at passing time." She advised this was at a time between classes. [REDACTED] advised she had told her to fight right now, because she knew she would not do it. She then walked away. [REDACTED] claimed that at lunch on Monday she also heard [REDACTED] and her friends talking about getting her, saying they were going to "jump her" and "pull her hair." She advised that she had messaged her dad about the girls trying to fight her. She claimed she had not talked with any teachers about this because they had "done nothing" about the problem that she reported on Thursday.

[REDACTED] advised that after lunch she had been told to go to the girls bathroom by [REDACTED] and her friends, and that she could not bring any friends. [REDACTED] claimed she did not know there was going to be a fight in the bathroom, and thought she could possibly talk [REDACTED] out of trying to fight. [REDACTED] claimed that when she went into the bathroom, she knew that [REDACTED] was going to be in there. She advised that when she got there she thought she was going to talk. After getting into the bathroom, however, [REDACTED] realized that [REDACTED] was blocking the door behind her, [REDACTED] was in the bathroom waiting for her, and [REDACTED] was standing by with a phone out.

[REDACTED] advised she had started saying she did not want a fight, and she wanted to leave. She claimed the [REDACTED] had jumped at her and grabbed her hair hard and pulled her head down. She advised this hurt her neck, and that she still had neck pain today. She demonstrated this by standing facing the wall, and claimed she had been backed against the wall while [REDACTED] had faced her and grabbed her hair on the right side of her head with her left hand. [REDACTED] claimed [REDACTED] had then punched her "3 times in the head before I could do anything." She demonstrated this by swinging her right hand in a closed fist, striking toward her left hand, which she held in a closed fist as if grabbing something.

[REDACTED] claimed she had punched back "after about three hits" she believed. She claimed she had to punch back or she would have been hit more times. [REDACTED] advised she believed she had hit [REDACTED] twice in the face near her nose. She claimed [REDACTED] had thrown her to her knees and pulled her hair so hard that she was pulling "chunks of hair out" at the end of the fight. She claimed she had tried to get to her feet and [REDACTED] had let go and walked away, and she saw [REDACTED] turn away" with the phone quickly, as if she was trying to hide the phone. She advised she believed that [REDACTED] had taken a video of the fight on [REDACTED] phone and was trying to hide the phone so she did not know they had taken a video.

[REDACTED] advised after the fight was over, another girl had come in to the bathroom and said, "Well this is embarrassing," and then left. She advised she had sat on the floor shaking and trying to breath, and another girl had come in and sat by her and tried to calm her down, and then a teacher had come in. She claimed that "Ms Holty" had come in and asked her something, and "I broke down." She claimed she had cried in Ms Holty's arms until they got another teacher and went to the office. She also advised that between the fight and going to the office she had messaged her dad that she had got into a fight.

I asked if she had been seen by the school nurse or gone to receive any medical attention, and [REDACTED] advised she had not, and that a teacher had checked her head for any injuries and said she was not bleeding. She claimed that her head hurt bad the next day, but she did not go see a doctor. [REDACTED] advised that she had been sick the next 2 days and did not go to school. She also advised she did not want to go back to school because she was afraid of getting jumped by the girls again. She claimed that she was told if she talked about the fight she would get "beat again." She also claimed she was told that another girl who was [REDACTED] friend had said she was going to "kick her butt" after the fight. She advised this was possibly [REDACTED] who had said this.

I asked if she would complete a voluntary statement form, and she declined. [REDACTED] also said that she had not communicated with any of the girls over any messages or social media. She denied having any messages on her phone and did not provide any messages or calls to me. Gregory also did not provide any messages, and advised he had no information for me on his phone, and advised they had not seen a video of the fight yet. They requested notification if a video was found and recovered. I answered several questions from Gregory about restraining orders, referring him to the Clerk of Courts office. I also recommended he contact school administration with questions about their investigation or future accommodations for [REDACTED] as he was concerned about future retaliation toward her for reporting the fight.

When both had no further information or questions for me, I concluded the interview.

I then attempted contact with Venus Hryniewiecki, the mother of [REDACTED]. I introduced myself as a police officer and advised I was looking to interview her daughter [REDACTED] regarding the fight on Monday. She initially agreed to bring [REDACTED] to the office at 7:35 pm for an interview. However, prior to the interview, Venus called and canceled, advising that [REDACTED] had no information to give beyond who was in the fight at the bathroom, and that she claimed she had not stayed in the bathroom after the fight started. She advised that [REDACTED] told her that [REDACTED] had been fighting, and [REDACTED] was also in the bathroom. I asked if she was not wanting to interview, and Venus confirmed she did not want her daughter to be interviewed and she did not believe she had any relevant information beyond what she had told me. She then ended the phone conversation.

I attempted phone contact with Talena Miller, the mother of [REDACTED]. I did not receive an answer and I left her a message to contact the police department.

I made phone contact with Tracy Brookshaw/Baker, the mother of [REDACTED]. She advised that [REDACTED] had told her about the fight, and she had taken her daughter's phone away after hearing about it. She advised that her daughter was not available to interview this weekend, and she would meet with an officer after 5:30 pm on Monday.

I attempted to speak with Principle Braaten at the Cornell High School, and was advised that he was away until Monday. Further investigation and interviews will be conducted.

Officer Luke Abbate  
Cornell Police Department

## Supplemental Narrative 04/03/2023 19:56:16 Luke Abbate - COPD

On April 3rd, I made contact with Tracy Brookshaw and her daughter, [REDACTED], as they came to the Cornell Police Department. I met with them in the recordable interview room and advised them of the recordable features of the room. I explained to them both that the interview was not mandatory, and that I wanted to get [REDACTED] side of the incident, but they were not required to talk with me. I advised that the door to the room was unlocked and open and they were closer to the door than I was, and also that they could choose at any time to stop talking with me and leave. [REDACTED] asked if they should talk, and I advised they needed to decide that themselves and that I did not give legal advice. Tracy and [REDACTED] indicated they would talk and [REDACTED] said "Ok, so..." as she began to tell me what led up to the altercation with [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] claimed that she had "somewhat" got along with [REDACTED] in the past. She advised that she had been talking with her friends some weeks ago, and she had been talking with [REDACTED] who she advised was not her friend yet, but she wanted to hang out with her because her friends knew her. She advised that she had been talking about meeting [REDACTED] at her friend [REDACTED] house because she felt that [REDACTED] would say "no" to her if she was to ask to hang out at her house. [REDACTED] advised that before she could meet and hang out with [REDACTED], her mother had called asking why she wanted to fight with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] claimed she had not said anything about fighting [REDACTED], and she believed that [REDACTED] had falsely told [REDACTED] and her mother that she wanted to fight her because [REDACTED] had been a friend of [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] claimed that she had "got mad" at [REDACTED], and she had accused her of lying to [REDACTED] and her mother about her. She claimed she had been mad for a while, but had not said she would fight [REDACTED]. She had begun to hear her friends, [REDACTED], say that [REDACTED] wanted to fight her. She claimed she said she was not going to fight [REDACTED]. She advised that in "Health Class" she had met [REDACTED], and they had argued and had "a big fight" before the incident that happened on Monday. She claimed that she was told that [REDACTED] was going to fight her on Monday, and advised that her friends [REDACTED] had told her this. She claimed she told [REDACTED] that she did not want to fight, and they should talk because they had no reason to fight. She advised that [REDACTED] had told her to fight her now, and she had said she was not going to fight. I asked what happened in "the big fight," and she claimed it "was only lots of yelling."

When I asked about the incident on Monday, [REDACTED] claimed she had been told that [REDACTED] was going to fight her on Monday. She said she had not wanted to fight, and she wanted to talk with [REDACTED] so they would not fight. I asked how they had got into the bathroom together, and she admitted that she and [REDACTED] had gone into the bathroom, but she claimed that [REDACTED] had been the last one to arrive. She claimed that she had tried to talk with [REDACTED], but she had approached her and hit her in the face. [REDACTED] claimed that she had been hit in the left jaw by [REDACTED], and that she had seen a red mark there later in the day.

[REDACTED] claimed that after this she had tried to talk with [REDACTED], and that [REDACTED] had "put up her hands." [REDACTED] claimed she had then grabbed [REDACTED] and they "fought." She claimed they had mostly grabbed and pushed each other. When I advised I had been told that she had grabbed [REDACTED] hair and hit her face, [REDACTED] admitted she had done that. I asked when the grabbing and hitting happened, and she claimed that [REDACTED] had first hit her in the face, and then she had grabbed [REDACTED] and hit her and they had fought. She advised that the fight stopped when "another student" walked in. [REDACTED] claimed she and [REDACTED] had both stopped because they thought a teacher had walked in, but it had only been another student.

[REDACTED] admitted that she had grabbed [REDACTED] hair when I asked why [REDACTED] would say her hair was pulled out. I asked if she had pulled out chunks of [REDACTED] hair, and [REDACTED] advised it was possible, because she had "pulled her hair." [REDACTED] said she had not seen any hair chunks fall out, and claimed that she left the bathroom but had returned to apologize to [REDACTED]. I asked if she was injured from the fight, and she advised she was not injured. She admitted she had likely been hit several times, but only felt the one mark on her jaw when she was taken from her classroom by a teacher. She advised a teacher had got her out of class after "like 2 minutes" when she returned to class from the bathroom.

I asked if she had been communicating with [REDACTED] after the incident. [REDACTED] claimed she was "keeping distance" and had not talked with [REDACTED]. I asked why [REDACTED] would claim that people were telling her that other girls were going to fight her after this incident, and [REDACTED] claimed she had not been talking with other girls about any further fights, and she was sorry for fighting in the first place. [REDACTED] asked what [REDACTED] and "her dad" were going to do, and I advised I was not certain and could not say what people were going to do. Regarding what options parents had when their children got into fights at school, I advised that they could contact and speak with school staff, speak with law enforcement, and they could pursue transferring their student to another school.

I asked if [REDACTED] would complete a written voluntary statement, and she advised she would take a form home and consider completing it. I provided [REDACTED] with a statement form. When [REDACTED] and Tracy had no further questions for me, I ended my contact.

Officer Luke Abbate  
Cornell Police Department

**Supplemental Narrative 04/12/2023 15:19:30 Luke Abbate - COPD**

On April 12th, I made contact with the Cornell School District and spoke with both principals, Elliot and Braaten. I confirmed the school had conducted their investigation into the fight, and Braaten advised that the students had both been given a single day suspension as the school determined both had participated and met to fight. Braaten advised that both girls had been talking normally to each other since the incident, and they were "walking together in the halls" without any complaints. He advised that the students and parents had been informed. The incident was handled by the school and no law enforcement action was requested. This case needs no further police involvement as it happened on school grounds and the school took its own enforcement action.

Officer Luke Abbate  
Cornell Police Department