

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT**

This investigative report documents the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's (FDLE) background interview with [REDACTED] identified himself as a former and current friend of George Zimmerman. This event is in furtherance of the inquiry into the February 26, 2012, shooting death of Trayvon Martin.

On 05/31/2012, Special Agent (SA) Wes Mullins conducted a sworn and taped interview with [REDACTED] at his residence, [REDACTED]. The following is a synopsis of the interview:

[REDACTED] explained that he and Zimmerman had been friends since 2004 or 2005. [REDACTED] explained that Zimmerman helped him through a tough period in his life when he lost one of his legs due to cancer, and kept him moving forward. [REDACTED] explained that he worked as security for parties which were organized through a company called [REDACTED] owned by [REDACTED]. When [REDACTED] needed additional security for a party, he would occasionally ask Zimmerman if he was interested in working as well. SA Mullins asked [REDACTED] if he recalled working a party in 2005 at [REDACTED] residence and [REDACTED] stated that he did. [REDACTED] explained that he asked Zimmerman to work security at that party with him. SA Mullins asked [REDACTED] if he witnessed Zimmerman lose his temper at that party or any other time. [REDACTED] explained that Zimmerman did in fact lose his temper at that party, but only after he [REDACTED] suffered a dislocated jaw after being jumped by three individuals while in the process of breaking up a fight. Specifically, Zimmerman was upset at police because the three subjects who dislocated [REDACTED] jaw were in the area and he perceived little action had been taken initially to apprehend the subjects. [REDACTED] stated that Zimmerman did not threaten the subjects in any way.

[REDACTED] said Zimmerman's nickname was "tugboat" because he was a "picker-upper guy" who also "pulled people out of jams". When asked if he ever saw Zimmerman in any fights, [REDACTED] recounted only one incident that occurred in 2005 and described it as follows:
[REDACTED] Zimmerman and other friends were confronted by officers (from what [REDACTED] described as the ATF, or Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. However, it is believed [REDACTED] was instead referring to Alcohol, Beverage and Tobacco Agents from the State of Florida) in the area of the University of Central Florida (UCF) library during an underage drinking sting. [REDACTED] explained that an undercover (UC) officer grabbed one of his friends and escorted him outside the library. According to [REDACTED] he, Zimmerman and their friends did not know the person who grabbed their friend was a (UC) officer and followed their friend

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outside. After seeing their friend held up against a wall, ██████ explained that Zimmerman walked toward his friend and the UC officer (still not realizing the person was in fact an officer) and placed his hand on the officer asking what was happening. Zimmerman was then put onto the ground by several other UC officers. One (UC) officer told ██████ "Back the fuck up or you're gonna get fucking tazed". ██████ said the (UC) officers looked like college students and were not marked in any way other than an older agent who appeared a short time later with a badge outside of his shirt, (rather than inside). The UC officers later informed ██████ that they were agents who were trying to "bust" underage drinking. ██████ knew of no other incidents and called Zimmerman a "fun loving guy".

The following items will be maintained in the Related Items section of this case file:

- One CD/R with ██████ interview