

Witness Statement of Jouk Mayan

To: Parks and Recreation Department

From: Jouk Mayan

I, Jouk Mayan, am providing this statement regarding the incident that occurred during a basketball game at the Beast Recreation Center on Monday.

We were already playing basketball after completing a 45-minute shooting workout. At that point, two young men—hereinafter referred to as the “Twins”—entered the gym and wanted to start playing. In order to include everyone, we agreed to stop our half-court workout so that we could all play full-court basketball together.

From the beginning of the game, there were disagreements over foul calls. The Twins frequently called random fouls on nearly every possession when they drove to the basket. Throughout this time, Parris remained calm and repeatedly told everyone, including the Twins, to respect the calls and simply give the ball up so the game could continue peacefully.

As play continued, the Twins’ behavior became increasingly aggressive and confrontational. Danae began guarding one of the Twins closely, playing solid defense without fouling, pushing, or engaging in any unsportsmanlike conduct. From my perspective, and from the perspective of others present, her defense was entirely legal.

After initial contact on defense, one of the Twins began threatening Danae, using inappropriate language, and implying that he would retaliate physically if she made contact again. Parris continued to de-escalate the situation by telling everyone to calm down and that the arguing was unnecessary.

A few possessions later, Danae again played defense on the same Twin, making legal contact without any malicious intent. In response, the Twin wound up, stepped back, and ran at Danae, pushing her aggressively. At that point, Parris stepped in to defend Danae and struck the individual who had pushed her.

After this altercation, the situation deescalated immediately; we did not continue the confrontation, threaten further violence, or attempt to pursue the Twins outside. We simply tried to resume playing, but the energy and negativity from the incident made it impossible to continue, so everyone left the gym.

This statement is true and reflects what I witnessed firsthand.