

been used we would have required the Rescue Units to wash the contact area of the suspect. However, no mace was used. Officers heard the students chanting Fire on the Roof and let it burn eventhough no fire was every set. Sgt. McNair, Sgt. Waters and Sgt. Glascock stated they would not have allowed water to be sprayed from a Fire Engine onto the crowd. Sgt. McNair stated that when the officer on the scene asked for the Fire Engine he (Sgt. McNair) authorized for it to be dispatched. He said at first their was some confusion on his part as to why it was being requested by the officer but he knew he would not allow water to be sprayed on the crowd. Sgt. McNair was on the scene before any of the Fire Units arrived. When Captain Fisher arrived he told all of the Fire Units to go back in service.

It is not a practiced or accepted method of crowd control by our department to use water to spray an unruly crowd by our department. In review of this case, no water was used for that purpose eventhough rumors spread the reason for the fire personnel being on site was for that reason.

In my opinion the officers responded in a well discipline and restrained manner. The on scene supervisors elected to use light methods of crowd control and avoid student confrontation as much as possible. They delayed any enforcement action until it was clear that the crowd would not comply with the lawful orders of the Fayetteville State Police Officers, even after it was re-inforced by the on scene Fayetteville Police Supervisors. Officers then worked in pairs and small teams to disperse the unruly crowd rather than forming in large group of officers. As soon as the supervisors felt they could reduce the number of officers on the scene they did so.

Total suspects arrested:

- Marlon Trafton, Failure to Disperse upon command (Arrested by Fayetteville Police)
- Calvin Grier, Failure to Disperse upon command (Arrested by Fayetteville Police)
- Kadrian Thompson, Failure to Disperse upon command (Arrested by Fayetteville State)
- Shawn Arnold, Failure to Disperse upon command (Arrested by Fayetteville State)



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LAWMAN IN MACING RESIGNS: REPORT NOT FILED IN CAMPUS INCIDENT

by Pat Reese
(courtesy Fayetteville Observer-Times)

A police officer accused of failing to report that he used Mace during a confrontation with Fayetteville State University students last month has resigned.

John Tidwell had been a member of the Fayetteville

Police Department since June 1994. He stepped down Monday.

The name of the second officer who is on administrative duty while police investigate the confrontation has not been released.

Chief Ron Hansen said earlier this month that the men failed "to report their use of Mace."

About 20 police cars were sent to the university on February 21 when campus police asked for help in dispersing about 100 students who had gathered on the lawn and parking lot at Bryant Hall to celebrate a basketball victory.

STUDENT COMPLAINTS

Students complained that police entered the dormitory and sprayed Mace along a second-floor hallway. Police initially denied the allegation.

Four students were arrested during the confrontation.

Dr. Willis McLeod, FSU's chancellor, said last week that the carpet in one room at Bryant Hall was discolored by Mace spray. A portion of the carpet was cut out by campus police and turned over to Fayetteville police.

McLeod, who was not available for comment

Thursday, said he was upset about the Mace incident and had conferred with Hansen. He said he was disappointed that Tidwell and the other officer "chose not to share this information with their superiors."

All police officers are required by departmental policy to file a report with their superiors any time they use Mace, pepper spray, a baton or any physical force. Apparently, there were no reports filed in the Bryant Hall incident.

Police said several students hurled beer cans at them during the confrontation.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES

The Police Department's internal affairs investigation of the incident is near completion, according to police Lt. Katherine Guilette. She said personnel policy forbids her from commenting on any part of the investigation.

Guilette said representatives of the Police Department have met with FSU police and university officials to share information from their separate investigations.