

Case Summary
Case #10-33619

On 5/29/10 at approximately 0445 hours, I was contacted by Sergeant Mellon #309 by telephone regarding an allegation of a sexual assault on a female arrestee by Anderson Police Officer Bryan BENSON. I responded from my residence to the Shasta County Jail, as the female was still in-custody at that time. Investigator Wilkes #172 was also called-in to assist me in this investigation and responded to the jail as well.

Investigator Wilkes and I spoke to Sergeant Champagne #515 at the Shasta County Jail. Sgt. Champagne told us that the VICTIM had disclosed the sexual assault to another female inmate and subsequently disclosed the incident to Sgt. Champagne and Officer Gerring #586 (both employed by the Shasta County Sheriff's Office). Sgt. Champagne said the VICTIM was alleging that Officer BENSON raped her while enroute to the jail, after she had been arrested by a different Officer in Anderson. Sgt. Champagne said he researched the time Officer BENSON told dispatch he arrived at the jail and the time Officer BENSON physically arrived at the jail. Sgt. Champagne said he found there is a 10 minute discrepancy in those times (Officer BENSON arrived at the jail 10 minutes after he told dispatch he arrived on the radio).

Investigator Wilkes and I interviewed the inmate that the VICTIM spoke to at the Shasta County Jail. That subject told us that the VICTIM had told her that an Anderson Police Officer had raped her on the way to the jail. That subject said the VICTIM told her this occurred in a parking lot on the way to the jail.

The VICTIM was released from custody at the Shasta County Jail. The VICTIM agreed to respond to the Redding Police Department Investigations Division with Investigator Wilkes and me to provide a statement of what had occurred. Investigator Wilkes and I interviewed the VICTIM at the Investigations Division. This interview was recorded on DVD and VHS tape. The VICTIM told Investigator Wilkes and me the following, in summary:

The VICTIM said she had been pulled over and arrested by Anderson Police Officer Goodwin near Balls Ferry Road in Anderson, CA. The VICTIM said Officer BENSON arrived as a back-up unit and another Officer also responded (later identified as Detective Modin). The VICTIM said after she was arrested, Officer Goodwin asked Detective Modin if he could transport the VICTIM to the jail. The VICTIM said Detective Modin said he would transport her to jail and Officer BENSON said, "No, I can drive her, I can drive her." The VICTIM said she was originally handcuffed behind her back by Officer Goodwin. The VICTIM said she sat in the front passenger seat of Officer BENSON's unmarked vehicle and he first took her to the Anderson Police station for a breathalyzer test.

B. Banner, 304, Sgt 6/7/10