
BREAKING NEWS: So\oto, Hooks suspended

Posted by CougarBlue - 2007/04/08 21:08

BYU head football coach Bronco Mendenhall announced on Sunday that sophomore inside linebacker Terrance Hooks and sophomore tight end Vic So'oto have been suspended from the team for violation of team rules.

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Posted by etyotx - 2007/04/08 21:14

Aw, crap. I hope they're both allowed to participate in summer workouts and that they're back for fall camp (or, at least, that they're back for the season).

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Posted by dylster88 - 2007/04/08 21:27

dang it. this is not good. i wish this message came last sunday so i could just pass it off as a bad april fools joke. dang it. maybe they just posted it a week late :?

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Posted by cruiser - 2007/04/08 21:57

Well, I guess we'll add this to the list of major spring stories. Not the kind we want to see. Makes you wonder what some of these kids are thinking. It seems like every year . . .

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Posted by eldermars - 2007/04/08 22:20

I always wonder if it's pot. Bad eldermars, but that's my first thought.

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Posted by cruiser - 2007/04/08 22:31

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This could be a big loss. So'oto was poised to have a breakout year. The kid who had been recruited by USC, UCLA, Oklahoma, etc, was just coming into his own and making headlines this spring. Now, who knows?...

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Yes, probably, unless the law is involved, in which case getting back on the team and/or re-entering BYU is a lot more difficult. As we know, the honor code is taken very seriously---especially on Bronco's team.

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Andrew George needs to step up now. Here's his chance as it seems like he was slipping a little in the rotation.

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If it ended up being worse than expected and they lost playing time due to their 'behavior', as much as I would hate to miss So'oto, I almost think missing Hooks would be worse. The other TE's are doing really well (Pitta's spring play has far surpassed anything anyone would have expected out of him having just returned from his mission) and could do an admirable job filling in for Vic. But I think our defense is built on a rotation of the two deep to 1.) mix up coverages and 2.) keep the guys fresh and running at max speed every play they are on the field. Hooks has been getting quite a bit of praise this spring for his progress and with Staff's injury history he would likely see alot of time this season in the middle with Doman, Poppinga, and Markell.

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In my opinion So'oto will be missed more than Hooks. So'oto is the best-blocking tight end on the team, and that's huge in our offense. Without a powerful tight end, someone the defense has to account for both on the line and in the secondary, defenses can cheat either against our run or our passing game. With a tight end who can both block and catch, which So'oto can, a lot more of our offense gets opened up. Pitta is a better blocker than George, but he's not as good as So'oto. In the headlines, we hear about the catches and yards that both So'oto and Pitta have been making, but we haven't heard about the good work that So'oto does on the line. We will miss that if he's gone this fall.

As far as Hooks goes, he's been seeing a lot of time with the 2's and has even been rotating in with the first team. He is bigger and stronger this year and has been raising his game, but he is still a couple of steps slower than some of the other linebackers, including inside backers like Poppinga. We will miss the depth he would have provided, however, and

if Staffieri and/or Poppinga go down this fall, we will miss him on the field. But, in my opinion, his absence will probably not hurt as much as So'oto's.

At this point, I still don't know what happened or whether this is a long-term situation or temporary. We've already lost Matangi Tonga for the year (supposedly), and now if we lose these two guys as well, it will mean that two starters and a second-stringer will be out this fall. Man, when will these guys learn that Bronco and BYU mean business when it comes to the honor code?

If I hear anything further, I'll let you know.

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EDIT: just checked it again and Talo further went on to say later that it was just a matter of being in the wron place at the wrong time but that he still didn't see it keeping them out any longer than the B&W game.

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Posted by kitic77 - 2007/04/09 06:57

IMO, this is a big deal. Anytime someone is suspended it hurts the team. I don't see how you can just dismiss a suspension. More than likely, both players will miss at least one game in the fall.

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Posted by mcgregor - 2007/04/09 07:36

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It's a conspiracy, man.

Your writing's all green.

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Ouch. I am azzuming this is true just for the benefit of making this post and still remain open minded concerning the reputation of this young men.

It's a downer for the team to be sure, but in the big picture, it helps the team more to see Bronco enforce what the team's rules are.

I sure wish Hooks could be unleashing that kind of door-exploding power against AZ this fall instead of brawling like a frat boy, but you let a kid get away with something like this and the next thing you know he's another NFL headline a few years later.

Here's to Bronco for holding the line. In the end, our society, and even Hooks is better off.

Meanwhile, I'll still wait for more official reports before I take the previous post with anything more than a twisted curiosity.

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Cue the Black Helicopters.

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Posted by timmyboy - 2007/04/09 10:10

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I don't think this is it, but it could be true. Nothing on the 4th district court docket yet; I'll let you know if I see anything.

Also, I would be really surprised if the prosecutor pursued felony charges on the details you put forth. This is more likely to be a couple of misdemeanors.

But, even still, I wish these guys could stay in line.

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If Hooks threatened them, and Hooks kicked the door down, why would So'oto be charged with multiple felonies?

Perhaps my moral compass is off, but I have a lot more sympathy for defending a lady than ripping off personal electronics. Were the water balloon throwers also charged with felonies? From a strict dollar standpoint, I've had cause to replace a door frame recently, and it cost me considerably less than even one iPod.

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http://www.sltrib.com/ci_5627453

Facts revealed...

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Posted by RogDog118 - 2007/04/09 11:06

Sorry this is the lawyer in me... but if both the assault and criminal mischief were misdemeanors, there would be no burglary because there is not intent to commit a felony... because there is no other felony. Just a thought. Let's wait and see what the prosecutors charges them with before charging them ourselves.

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Outstanding! Grow up fellas.

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Almost sound like the Missouri mobbers charging Joseph with larceny, burglary and theft... :lol:

I Hope for the best with the two involved.

Go Cougs!!!

P.s. Good call on pulling the "race card" out of the discussion although I thought Kitic was speaking TIC.

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:roll: Are you serious? Please tell me you're not serious? "Laughing at others' misfortunes"? Breaking and entering is a "misfortune"? Now I'm laughing at you...

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Posted by sportswest - 2007/04/09 12:14

Airwolf84These guys broke into someone's apartment because their buddy got hit with a water balloon???
<http://www.mazza.ru/engine/data/emoticons/lol.gif>

Outstanding! Grow up fellas.

Now the real question...

Who was cowering in the closet with Airwolf???

GO COUGS!!!

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Posted by Mingjai - 2007/04/09 12:16

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Wow... this guy must have gone to U of Minnesota Law School! :lol: I concur with RogDog.

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Possible charges

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As a lawyer who worked in the criminal justice system for over twenty years, I offer the following information.

76-6-202 of the Utah Code defines burglary. The elements of burglary may be present if the reported information is accurate.

One commits burglary by entering or remaining unlawfully in a building with the intent to commit, among other things, an assault on any person. If the building is a dwelling, the offense is a second degree felony, punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000 and/or a term of imprisonment from 1 to 15 years. Burglary is chargeable separately from related offenses, such as criminal mischief or assault.

I don't know what the prosecutor will do after this case is screened, but it is possible the players will be charged with something more than damaging a couple of doors and be asked to make restitution before charges are dismissed.

Based on the available information, this is not a case of an immediate emotional response to the water balloons being thrown at a friend. According to the report in the SL Trib, the players returned with the friend, having formed the intent to deal with those throwing them.

As a law student, I learned not to rely on the media's accuracy in reporting what is happening in the criminal justice system. However, if the report is accurate, the prosecutor has a basis for charging the players with burglary, a second degree felony.

As stated in a different way above, this is good for a possible 1-15 year scholarship at "Draper Tech" learning how to make license plates. It's no laughing matter, and more than enough to bring about their dismissal from BYU. Just ask Marcus Whalen.

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A friend of mine had to get 1st Presidency permission to serve a mission after throwing water balloons at someone from a car. The lady they hit happened to be girlfriend of a police officer who promptly caught them. He was charged with assault with a weapon. So water balloons, as crazy as it seems, are still a weapon.

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Posted by Conosticator - 2007/04/09 12:28

timmyboyThese facts, unfortunately, do likely constitute burglary, assault, and criminal mischief.

Burglary:
UCA 76-6-202

- (1) An actor is guilty of burglary if he enters or remains unlawfully in a building or any portion of a building with intent to commit:
- (a) a felony;
 - (c) an assault on any person;

Assault is a misdemeanor in all cases and criminal mischief is likely a misdemeanor in this case (unless that was a very, very expensive door). Burglary, however, is a felony here. Still, I would be surprised, even if these facts are true, to see the burglary charge. Prosecutors rarely will go after that in provocation situations like this.

Ok, I understand the need to have a special definition of "Burglary" for Actors, but what about football players? Aren't they special, too?<http://www.johnstun.org/images/emotes/dance2.gif>

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Posted by daikini - 2007/04/09 12:35

boy it's a good thing So\oto's just the "most athletic" TE. At least we still have one with soft hands and another with a mix of both... TIC.

What about Hooks, you ask? That's what I ask too.

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BREAKING NEWS: So\oto, Hooks suspended

Posted by mmb72 - 2007/04/09 12:36

Seriously, how big of D-Bags are the 2 kids hiding in the closet???
Definitely deserve to have their As kicked.

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Posted by bengel - 2007/04/09 12:37

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Regardless of what type of threat water balloons pose, there was no threat or use of that force when the players returned, according to the SL Trib article. One may only use the degree of force reasonably believed to be necessary to prevent another's imminent use of unlawful force. See 76-2-401 , et. seq.

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The teaser at the end of the report went something like this:

"We will have more on KSL news at 4...Bronco will issue a statement...and

SOME OF THE NEIGHBORS OF THE WATER BALLOON LAUNCHERS WILL TELL US OF SOME OF THE OTHER

TROUBLE THE PAIR HAS GOTTEN INTO"

By the way, the incident was at 2-3AM at the Parkway Crossing apts. west of UVSC. The guys who started the incident are:

"22 year old Lacey Quigley and
22 year old Jason Hancock"

(KSL TV broadcast)

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Posted by jhw5 - 2007/04/09 12:39

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Posted by etyotx - 2007/04/09 12:40

So, Airwolf, is your name Jason? I bet it's Lacey.

Note that their ages indicate that they were likely born in 1984

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Posted by ABYUFAN - 2007/04/09 12:42

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Posted by Hawkwing - 2007/04/09 12:42

This is a very sad story. I wish if it had to have happened at all, that it happened with the two players there when the losers threw the water balloon at the girl so they could justifiably want to beat the crap out of them. Instead they made a conscious error in judgment.

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Posted by Hawkwing - 2007/04/09 12:42

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Did you mean lacking in judgment? Some of them have money.

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Posted by Pwide - 2007/04/09 12:59

Well.. You can tell by the quid pro quo that the actual malice tort of statutoriosity is non-sequitor to the perusal of the ambivalence of the objection. Therefore, I move more a summary judgement based on stare decisis. Et tu brute.

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Posted by njcoug - 2007/04/09 13:00

When I was in the dorms some football players threw a couch down the stairs then burned it. They also got a hold of a tv and chucked from the 3rd floor stair. This would be classified as a stupid teenage decision.

What happened here was a sequence of dumb decisions- 1. outside dance at an apartment complex (I always hated those) 2. throwing water balloons 3. kicking down the first door--- 4. Kicking down the second door.

Let this all be a lesson: if you're going to kick down a door make sure you kick down the right one the first time.

At most schools I don't think this would even warrant a suspension

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Yeah I know all about those BYU security guys giving out tickets. I arrived at BYU after spending 18 years growing up in northwestern Oregon. The first week at school I was cutting across the grass between the two of the buildings when a Keystone Cop waved at me and motioned me to come over to where he was. Being an innocent BYU Frosh, I complied rather than pretend I didn't see him.

The ossifer asked me for my name and ID. I provide both. He then asked me if I knew what would happen if everyone walked across the grass between those two buildings. I responded, "Yup, they'd put in a sidewalk".

Apparently that was not the approved response, so I got a ticket with a hefty \$10 fine. Heck, where I was from, they'd have rewarded me for helping to keep the grass shorter.

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Wasn't much of a hail storm if you were able to drive through it.

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Posted by Slugger - 2007/04/09 13:44

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I'm with you mraven. After I read the story I felt much better and think this is being overblown simply because it is BYU football players involved. On ksl.com they are reporting that one of the balloons actually hit the female which is what finally set them off. Why in the world are the instigators not being punished more heavily? I don't blame these boys one bit for what they did and hope everyone else sees it that way too and they get back to their lives quickly. This is horrible timing as well with their schoolwork and the end of spring camp. I hate idiots (the ones throwing the balloons) like this and wish they would have gotten their hands on them!!!!

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Posted by YBNORMAL - 2007/04/09 13:46

There's Airwolf again, signs in, makes his comment and then runs and hides... Have no problems with your comments man, just don't get your methods...

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BREAKING NEWS: So\oto, Hooks suspended

Posted by kenj - 2007/04/09 13:59

SO MAKE THE GUYS PAY FOR THE DOORS AND GET ON WITH LIFE. HOW MANY 19 YEAR OLDS THINK WHEN A CUTE GIRL IS CRYING AND POINTS UP AND SAYS "SICK UM." GET OVER IT. I HOPE WE ARE NOT TRYING TO EXAMPLES FOR SOME KIDS TRYING TO PROTECT AND INNOCENT YOUNG LADY. GO COUGS

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Posted by Slugger - 2007/04/09 14:00

Okay, okay, I figured it all out...

Quigley and Hancock were Cougar wannabes and tried out for the team as walk-ons. They failed miserably so they resorted to taking their circus talents to the University of Utah. In a surprise turn of events, they were turned away there as well. Their last attempt to gain redemption for not being talented enough to wear a Cougar uniform had them enrolling at UVSC in the hopes that one day they might actually be within shouting distance of real live BYU football talent so that they can exact revenge by way of long-range (30 feet) water artillery allowing them proper escapability. What they didn't plan was for a female to be alongside those players allowing them an easier target. Bingo! Dorkhood has now reached a new level! In their brief time at the U they learned enough about hiding behind others to use those skills in this situation as they tried to hide themselves and avoid the imminent a**whooping they were about to receive.

It's all such a shame though. I mean, if only they would have gotten their hands on the two creeps!.... :evil: :evil:

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BREAKING NEWS: So\oto, Hooks suspended

Posted by Airwolf84 - 2007/04/09 14:04

ConosticatorAirwolf84This is too much!
<http://www.mazza.ru/engine/data/emoticons/lol.gif>

You guys are actually trying to come up with ways a water ballooon is dangerous in order to make me look bad for saying they're not? This is hilarious. BTW... if a car windshield or window broke due to a water balloon... that is one pathetic piece of glass! I once traveled through a hailstorm on the west side of lake mountain for about 10 minutes going 45-50 mph in my minivan, with hailstones the size of marbles and the windshield never even cracked. A water balloon shattering a car window???

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Wasn't much of a hail storm if you were able to drive through it.

Like heck... after 10 minutes, ice was piled several inches deep on the road and to the sides. We were trying to make good time to Little Sahara, so I only slowed from 65 to 50. I was certain the windshield was going to crack and give way, but it never did. It was like rocks hitting the glass for 10 minutes and was almost deafening. I loved it, but my wife and kids were scared to death.

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Posted by Tyler1830 - 2007/04/09 14:05

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I'm with you mraven. After I read the story I felt much better and think this is being overblown simply because it is BYU football players involved. On ksl.com they are reporting that one of the balloons actually hit the female which is what finally set them off. Why in the world are the instigators not being punished more heavily? I don't blame these boys one bit for what they did and hope everyone else sees it that way too and they get back to their lives quickly. This is horrible timing as well with their schoolwork and the end of spring camp. I hate idiots (the ones throwing the balloons) like this and wish they would have gotten their hands on them!!!!

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Posted by gmj81 - 2007/04/09 14:11

Well, great... I was hoping this would stay out of the national headlines. Well, at least this ESPN article gives a little more credence to the fact that the Vic and Terrance were somewhat the victims here. It also says that the two 'tossers' were also cited for criminal mischief.

<http://sports.espn.go.com/ncf/news/story?id=2830822>

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Posted by cdsdds - 2007/04/09 14:13

Airwolf84 in my minivan

Does your mom know you claim her car as yours?

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Posted by Pwride - 2007/04/09 14:14

Any chance since all 5 were charged they might all drop charges against each other?

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Posted by cruiser - 2007/04/09 14:15

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Like I said in another thread, I don't condone what they have allegedly done, but at the same time I a) can relate to doing some really stupid things when I was 19 and b) am sure glad there was no sodomy or forcible sex abuse involved.....

Oh, and once I was riding in a car when we hit a kangaroo and it was a little bumpy. There was fur and whatnot everywhere....Airwolf would have loved it.

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BREAKING NEWS: So'oto, Hooks suspended

Posted by Airwolf84 - 2007/04/09 14:21

cdsddsAirwolf84 in my minivan

Does your mom know you claim her car as yours?

Nope... both she and my father would be ticked if they knew I was driving their van around while they were on vacation, especially when I'm not a dependant on their insurance policy. Think I'm stupid?

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Posted by shakeNbake - 2007/04/09 14:22

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Ouch.

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I had a Samoan comp that told me his uncles would beat the crap out of him for acting up if his dad wasn't around.

It's called "getting a hidin".

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BREAKING NEWS: So'oto, Hooks suspended

Posted by catholicmat - 2007/04/09 14:24

Everything in life happens for a reason. There is a reason behind this...

On another board I jumped the gun a bit, chomping at the bit for justice and what not. Maybe this is a good time for everyone involved to get humbled and move on and get the job at hand done....

The job at hand is to win F'ING FOOTBALL GAMES!! Maybe this will wake some of these kids up and REMIND them of why they are AT BYU...I would give my right NUT to play CFB!! Freaking A man, pretty SWEET life to have...

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Posted by cruiser - 2007/04/09 14:28

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And it couldn't happen at a better time than Easter.

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I think that the players ought to be suspended as they have been. Kudos to Bronco for dishing out the punishment as soon as he heard about it. He probably didn't even have all the details yet but he acts with a swift hand unlike some up on the hill when it involves a star player. Basically, no matter how innocent they may or may not be, they must have done something wrong to bring this upon themselves. Do the football players have a curfew of sorts? Maybe that was the grounds for suspending them.

It was certainly dumb on their part although I more than likely would have acted the same exact way. I don't think any charge should stick to them so let's just keep them suspended from the team for a little while, then let them come back for summer workouts but punish them for the Arizona game much like Russell was punished last year. Bronco believes in forgiveness but you've got to do alot to earn it. They better get out and be doing some community service this summer if they hope to get back in his good favor.

All-in-all, I agree that they were just in the wrong place at the wrong time and if slightly cooler heads had prevailed we wouldn't even be having this discussion right now. But they are still young and maturing and let's cut the kids some slack. I really don't see it as that big of a deal.

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Posted by dalestephenson - 2007/04/09 14:33

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If Brian Johnson had been the punk kid hiding in the closet, the jokes would never end.

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BREAKING NEWS: So\oto, Hooks suspended

Posted by YBNORMAL - 2007/04/09 14:37

Airwolf84cdsddsAirwolf84

Think I'm stupid?

:D :lol: :shock:

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BREAKING NEWS: So\oto, Hooks suspended

Posted by Airwolf84 - 2007/04/09 14:41

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Be careful who you call stupid... you got codes there little fella. Try again... I know you can do it!

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BREAKING NEWS: So\oto, Hooks suspended

Posted by YBNORMAL - 2007/04/09 14:42

Airwolf84YBNORMALAirwolf84cdsddsAirwolf84

Think I'm stupid?

:D :lol: :shock:

Better take a lesson in formatting... you got codes there little fella.

So what, what is the problem with "codes?"
And, how do you know I'm not FAT!!

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BREAKING NEWS: So\oto, Hooks suspended

Posted by YBNORMAL - 2007/04/09 14:44

I didn't call you stupid, YOU did.

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BREAKING NEWS: So\oto, Hooks suspended

Posted by bengel - 2007/04/09 14:46

In my view, this incident is not something to be written off as some misguided college mistake. Conduct that has the potential of being charged as two second degree felony burglaries, one for each apartment, is not sophomoric stupidity. It's a serious matter. I hope that BYU and the prosecutor consider all the factors and exercise discretion appropriately.

As for the comments justifying the intent to inflict harm on those throwing the water balloons, they are, in my view, insupportable under LDS doctrine, BYU standards, or the laws of the State of Utah.

I'm a former Marine, BYU wrestler, and have participated in state and national martial arts tournaments. I know personally what it's like to have my life threatened by persons with the present ability to end it.

I'm also a lawyer who has taught legal subjects at Utah Peace Officer Standards and Training. I'm confident the fellows in the closet feared for their safety. Under Utah law, they would have been presumed to have acted properly if they had shot the intruders.

Comments on this board attempting to justify the intentions and conduct of So'oto and Hooks are not helpful. The last thing these young men need is a group of football fans providing them with support for their conduct.

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Posted by Tyler1830 - 2007/04/09 14:49

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Good question. Honestly I think I would feel the same. For something like this, where the players were obviously provoked, nobody got hurt, and the players were disciplined by the team for being impulsive? Sure. Just let it go. There's no reason for anyone, even a Ute, to have to do time in jail (!) for something as stupid as this. Everyone's learned their lessons. Now just make nice and go home.

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BREAKING NEWS: So\oto, Hooks suspended

Posted by StatCougar - 2007/04/09 14:59

I have to agree with bengel. There is teenage stupid, I served with a few elders that never seemed to get beyond that stage. Most of what they did was harmless, but it didn't help the cause. national attention about being arrested is something BYU does not need. People need to learn to control their emotions. Instead of trying to find the guys who were responsible, the players should have called security and complained. Yes this isn't the manliest thing to do, but it solves the problem, and allow the police to do their job. I feel sorry for Hooks and So'oto, and I hope they can return to lay in the fall, but I hope all BYU athletes learn from what happened, and keep their emotions under control.

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Posted by cachecoug - 2007/04/09 15:01

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Man, what are you saying Cruiser? Are they really going to be kicked off the team, and out of school? I was sick this morning when I read the news, but then after I filtered through all the message boards, I felt a little better. I kept hearing that it (the punishment) wouldn't be tantamount to expulsion. Now... I don't know. Kicking two doors in!? That's just not good. If I were the two punks who threw the water balloons, I would change my name and move out of town. I'm not saying they forced Hooks and So'oto to kick down the doors, but they obviously incited the whole incident, and they entire cougar population is going to be out for their heads. The sooner the results get out the better - so we can all stop speculating about what is going to happen. Let's just hope that cooler heads prevail; get them to pay for the doors, sign 'em up for 100 hours of community service each, and make them say sorry. They miss the Arizona game (and maybe the UCLA game), but then allow (notice that to play for BYU is a privilege) them to rejoin the team. Bronco is great at doing this, and I am sure if there is any way to keep these two on the team, then he will do it.

This whole thing is just stupid. Man, why can't people stop and think before they act. Does this ability not develop until you reach 25 or 30? A lot has been said about So'oto's potential and capability, but Hooks is no slouch. The guy is very athletic and was pushing go with the 1's next year (2008), with some serious playing time with 2's this year. ARRRGGHHH!

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Posted by CAFB_04-12 - 2007/04/09 15:08

I am going to agree with bengel here as well. Having mug shots taken and posting bail are no small things in life, especially with regards to BYU's honor code and BYU football's recent history with law enforcement.

I am, however, grateful, as a previous poster noted, that the mug shots in the Trib weren't next to words like rape, drugs, alcohol, etc.

I don't know anything about the law, but I do think that this will be forgiven with a few hundred hours of community service and a fine or something like that. But, if they're convicted of felony burglary or assault I just don't see Mendenhall keeping them on the team. He's already shown that he's willing to sacrifice talent to preserve his team (Fui last year).

Hopefully this is being blown out of proportion in the media and the lawyers will bring it back into proper perspective

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Posted by Airwolf84 - 2007/04/09 15:09

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Sticks and stones.

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Posted by Cougy_Monster - 2007/04/09 15:14

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Posted by Cougy_Monster - 2007/04/09 15:16

On a related note, Airwolf also came out of the closet recently....admitting he's a yewt in no clothing.

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Posted by mraven - 2007/04/09 15:23

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Oops, sorry... that was Tyler1830... I deleted a little too much before posting. BTW mraven, touche.

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Posted by Airwolf84 - 2007/04/09 15:36

This incident is being discussed on 1280 at the moment. Monson & Graham are at Wingers in Lehi for wing bowl 2007. They just brought up the question: at what point do they stop and think "you know, we could get in trouble for this"? Proof that football players aren't the sharpest knives in the drawer.

BTW... anyone else on this board ever try out for one of their wing bowl competitions?

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The prosecutor may use the burglary charges to arrive a something lesser. Assuming the defendants have no prior criminal history, I anticipate they will end up with a plea bargain that will not result in a felony conviction. As for what Bronco might do, I agree it will be more difficult to "plea bargain" in his court.

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BREAKING NEWS: So'oto, Hooks suspended

Posted by mountaincougar - 2007/04/09 15:49

Yikes!!! The postings here are amazing....lethal objects..breaking windshields...felony...penal code quotes....give me break!!! This is just stupid. These 2 football players over-reacted (in an extreme way) and are paying the freight for it. Kicking doors in because of a water balloon? They do need to get a grip on their emotions a little. I must have been on the same roof top (quoted earlier) lobbing water balloons from the top of V and T Halls eons ago down onto the Virgin Village sidewalk. Never saw a de-capitation or anything even closely-resembling a life-threatening injury. Even put some shaving cream in some for a fun mix. :) If law enforcement had blown off the complaint, we would be having much the same discussion for a much different reason. They need to pay their due and see what Bronco does. What they might have/would have contributed in the football field doesn't matter to me if they actually did this and reacted this way. We would call them thugs in some other discussions and rightfully so. We don't need these types of players to stay back on the top of the heap. And I don't feel better because it was ONLY breaking down some guys' doors instead of rape/assault.

Go Cougars!!!! And they will regardless of what happens with these kids.

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Posted by mountaincougar - 2007/04/09 15:51

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Posted by Airwolf84 - 2007/04/09 15:54

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Was it that painful for you?

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Posted by mountaincougar - 2007/04/09 15:56

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I could and would never be an ambulance chaser... not dishonest enough (unless you're talking about smuggling food into LES, then I have no problem). :wink:

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BREAKING NEWS: So'oto, Hooks suspended

Posted by shakeNbake - 2007/04/09 15:59

I'VE GOT A WHOLE CAN OF WHOOP A-- HERE FOR WHOEVER PUT THAT FLAMING BAG OF DOG YEW T ON MY PORCH LAST NIGHT.....

Once again, I'm just glad we aren't hearing about some guys driving drunk, raping (or attempting to rape) minors, or actually getting their mitts on somebody.

Bronco is doing the right thing because even if this ends up with the guys back with the team, there is a clear demonstration of rules being enforced and standards being upheld.

I just want to know what it's really like to kick a door in (two for that matter :wink:).

GO COUGS!

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Posted by shakeNbake - 2007/04/09 16:03

mountaincougarI am on medication as we speak because of it.

I agreed with Patten last year and was on anti-biotics for a month.

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BREAKING NEWS: So'oto, Hooks suspended

Posted by Airwolf84 - 2007/04/09 16:10

mountaincougarI am on medication as we speak because of it.

Sorry to hear that. Look on the bright side though... you might be smarter because of it.

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Posted by ABYUFAN - 2007/04/09 16:22

And on a somewhat ironic note...Check out this BYU Bookstore link

http://www.byubookstore.com/mainstore/Swkt_Bomber.swf

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Posted by mountaincougar - 2007/04/09 16:26

Smarter because of the medication or that I agreed with you? I think a frontal lobotomy would help me get smarter than siding with you on regular basis. :) But never say never.

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It is a conspiracy!

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Posted by kiwibacon - 2007/04/09 16:37

115 comments!?! I haven't even read this yet...but something tells me this thread is probably a heated discussion...on to read ALL 115 comments and see if anymore comments are necessary...what all can be said in 115 comments!?! :shock:

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BREAKING NEWS: So\oto, Hooks suspended

Posted by timmyboy - 2007/04/09 16:39

I'm not here to condone their behavior in any way, but this is media absurdity at its worst. In my opinion, there is nearly zero possibility that this will result in a felony conviction or plea. This type of thing happens everyday, even at BYU (I have seen and been involved in incidents of a similar nature at least 10 times). The state would need to hire dozens of additional prosecutors to go after all of the potential criminals.

With that in mind, I do think Bronco's punishment is appropriate. This behavior is completely inappropriate and unjustified. These young men do need to learn how to control themselves and that there are consequences for these type of actions.

I see a misdemeanor plea bargain in the works. I would bet that the charges are put in abeyance pending the fulfillment of certain conditions (community service, restitution, etc). At that point, the charges will be dismissed and their criminal records will be clean. That is what happens in cases similar to this.

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Posted by lovelldog - 2007/04/09 16:56

They should get some community service and a game or 2 suspension and that is it. I just don't see this as a very serious offense at all, stupid, but not serious.

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Posted by Conosticator - 2007/04/09 17:07

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Posted by Roycoug - 2007/04/09 17:13

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Posted by njcoug - 2007/04/09 17:23

Anybody else think the guys in the two apartments probably crapped their pants when Hooks and So'oto busted down their door? Especially the guys who had thrown the balloons before and laughed when the girl said she would get her people to come over. Though I don't condone the actions, it would have been funny to see the whole sequence of events transpire.

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Posted by Ygridiron4ever - 2007/04/09 17:27

timmyboy...I see a misdemeanor plea bargain in the works. I would bet that the charges are put in abeyance pending the fulfillment of certain conditions (community service, restitution, etc). At that point, the charges will be dismissed and their criminal records will be clean. That is what happens in cases similar to this.

How about dismissing all charges if the Cougars win the MWC and their bowl-game? Then the whole team could come together in making amends for the bad decisions of two of their own! 8)

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Posted by jbar1221 - 2007/04/09 17:35

After reading all those comments I have lots of thoughts. Was it stupid? YES! Very stupid but young kids especially male are prone to stupid behavior. However it is very interesting to me that when we talked about Jaden Wagner possibly going at with Fui there was a lot of excitement. Whats the difference? Wagners been running his mouth and Fui (a very passionate guy and an RM) wants to shut him up. Wagner running his mouth= action, Fui getting pissed and wanting to scrap= consequence. Stupid UVSC moron ballon throwers hit Hook's GF=Action, Hooks and So'oto wanting to pummel them= consequence. Neither are correct reactions to said actions but they are consequences none the less.

Now I in no way condone any of this, be it fighting in the locker room or kicking down doors, Im just curious why we are so quick to jump on Hooks and So'oto after thinking it was so cool that Fui and Wagner might go at it. Are they not equally childish? Or is it ok for Fui and Wagner because it is football? If thats the case then why do we expect football players (a fairly coddled bunch at least the scholarship guys) to draw the line? (Pacman Jones hasnt figured it out yet)

If you ask me a night or two in jail and suspension from spring football should be enough. A repeat offense and more serious action should be taken. I will say this I sure am glad my teenage antics didnt make the news.

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I would have to say about a twelve. Looks aren't enough to get me to do something that stupid.

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Posted by Npliam - 2007/04/09 17:44

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In the case of the dopamine, it appears the accent was on the first syllable - dope.

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Posted by sjcougfan - 2007/04/09 17:53

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Yeah it sounds like a real "who-dunit". They'll need a "Dragnet" type of narrator though.

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Posted by Allendad - 2007/04/09 18:11

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Allendad

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Posted by snoscythe - 2007/04/09 18:25

The best part about the ksl.com coverage is the picture of the "evidence"

<http://i114.photobucket.com/albums/n246/snoscythe/1066468.jpg>

Pretty soon someone's gonna get Gephardt!!!

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Posted by snoscythe - 2007/04/09 18:29

Airwolf84I once traveled through a hailstorm on the west side of lake mountain for about 10 minutes going 45-50 mph in my minivan, with hailstones the size of marbles and the windshield never even cracked.

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Posted by kitic77 - 2007/04/09 18:30

ammoncoughar1BlueCrewI'm sure you know this already but BYU and Provo are notorious for overcharging people so that they can plea down to something later. The charges seem to rarely have anything to do with the actually offense.

Almost sound like the Missouri mobbers charging Joseph with larceny, burglary and theft... :lol:

I Hope for the best with the two involved.

Go Cougs!!!

P.s. Good call on pulling the "race card" out of the discussion although I thought Kitic was speaking TIC.

I was to a degree. I do apologize for bringing race into the discussion.

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Posted by Conosticator - 2007/04/09 18:30

What do the sentencing guidelines in Utah say the punishment should be for "stupidity"? Hey, Wolfie, perhaps someone with your vast experience can enlighten us regarding this.

Do they allow parole for "smart" behavior? Yeah I know, I can't expect you to know the answer to the second question.

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Posted by Allendad - 2007/04/09 18:30

I just read the article by Talo Steves.

This sheds great light on what HE SAYS the players side is in this thing.

I think he(the author) should rethink his responses though. After stating what the actions were by these young men, he often states "...who could blame them...."

What in the world are you thinking Mr. Steves? Are you the one who doles out the "butt kickings" in Happy Valley? Do these weeny little college boys deserve to have the door to their home kicked down so the jocks can show them how tough they are? You've got to be freakin' kiddin' me!

A little thought for you

If just one of those guys in that apartment had felt that his life was in danger

He could have shot ALL of those who came into their house after them. Guess what Mr. Steves, it would have been a legal shooting.

This thing could have really turned out sad for everyone.

I realize that we live in a world now where a waterballoon is considered a WMD. However, waterballoon throwing and breaking down a door to threaten somebody(ies) are two different things.

I am just glad that things turned out the way they did.

And for Mr. Steves

What a great addition to one's resume

"I was arrested in college for protecting my girlfriend's virtue from a waterballoon."

Priceless!

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Posted by ABYUFAN - 2007/04/09 18:33

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Posted by catholicmat - 2007/04/09 18:38

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CATHOLICMAT IS BUCKING ALONG WITH BYU TO YET ANOTHER MWC CHAMPIONSHIP!!! :twisted: :twisted:

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Posted by yutka - 2007/04/09 18:39

OK.. On My Brother-in-law's 18th birthday he went to the University mall to pick up one of his friends from work. He had a cap gun with him and was playing around with it while waiting for his friend. Mall Security happened to come by and it turned bad... My brother in Law was arrested. When it was reported in the paper; he was "Waving the gun around threateningly" (I was there and saw it... no waving of the gun AT ALL)-- anyway... keep in mind newspapers and police officers are prone to exaggeration to make themselves look better... Especially if the officer got an earful for taking things too far, he is going to make it sound as dire as possible...

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Posted by Cougarbib2 - 2007/04/09 18:56

Just don't make fun of Heber City.

I have to admit that the movie Napoleon Dynamite made me homesick though. I felt like I knew every character and every building or house in the movie.

Go Heber City Go Wasatch Wasps Go Cougars

I would never admit this, but I was once charged with a ridiculous felony on BYU Campus in Provo based on an extreme technicality and would never have imagined such a consequence for a very minor misdeed that should have been a misdemeanor. OK - I saw an 8 track stereo tape on the dashboard of a car that I liked and grabbed it and tossed it into my truck and went on to class. I should not have done it. It was probably worth about \$5 tops in those days. They plea bargained it and it came out fair.

Mine was an impulsive act. The "victim" did not and would not ever have even know it happened. But I had a loud colored hippie style shirt and a little bit of long hair and someone noticed me (lesson learned - if you are going to do something really stupid dress properly for the occasion) did the right thing and turned me in. I told the truth even though the "victim" was not sure anything had happened even when it was pointed out to him. He wasn't sure if it was even his tape. I knew I had done wrong. My record was expunged after I paid my dues.

And everyone is better of for it.

I can only hope the same chance is given to these young men and that they learn from it even faster than I did.

It took me a while, but I eventually grew up.

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Thank goodness this event did not result in someone getting hurt.

Unless there has been a pattern of bad behavior, I hope the boys get an appropriate consequence and a 2nd chance. If I had more time I would tell you what it feels like to be held in the jail there in Provo (not even overnight) having some

guys who have been there a while longer and for bigger reasons joking about what is going to happen to you by group action the first time you take a shower or drop your drawers to go to the bathroom.

And the food is awful.

Now a little community service added to this experience and the Lords saving grace may be enough for these kids.

Let those that do this for a living (judges) or on a volunteer basis (Bishops) or summoned (jurors) decide.

Regards

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I guess what I'm saying is that she is someone's daughter. Someone probably loves her just as much as you love your daughter. To call her "Barbie" is simply uncalled for. Your daughter may have handled the situation differently, but also, she may have handled a different situation less than perfectly. Should that happen (which, clearly I am not wishing) you would be upset is some nameless person on a message board used a condescending term for her, and implied you had less than adequate parenting skills, which is what you clearly did in your first post.

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StGargefan,

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The reason this young "lady" was also arrested was probably because she is the one who asked the "gentlemen" to intervene on her behalf. That makes her an accomplice.

Even if these guys had stood there even ponding on the door, screaming at the top of their lungs, it would have been

okay. The act of breaking down a door to gain access to another person . . . has crossed a line that requires intervention from the law.

Come on you guys!

I realize that you might be as OLD as I am, but they were water balloons!
All you have to do is walk away.

If it bothers you THAT MUCH, then by all means call the police to deal with it. You DON'T send your stud boyfriend and his buddies up there.

Can no one see what I'm trying to get across here?
I feel like a missionary preachin' at the Southern Baptist Convention!!!!!!

Allendad

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Posted by ABYUFAN - 2007/04/09 19:21

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Posted by Allendad - 2007/04/09 19:24

ABYUFANAllendad
First of all, my daughter would not be yelling at some guys telling them that she was going to get some guys and bring them back. My daughter would just run out of range and laugh it off. (It has happened before.) This isolated decision is not so isolated I am pretty sure. Decisions made under duress are conditioned. I'll stand by my assessment(not "judgement") of the "attackee".

As far as judging goes . . .
Don't jump behind that shield. We are all "judged" for our actions everyday. This is called life.

The only real judging that will be going on will be done by those who do judge.(BYU and City judges,etc.)

I don't live in Utah Valley where a "ballooning" makes the front page.
I Do live where people are killed for kicking in a door to someone's home.

And going to get your "boyfriend" to come and take care of a "waterballooner" tells volumes about this young lady. I don't mean to disrupt the nature of things. But, a lady doesn't go get someone to come back to take on the criminal waterballon violators.

Yes, we all have done dumb things we wouldn't do later. I don't remember having breaking down some doors for any of those things.

Allendad

I guess what I'm saying is that she is someone's daughter. Someone probably loves her just as much as you love your daughter. To call her "Barbie" is simply uncalled for. Your daughter may have handled the situation differently, but also, she may have handled a different situation less than perfectly. Should that happen (which, clearly I am not wishing) you would be upset is some nameless person on a message board used a condescending term for her, and implied you had less than adequate parenting skills, which is what you clearly did in your first post.

Fan,
You and I see things differently and that's fine with me. We all have our own view of things.

I will stick by my observation and assessment of this "Barbie". I use this term as an adjective which oft times turns into an adverb. ;^)

Which in this case I feel has been the case.

Allendad

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Posted by etyotx - 2007/04/09 19:27

AllendadI just read the article by Talo Steves.

This sheds great light on what HE SAYS the players side is in this thing.

I think he(the author) should rethink his responses though. After stating what the actions were by these young men, he often states "...who could blame them...."

What in the world are you thinking Mr. Steves? Are you the one who doles out the "butt kickings" in Happy Valley? Do these weeny little college boys deserve to have the door to their home kicked down so the jocks can show them how tough they are? You've got to be freakin' kiddin' me!

A little thought for you

If just one of those guys in that apartment had felt that his life was in danger

He could have shot ALL of those who came into their house after them. Guess what Mr. Steves, it would have been a legal shooting.

This thing could have really turned out sad for everyone.

I realize that we live in a world now where a waterballoon is considered a WMD. However, waterballoon throwing and breaking down a door to threaten somebody(ies) are two different things.

I am just glad that things turned out the way they did.

And for Mr. Steves

What a great addition to one's resume

"I was arrested in college for protecting my girlfriend's virtue from a waterballoon."

Priceless!

Allendad

Texas still executes more people than all other states combined, right? They still execute people that are legally retarded.

Thanks for furthering the stereotype of the cowboy Texan...

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Posted by kitic77 - 2007/04/09 19:30

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Posted by etyotx - 2007/04/09 19:43

KSL TV's report kind of pissed me off. They interviewed some chubby Orem City stuffed shirt who talked about how it was ""obvious" that the 3 individuals (So'oto, Hooks, and Dew) were on the premises in order to commit an assault. He also said that his cops got there "just in time" to prevent that assault. This dept. of public safety joker sure loved being on tv.

I've heard conflicting reports regarding this and I find it interesting that KSL would only report one side of the story. Maybe airwolf works there

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Posted by etyotx - 2007/04/09 19:45

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Posted by ABYUFAN - 2007/04/09 20:01

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Perhaps I should have been more clear; the actions, as alleged, were criminal actions. (I do not believe that I called the people criminals)

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Posted by etyotx - 2007/04/09 21:31

eldermarsAlso, I hate the entire state of Utah, all things not BYU. I can't help myself- The place is just messed up. I could write a whole thread about it (if I wanted another to get locked or deleted).

lame statement

<http://www.cougarblue.com/index.php?name=PNphpBB2&file=viewtopic&t=8475&start=0>

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Posted by etyotx - 2007/04/09 21:34

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Posted by mountaincougar - 2007/04/09 21:53

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I say we do the Haka to start the AZ game then go over and throw waterballoons at the Arizona players, think Bronco would go for it?? :lol:

Also, when AZ tries to kick our doors down, we ain't gonna be hidin'

GO COUGARS....

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Posted by cruiser - 2007/04/09 22:22

etyotxYou read what Steves says at TBS and think that after Bronco makes them shake the waterballoon D-bags' hands, that all will be forgiven.

I don't like to use hyperbole, especially in a negative way, but Steves' article was one of the sorriest excuses for journalism I have ever seen. And the fact that a majority of the persons on that board support him tells me something about the fans at TBS. For those who haven't seen it, he tries to tell the "facts" of the So'oto and Hooks case but can't bring himself to actually find any fault with their actions beyond the allegations that they kicked in a door or two and rightly threatened the "punks" inside. As far as I'm concerned, it's people like him in positions of influence that helped create the mess at Miami. He sounds like a writer who will do or say anything to justify his beloved team. Hey, we all love our team here (with perhaps an exception or two), but we don't need to sugar-coat hard facts to make them more palatable. Most of us are adults and can handle the truth about teenagers acting like teenagers, even if it's criminal. I don't usually get riled like this, but that guy really took professional writing to a new low (he does get paid to write his drivel). Someone called it apologetica. I call it a weak attempt at propaganda.

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Posted by kiwibacon - 2007/04/09 22:23

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I can't stand people who take pleasure in others suffering for no reason. It seemed to me that these 20 something year olds were just acting like bullies. Standing up three stories and trying to hit girls with waterballons is chicken er... umm... crap. If these players are going catch heat I wish they would have at least got a couple of good shots in to teach these guys that there is always a bigger bully.

I do think they should get a slap on the wrist and should be back before the Arizona game.

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I've got the visual, "Hi, my name is Elder Kiwibacon and this is my companion Elder Wight, we've got a message we'd like to share with you today..... I'll bet that got you in a lot of doors (without having to kick them down)... :lol: Sorry, just trying to keep this thread on topic.. :)

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So the doorkickers are the devil and the waterballooners (both older than the players) are just a couple of good college kids that made a mistake and let things go too far?

I realize that's not what you're saying, but it's not far off. It seems you don't think the waterballooners are dirtbags.

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Posted by mountaincougar - 2007/04/09 23:07

I didn't say they weren't d'bags. What I was responding to was the overriding opinion that the waterballooners were the d'bags and the 2 football players were simply being childish. I do think there is a huge difference in degree of what each group did. While many may have thrown a water balloon once or twice in our lives, the number who have kicked in doors MAY be substantially less. At least among those of us who have managed to avoid jail time in our lives. Isn't that what separates us of the two-legged, upright group from those who are still on all fours? And for all the seemingly tough guys out there who applaud their "character and actions", get a life. (and not one that involves sentencing of some sort). When we group the doorkickers in with the water balloon throwers, I think our sense of balance is off track.

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I haven't kicked a door open, but I've knocked a locked door open, seen a door kicked open, and repaired a door and door frame that was destroyed by our dog. Depending on the door, kicking it open may NOT require any sort of incredible strength, though certainly Hooks has plenty of strength available. That doesn't mean kicking a door open wasn't stupid and criminal, but it's not that hard.

I'm not saying that Hooks and So'oto don't deserve to be punished for violating team rules (they do), or that Hooks doesn't deserve legal grief for kicking in someone's door and threatening someone. (Less clear that So'oto deserves legal grief, when there's no official reports of him kicking anything or threatening anybody.) The reported circumstances don't seem to justify throwing him out of school and putting him in prison (IMO), but he certainly stepped over the line.

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Posted by gmj81 - 2007/04/10 00:15

Listen all, the plain fact of the matter is that a 50% blame resides with both parties here. And if I even know Bronco half as well as I think I do, I'll bet the part that unnerves him the most, apart from dragging BYU's name through the mud, is the fact that these kids were out until the wee hours of the morning. Nothing good can come from being out that late. I don't mean to pass judgement either because I am up that late alot but Bronco holds his players to a higher standard and staying up late doesn't fit into that standard.

The case ought to be dismissed on account of equal shares of stupidity all around. Besides, Bronco's punishment will definately surpass anything the state of Utah could dish out. Authorities need to quit feeling like they have get involved in everything. I know of too many cases where the police, school boards, etc. feel compelled to dish out a punishment when the more sound judgement would be to administer a stern warning and avoid ruining some kids life.

One example is the AA LDS QB from WA who just got a suspended for a whole year from school for playing around with an air soft gun on HS grounds after school. The people he was shooting at were even his friends and knew he meant them no harm but the school board had a 'zero tolerance' rule concerning guns so they expelled him. For crying out loud look at the situation and use judgement people. The 'crime' was undeserving of the punishment in that case. And anything more than a couple of misdemeanors in this case will get the same opinion out of me. Here, we are so willing to show mercy and rehabilitate drug dealers and pedofiles and hardened criminals and the like ('oh well they've got imbalances') and then we throw the book at kids who make honest mistakes. Again, I don't condone what they did, let's not be so quick to make any hasty judgements.

Speaking of which, alot of the discussion on many of the fan sites are about people of who have taken different stances on the matter. We have almost none of the info available to us. There is alot more than has been reported I'm sure so let's just sit back and let things work themselves out. And for those that have attacked Talo Steves for his somewhat favorable interpretation of the transpired events, get off your high horse. So many people have called his 'journalistic reputation' in question over the matter. Why don't you give me one news agency that doesn't bend the truth or tell the story in the way that will serve their best interests. They all do it. There is no such thing as an unbiased report. Fox News, CNN, CBS...they all freaking do it. So get off Talo's back and give these kids some of the courtesy you would enjoy if you were in their place. You think you would like having your name splashed across countless headlines? Would you like forum members and fans to bemoan and belittle your name when they obviously don't know the whole story?

Once more, no one was hurt, once the gravity of the situation came back down to earth, all parties were repentant and admitted some wrongdoing. This really isn't as big of an issue as it is being made out to be. Let's just put this thread to bed and forget about it for awhile becuase everything is going to come out in the wash.

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Well put, Dale.

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Posted by Cougarageous - 2007/04/10 00:30

AllendadstgeorgefanMaybe Hooks broke the door down to go an aplogize for scaring the poor kids and invite them to dinner? I mean, the kids didn't answer the door..... How was Sotot and Hooks supposed to let those kids now???

The only reason this made news is because there is byu football players involved. These kind of "pranks" happen everyday.

Heck the kids didn't even get beat up, Now thats showing restraint. Guy hits my girl with anything and I am going to protect her, simple as that.

Are you telling me the right thing to do is call the police over "waterballoons?" NOOOO

The right thing to do is find the punks and get them to say their sorry(if you have to kick a door down, so be it.)

The fact police got involved and the media to me is hilarious.

Did anyone read the paper last week about my car getting hit by an egg while I was driving? NO of course not, cause this type of crap happens every day...

StGargefan,

I hear what your sayin'

The reason this young "lady" was also arrested was probably because she is the one who asked the "gentlemen" to intervene on her behalf. That makes her an accomplice.

Even if these guys had stood there even ponding on the door, screaming at the top of their lungs, it would have been okay. The act of breaking down a door to gain access to another person . . . has crossed a line that requires intervention fro the law.

Come on you guys!

I realize that you might be as OLD as I am, but they were water balloons!

All you have to do is walk away.

If it bothers you THAT MUCH, then by all means call the police to deal with it. You DON'T send your stud boyfriend and his buddies up there.

Can no one see what I'm trying to get across here?

I feel like a missionary preachin' at the Southern Baptist Convention!!!!!!!

Allendad

I have to disagree with you Allendad...punks like those idiots who throw water balloons from the protection of their home that is several floors up deserve to have their asses kicked. Pardon my french. Punks like that would learn really quickly

not to start something that they can't finish. I am not condoning the action of the football players but I would probably have done the same thing if it had happened to my wife.

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Posted by CAFB_04-12 - 2007/04/10 01:03

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People have gotten arrested for doing stuff alot sillier than that even. But the fact remains that while damage of property may have actually been the fault of the players, the acutal 'assault' was performed by the tossers. If they want to be by the book then I think that's the way they have to look at it. If it were up to me I'd just dismiss the whole case and give everyone involved fines for wasting my time.

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Posted by blackdog - 2007/04/10 01:19

See Total Blue Sports for a complete explanation of what happened. Sounds like we will see them this fall.

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Posted by rblack - 2007/04/10 07:27

StatCougarConosticatorOK, I gotta pose the question...

On a scale of 1 to 10 (10 being hottest), how hot would the girl have to be to entice you to go kick in a couple doors over a water balloon?

I would have to say about a twelve. Looks aren't enough to get me to do something that stupid. It would all depend on if she was crying. When a woman cries, men do stupid things.

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Posted by cougarfan87 - 2007/04/10 08:53

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In sum, when you are a victim of a crime, you call the police. When you want to avoid becoming a victim, you defend yourself. You never take revenge. You may demand an apology. You may berate or belittle the water balloon throwers, but you may not take revenge. Period.

As an interesting side note, I recently had to teach the difference between self defense and turning the other cheek in a discussion with a newly converted family. The son asked if we could ever defend ourselves or if that would be breaking the commandment not to kill. I explained that the Book of Mormon teaches that we should defend ourselves and our families from death (and I would add rape or serious bodily injury). However, we are also counseled to turn the other cheek. In my view, both commandments are consistent. When we or another person is threatened with death or serious bodily injury, we must defend ourselves or others. In all other situations, we should simply turn the other cheek. This incident was a turn the other cheek situation. Just think of how many problems would be avoided if we simply turned the other cheek in these situations that were not life threatening situations. There is wisdom in that counsel.

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Posted by CougarPeasant - 2007/04/10 11:42

Unless there is more to the story than we've read about so far, I just don't see this as amounting to much. Both players will answer to Bronco and do what ever he wants of him to get back in good graces with the team. Both will contribute in the fall. Defending a woman's honor might be characterized as a crime of passion. Most communities use it as a mitigating circumstance.

As for criminal sanctions. I can see this as being both were in the wrong with Hooks and So'oto being provoked. Leaving the scene and returning later usually ends the defense of provocation, but we're dealing with hormonally charged males here. I see community service, a slap on the wrist and a warning to be good for the rest of their lives or it goes on their permanent record.

So how's the team doing? There is a practice today right? I hope to hear great things about both the offense and the defence today.

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This is very well said, and I have a strong suspicion that the prosecutors in this matter feel the same way. The complicated question is So'oto's involvement. Prosecution of Hooks for felony burglary is a clean kill. I am certain that we won't see Hooks in school in Provo, let alone on the field on the team, ever again.

Bronco has an opportunity here to do what Dave Rose did earlier this year. Protect his team at the expense of talent. I have strong faith he will do just that, and that in the end the team will be stronger.

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Posted by ABYUFAN - 2007/04/10 15:19

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Posted by Conosticator - 2007/04/10 15:20

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Thank you for the compliment, but I think you mean Gentleman. :wink:

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Posted by shakeNbake - 2007/04/10 15:38

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Well, according to Vic, he was on his phone at the time. He is apologizing (probably has by now, the meeting was supposed to be earlier) to the team today and I would think his "sentence" will be lighter than Hooks.

Again, I don't condone what happened, but think that while the technical definition of "burglary" may stick, I don't think that it is necessarily the way it ought to be. But, when you react instead of act, that's the risk you run.

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Posted by ammoncougar1 - 2007/04/10 15:53

Um, hello...does anyone know how the other 98 players and coaches who are still with the team doing? I cannot believe we are still talking about these two. Let the dust settle a bit before conclusions are made either way. Let's talk about Spring ball. We've waited long enough. What can you give us Cruiser? Mcgregor? Anyone else?

Go Cougs!!!

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Suspended Players

Posted by Kayakkid - 2007/04/10 19:26

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Posted by kiwibacon - 2007/04/10 20:39

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Re: Suspended Players

Posted by jbar1221 - 2007/04/10 21:52

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WOW!!! Hey man you know that the government can monitor your internet access right? You better put that tin foil hat back on and go back up the mountain with your stock pile of weapons before the black helicopters come. Seriously that may be the worst post I've ever read on cougarblue. I knew the day would come when rednecks figured out computers I just never thought they'd find cougarblue. Sad Day! :(

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Posted by jaga98 - 2007/04/10 22:58

I think this thread is long enough to cover all the valid and not so valid points. I would just add that under 1% of water balloon throwers end up with mug shots. 99% of door breaking intruders are wanted by the law. It does not take a man to kick a door down. My wife locked herself in the closet while I was at work and she broke the door down with her shoulder. If someone throws a water balloon at you the standard response is to go to the store and purchase a bag of water balloons for retaliation.

The balloon throwers should be prosecuted for hitting a girl. In my house, that got you a belt lashing from dad and a few strikes with the wooden spoon from mom.

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Posted by Ignatowski - 2007/04/10 23:05

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Posted by Cougarageous - 2007/04/10 23:27

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My dad would use a wire hanger. When he first sent one on my sisters to get it I just laughed at him. All it took was one flick of his wrist and I was suddenly submissive. After that if one of us was acting up then he would just say to the other kids "go get me a hanger" and that would pretty much end whatever dispute was going on.

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