

Dear Ms. Tiger...

The summer is approaching and I have some interviews for jobs and internships coming up. I need some tips for my interview. I don't know what to wear or what to even say.

Help!

Dear Student,

Relax. We all go through this. Getting that opportunity to prove yourself is only part of it. Now it's time to show them what you got!

First, dress appropriately. Businesses like professional people, and if you can pull that off, you already passed the first part. Business attire includes neutral colors, like blues and grays. Black also never fails.

Make sure your résumé is well written and free of grammatical or format errors. Résumés speak for you before you have a chance to. It's good that you already have the interview, but they might request your résumé or ask questions about it. Be prepared to answer any questions that arise.

Be on time. Remember: to be early is to be on time, to be on time is to be late, and to be late is never acceptable. Make sure you know your way to the site, and allow room in your travel time for possible delays due to traffic, accidents, etc. This is not a time to experiment. If you know/are specific to a route, stick to it.

Speak eloquently and clearly. You already got this far, so don't be nervous. They chose you for a reason, so show them some more. Be polite and show them how much you want it.

Sites like Monster.com have resources to help you prepare résumés and interview skills. Also, remember the Career Services office, located on the first floor of the General Studies Building, has free services like résumé writing to assist students in this kind of matter.

Let me know how it goes!

With love and paws,

Ms. Tiger

Martin Shooting Suspected to be Racially Motivated

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On February 26th, 2012, 17-year-old Trayvon Martin was shot and killed by 28-year-old George Zimmerman, who was not charged with a crime. Martin was black; Zimmerman is mixed-raced (white/Peruvian). The evidence stands strong that charges should have been brought against Zimmerman. Past comments made by Zimmerman prior to that night and what he may or may not have said during the 911 call with police make Zimmerman almost certainly guilty of racial profiling and possibly committing a hate crime.

The night of the incident, Zimmerman was driving in his truck in the gated community the event took place in when he called police and reported a suspicious looking black male wearing a hoodie, with his hand in his waistband.

"This guy looks like he is up to no good. He is on drugs or something," Zimmerman told the dispatcher.

The dispatcher told Zimmerman that he should not take any action, that they did not need him to pursue Martin, and that the police were on the way. Zimmerman did not stand down. His claim at the scene was that he had gotten out of his truck to check the name of the street that he was on when Martin attacked him from behind. Tracy Martin, Trayvon Martin's father, said that police told him that, according to Zimmerman, Martin punched Zimmerman in the nose and knocked him on his back. He then climbed on top of Zimmerman, pinning his arms down with his knees, told him to "shut the fuck up" and then covered his mouth with one hand and beat him in the face with the other.

Zimmerman told police that he managed to undo his holster and fire one round into Martin's chest, causing him to fall

off of Zimmerman.

According to Zimmerman, Martin replied, "You got me", and then died. Zimmerman claims that he acted in self-defense because he feared for his life. Martin was armed with Skittles and an Arizona iced tea that he had just purchased from a gas station.

Zimmerman can clearly be heard on the phone saying "these assholes, they always get away," only minutes before Trayvon Martin was dead. During another blurry part of the call Zimmerman can be heard making a racist remark about Martin: "fucking coons."

Martin was also on the phone only minutes before the altercation occurred, talking to his girlfriend. According to the girl, whose parents have requested anonymity, Martin had expressed to her worry that a strange man was following him. She advised him to run, which he did, as was stated by Zimmerman in his phone call with the police. She claims she heard Martin ask, "Why are you following me?" to which Zimmerman replied, "What are you doing here?" She then said she heard what sounded like pushing and then the phone went silent, leading her to believe that Martin was knocked down.

George Zimmerman is 5'9", 250 lbs. Trayvon Martin was 6'3", 140 lbs, leading some to the conclusion that Martin, who weighed over 100 pounds less than Zimmerman, could not

have assaulted him in such a manner as Zimmerman claims.

According to a witness at the scene who has been identified only as "John" in a statement to Fox News Orlando, "the guy on the bottom, who had a red sweater on, was yelling to me, 'Help! Help!' and I told him to stop, and I was calling 911...And then, when I got upstairs and looked down, the guy who was on the top beating up the other guy, was the one laying in the grass, and I believe he was dead at that point."

Other witness reports are different. Many who have spoken to police said that the police tried to coerce them into agreeing with Zimmerman's account, and that the police seemed to be siding with Zimmerman from the beginning. Mary Cutcher and her roommate did not see the incident play out, but they believe "there was no punching, no hitting going on at the time, no wrestling." Police claim that they gave testimony at the scene that was in agreement with Zimmerman's, but on Anderson Cooper's CNN show they claimed that the police lied about them giving an account consistent with Zimmerman's, and they demanded that police retract the statement.

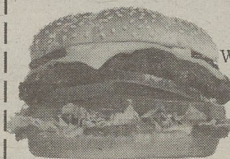
The lead homicide investigator at the scene, Chris Serino, stated in a sworn affidavit that he was not convinced of Zimmerman's account.

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