

Incident at Colorado National Golf Club
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This report is my observations of the incident at the clubhouse on this evening. I'll start by saying I am friends with all parties involved, it was disappointing, unfortunate, and embarrassing for all. I'll stick to the facts as I recall them. I am not picking sides by any means, and I think there is equal accountability on the part of all 3 ladies involved in the dispute.

I was at the outside table with Dean and Mandy Mowery, Erica O'Connor, and their friend Janel. Dean left just before us, we were finishing our drinks and the checks were coming or already on the table. I, Erica, and Janel were sitting outside when Api (Aku's Desai's sister) and Gina came outside and starting yelling at Mandy, they approached her while she was sitting with her back to them, and they began berating her about her insulting their family and Api's brother. Mandy initially said nothing or something along the lines of I don't know you and tried not to engage with them. I asked the girls to go back inside as this wasn't the appropriate way to handle this situation.

I do know there was gossip and earlier disagreements that caused the initial instigation. I was not there for any of these earlier disagreements, or hearsay or gossip. I do know that Mandy and Aku did have a few unfriendly conversations/disagreements at times prior. Again, I was not a witness to any of that. Gina and Api got right in Mandy's face while she was sitting in her chair, Mandy had her back to the group inside the entire time, she didn't see them coming out at her. There were no early conversations or disputes between the two parties this day (as far as I know) until this moment. Gina and Api's party stayed inside, and Mandy and her friends stayed outside. As Gina and Api approached, they were being aggressive in their nature and tone saying things along the lines of you disrespected my family, and you don't know me and I'm going to kick your ass or something like that. They were poking at Mandy, and she tried to get up, she either fell back in her chair, or was pushed, that's when I started getting up to separate everyone, as it was getting heated. By the time I got to the other side of the table all 3 girls were throwing punches. Mandy was still half in her chair, and I pulled her away and wrapped my arms around her so she couldn't swing back, I had her fully restrained. Gina and Api were still coming at her, I yelled at the party inside (Thompson's, Hannah's, Aku, Evan, Julie Pate) to come help split them up. I don't think anyone inside knew what was happening outside, I kept yelling for them to come out and help separate everyone. Janel immediately called the police saying Mandy is being attacked by the other two. Finally, the group inside came out and Matt Thompson started pulling Api and Gina away, but he couldn't restrain both girls, I remember Gina ripping a bracelet off Mandy's arm while I had her restrained, stuck it in her face, lots of colorful language was going back and forth, and then Gina threw it on the ground, and I recall it breaking into pieces. I thought the group inside would initially help separate everyone but a few of them, I recall Jennifer Thompson and Julie Pate started verbally attacking Mandy and blaming her for all of this, so for a minute it was a group of them versus Mandy. I still had Mandy wrapped up, I recall Mandy kicking at the girls to keep them away, she was restrained by me, so couldn't fight back. I recall Aku coming out after the girls were mostly separated, I recall that he

was calm, and I don't remember him saying anything, he looked more surprised, but Mandy saw him and said something along the lines of this is all his fault and made a comment along the lines of you hate women and go back to the Middle East. At this point they (mostly the 4 ladies I think) were all yelling at Mandy and saying she is a racist, I remember this because I was thinking this is only getting worse and I was thinking where are the police, which by this time were arriving. About that same time all the parties separated, and I finally let go of Mandy and the police were handling the situation.

Erica had called Dean while the fight was going on saying Aku's sister and her friend are attacking Mandy. He came rushing back to the Clubhouse, he didn't have very much information and immediately started yelling at Aku, telling him the two of them were good and on good terms, they are friends, Dean said to Aku that he promised to not do anything to Mandy, ignore her and leave her alone. The police restrained Dean in cuffs until he calmed down, I began to explain the situation to Dean, and he then realized Aku had nothing to do with this incident. After a few minutes Dean walked over to Aku in the dining room, and two police officers talking with Aku, and apologized, he didn't have all the facts and made an assumption while the fight was going on. Dean and Aku talked with the officers for several minutes and talked through it all, including the prior other disagreements or gossip between Aku and Mandy.

When the police first restrained Dean, Mandy saw him being handcuffed and she came storming back into the clubhouse through the north doors telling the police to let him go, immediately the parties standing by the east door started to restrain her, I did see her grabbing at a bar stool and I think it fell over, or maybe almost fell over, at that time Gina came up to Mandy and threw her into the glass door. Mandy went tumbling out fell on the ground and the police stepped in. They restrained Mandy but did nothing to Gina after Gina threw her at the door, which I didn't understand. At that time, they were going to arrest Mandy, I didn't learn about this until a bit later, the officers said they were arresting her for a hate crime assault (something along those lines), which is surprising to me at this specific incident because Mandy was not the instigator of this specific event, and she was the one they targeted and got physical with first. Again, there was some earlier arguments (not this same day) that was the fuel of this event and Mandy may, or may not be, accountable to what she said earlier. She may have indirectly started this incident from earlier disagreements, but by no means initiated this particular incident, Mandy was the victim of this assault. If what she was arrested for what was done or said outside of this event prior, it may be understandable, but if the claim is she started this altercation I would have to disagree.

Sincerely, Chris Cantwell