

((NATS :44-:49))

“..you better walk away, walk away, you’re talking to my wife right now..” (:05)

((ANCHOR VO))

A VIRAL VIDEO OF AN ENCOUNTER BETWEEN A FORT JACKSON SOLDIER AND A BLACK MAN HAS LEFT THE SOLDIER IN HOT WATER.

((ANCHOR ON CAM AT WALL))

GOOD EVENING I’M ____ THANKS FOR JOINING US.

WE BEGIN TONIGHT WITH THAT HEATED EXCHANGE WE JUST SHOWED YOU.

((TAKE MAP FULL))

THE INCIDENT HAPPENED IN THE SUMMIT NEIGHBORHOOD THIS AFTERNOON....

((VO WIPE))

ACCORDING TO REPORTS, AND SEEN HERE IN THIS VIDEO SENT TO US, SERGEANT FIRST CLASS, JONATHAN PENTLAND IS ACCUSED OF ASSAULTING A BLACK MAN WALKING ALONG THE SIDEWALK.

YOU CAN HEAR PENTLAND REPEATEDLY TELLING THE MAN TO LEAVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD. HE ALSO THREATENED TO BEAT HIM.

((MUG))

THE VIDEO GAINED NATIONAL ATTENTION, AND PENTLAND HAS NOW BEEN ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH THIRD-DEGREE ASSAULT AND BATTERY.

HE HAS SINCE BEEN RELEASED FROM JAIL ON A 2-THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLAR BOND.

((ANCHOR ON CAM AT WALL))

BUT PENTLAND’S TROUBLES DOESN’T END THERE, ARMY OFFICIALS AT FORT JACKSON HAVE SUSPENDED PENTLAND WHILE THEY INVESTIGATE THE INCIDENT.

((ESS – TAKE FULL SCREEN))

FORT JACKSON COMMANDER BRIGADIER GENERAL MILFORD BEAGLE JUNIOR ALSO RELEASED A STATEMENT, SAYING “SOLDIER CONDUCT ON AND OFF DUTY MUST BE EXEMPLARY TO RETAIN THE TRUST OF OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR NATION. FORT JACKSON CONTINUES TO WORK WITH AND SUPPORT SHERIFF LOTT, AND OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONALS, AND COMMUNITY AND CIVIL LEADERSHIP AS THIS CASE MOVES FORWARD.”

((ANCHOR ON CAM AT WALL))

YOU CAN COUNT ON WIS TV TO BRING YOU THE LATEST AS THIS STORY DEVELOPS.

((CONTINUING COVERAGE STINGER))

((ANCHOR ON CAM / VO IN MONITOR))

MEANWHILE IN A SEPARATE INCIDENT...

A TERRIFYING MORNING FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS AT FOREST LAKE ELEMENTARY

AFTER A FORT JACKSON SOLDIER HIJACKED A SCHOOL BUS WITH MORE THAN A DOZEN KIDS ON BOARD ACCORDING TO DEPUTIES.

((TAKE VO))

YOU CAN SEE HERE, THE BUS DRIVER WAS HELD AT GUNPOINT.

THE RICHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SAYS 23-YEAR-OLD JOVAN COLLAZO GOT ON THE BUS WITH A M-4 RIFLE IN HAND.

DEPUTIES SAY IT ALL STARTED AROUND 7-THIS MORNING, WHEN COLLAZO JUMPED A FENCE WHILE TRAINING AT FORT JACKSON.

HE WAS LATER SEEN TRYING TO FLAG CARS ALONG INTERSTATE 77.

((MAP – indicates where Collazo got on bus & let kids off))

HERE'S A CLOSER LOOK AT WHERE THE HIJACKING HAPPENED.

COLLAZO GOT ON THE BUS AT THE INTERSECTION OF PERCIVAL AND EAGLE PARK ROADS.

HE FINALLY LET EVERYONE OFF THE BUS AT THE INTERSECTION OF PERCIVAL AND ALPINE ROADS.

((VO WIPE))

DRIVERS CAPTURED THIS VIDEO SHOWING THE BUS SURROUNDED BY DEPUTIES.

((MUG/ESS FULL SCREEN))

COLLAZO WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AND NOW HE'S FACING SEVERAL CHARGES INCLUDING KIDNAPPING, CARJACKING AND POSSESSING A WEAPON ON SCHOOL PROPERTY.

((ANCHOR ON CAM))

FORT JACKSON COMMANDER BRIGADIER GENERAL, MILFORD BEAGLE JUNIOR ALSO COMMENTED ON THE INCIDENT.

((TAKE SOT))

"There is nothing that leads us to believe, through his counseling and his screening records coming in, that this had anything to do with harming others, harming himself, or anything that links to any other type of nefarious activities" (Milford Beagle Jr., Fort Jackson Commander)

((ANCHOR ON CAM))

THANKFULLY, NO ONE WAS HURT IN THE HIJACKING.

((COVID-19 STINGER))

((ANCHOR ON CAM))

HERE'S A BIT OF GOOD NEWS FOR YOU, IF YOU'RE TIRED OF WEARING A MASK... THANKS TO NEW C-D-C GUIDANCE.

((TAKE VO))

COLUMBIA CITY LEADERS ANNOUNCED IT WILL NO LONGER ENFORCE ITS FACE MASK ORDINANCE.

THIS COMES AS THE C-D-C SAYS MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING ARE NO LONGER NECESSARY IF YOU'VE BEEN FULLY VACCINATED.

((TAKE ESS FULL SCREEN))

ACCORDING TO THE LATEST VACCINATION NUMBERS BY D-HEC, 1-POINT 8-MILLION SOUTH CAROLINA RESIDENTS HAVE RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE.

...AND 1-POINT 4-MILLION, HAVE BEEN FULLY VACCINATED.

((ANCHOR ON CAM))

THE CITY OF COLUMBIA STILL REQUIRES FACE MASKS FOR EMPLOYEES AND VISITORS IN CITY-OWNED BUILDINGS.