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## 'Stab, stab, stab, stab': Teen's essay detailed

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A Cary-Grove High School student charged with disorderly conduct for writing a violently descriptive class essay had received an assignment that said: "Write whatever comes to your mind. Do not judge or censor what you are writing."

Allen Lee, 18, responded with passages about "shooting everyone" and having "sex with the dead bodies," according to a disorderly conduct complaint filed Thursday by McHenry County prosecutors, Tom Carroll, the first assistant state's attorney, said.

Lee's English teacher, Nora Capron, and school officials found the senior's stream-of-consciousness writing so alarming that they turned it over to Cary police, who arrested him Tuesday morning while he was walking to school.

Carroll said the complaint against Lee quotes his essay as saying: "Blood, sex and booze. Drugs, drugs, drugs are fun. Stab, stab, stab, stab, stab, s ... t ... a ... b ..., puke. So I had this dream last night where I went into a building, pulled out two P90s and started shooting everyone, then had sex with the dead bodies. Well, not really, but it would be funny if I did."

According to Carroll, another passage said, "as a teacher, don't be surprised on inspiring the first CG shooting."

Carroll said the two misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct in the amended complaint filed Thursday refer to both passages.

Of the passages in the complaint, Lee, reached late Thursday, said prosecutors "only took out certain parts. ... They are edited remarks."

Lee said he hopes to release the full essay Friday after conferring with his lawyer. He also said he appreciates the support he has received from people commenting on message boards and calling him.

"All the comments I've gotten ... have been positive," he said.

Lee said he was "just following the assignment." Asked if the Virginia Tech massacre had anything to do with the content of his essay, Lee said: "I had no influences outside the class."

Lee's essay, written in class Monday, also refers to lyrics from a song by the band Green Day and violent images from a Super Mario Bros. video game, according to Jamie Emling, a close friend of Lee's who is in the same creative-writing class.

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Emling is scheduled to begin Marine boot camp with Lee in October. He said he has talked to his friend several times since the arrest, Emling said.

"He wrote about the dream of killing with P90s, which is a sci-fi gun from the show 'Stargate,'" Emling said. "It's a really cool gun. Top-loaded. And it's in 'GoldenEye,' the Nintendo 64 James Bond game."

The gun used in the show is based on a real submachine gun.

Police searched Lee's room in his parents' home and confiscated his computer, Emling said.

Emling provided a reporter with a copy of the class assignment, which was titled "Free Writing." It advised students to "write non-stop for a set period of time. Do not make corrections as you write. Keep writing, even if you have to write something like, 'I don't know what to write.'"

Emling said another recent English assignment was to write a 32-page children's book. Lee's book was about Hitler as a baby taking over the playground, Emling said.

Lee's parents met with Community High School District 155 Supt. Jill Hawk and Cary-Grove Principal Susan Popp on Thursday, said Lee's attorney Dane Loizzo of Woodstock.

Neither Loizzo nor the school would release a copy of the full essay or discuss its specific contents.

"It wasn't just violent or foul language," District 155 spokesman Jeff Puma said. "It went beyond that."

Loizzo said the essay's content fell within the parameters of the assignment. "I don't think there was anything disturbing or alarming in it, but obviously there's a difference of opinion," he said.

Lee is being tutored at the school district's administration offices in Crystal Lake. His family's main priority is getting him back into class, making sure he graduates and assuring that the incident does not affect his plans to join the Marines, Loizzo said.

Lee has never been disciplined in school, Loizzo said. He signed Marine enlistment papers last week. "He's excited to serve his country," Loizzo said.

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