

On Tuesday, November 10, 2009 around 9:00 a.m., I arrived at the University of Central Florida library to study for a Thermodynamics test I had at 6 p.m. Before I began studying I logged into my Knights email account, which is hosted by Microsoft Live. When I went to log out of my email account, I was redirected to the Microsoft web portal and on the portal was a news headline from MSN saying that President Obama was considering sending up to 40,000 more troops to Afghanistan. Being that this particular day (November 10, 2009) was the Marine Corp anniversary, this headline stuck in the back of my head for the rest of the day.

While at the library, I sat on the bottom floor in a student cubical. During that time I received and made several phone calls to Bill, one of my Thermodynamics classmates. We have always called each other prior to our tests to clarify the material and help each other work through any problems.

As part of my usual pre-test routine I left the UCF library around 3:00 p.m. and headed to Classroom 1 Building. After arriving at Classroom 1 Building, I sat down on one of the benches inside the building with a classmate of mine who was also preparing for our Thermodynamics test. My friend then packed up and went outside to relax. I continued studying for approximately five more minutes and went to use the restroom and clean up, but it was occupied. So I returned to my spot and continued reviewing my Thermodynamics material. After a short amount of time I went back to the restroom and, after exiting the bathroom, decided to go outside of Classroom 1 building to clear my head before the Thermodynamics test. So I