

## Victims' stories involving and/or specific to Julian Hernandez:

### *Story #1:*

Submitted by: Evelyn, Project Coordinator

“I will never, ever forget the look in his eyes; it haunts me more than any other detail related to any of my experiences with these men. His eyes were dark and soulless- he had the “psychopath stare.””

### Story:

This is the second time I was sexually violated by members of this friend group. It happened in November of 2018.

This story started out with me just hanging out with the friend group- we had been out and about, and then Brenten's brother ended up in the hospital, so we drove him to the ER to see him. After dropping him off, he instructed his friends to drop me off.

Instead of dropping me off, Hani, Andy, Julian and I decided to drink a bottle of Captain Morgan's rum that I had. We drove around town, drinking on it, and doing whatever- I don't really remember.

When things took a turn was when we went to Taco Bell. Hani parked the car, tossed the empty rum bottle in the dumpster, and I was given a proposition. At this point, I was probably drunker

than I had ever been before. The men proposed that if I “showed them my tits,” they would take

me to see Brenten again. I did not agree. This did not stop them- of course, and I remember each of them reaching for me, like I was just an object. It started with Andy, then Julian reached back from the front passenger seat, and then Hani, from the driver’s seat.

It was at the point that Hani reached back, where I realized what was happening. The first two had just pulled my breasts out of the tanktop I was wearing, but Hani looked me in the eye, and tried to stick his hand up my legs. I will never, ever forget the look in his eyes; it haunts me more than any other detail related to any of my experiences with these men. His eyes were dark and soulless- he had the “psychopath stare.”

I’m not exactly sure how things ended, because of how fuzzy my memory is of that night, but the next thing I remember was being dropped off at my house, and stumbling to get inside. The next morning, Brenten texted me, scolding me for what had happened to me; I’m not sure whether his friends twisted the story, or if he just decided that he wanted to shame me, knowing what really happened.

### Details:

Who was involved: Hani, Andy, Julian, Brenten

Victim’s age at the time of incident: 15

Perp’s age at the time of the incident: all of them were either 17 and 18

When it happened: November 2018

Where it happened: Hani's car

How long known before incident: about 6 months

More than 1 incident? Y

Laws broken: Underage drinking

Drugs/alcohol involved: alcohol

Contact after the fact: yes

Method of introduction: relationship with Brenten

Involvement with legal case? Y

Harassed by perps in general? Y

Harassed after reporting? Y

## *Story #2*

Submitted by: Evelyn, Project Coordinator

“Andy was filming this whole thing, and the weirdest thing to me, is each thing that they did to us, the others would watch and even touch themselves.”

### Story:

This is the final time that I was violated by members of this friend group, and it is the incident that led to the legal case being opened. This happened in January, 2019, the first week of the new Year.

There was a week of build up to the actual event in this story; I had been on my very first drug bender with the group, taking MDMA just about every day for a week.

Fast forward to the end of this week, and the group had invited my friend and I to go “hot tubbing.” For reasons that I will never really know, we decided to go, when we should have been sleeping and letting our brains and bodies recover from the extreme amounts of drug use in the past week.

The group picked us up- it was Hani, Andy, Julian, and another somewhat temporary member of the group, who I had a very brief romantic involvement with. I don't remember much about the time between being picked up and arriving at the hot tub, except picking up some vodka. Most of my memory of this event is actually thanks to the videos that were taken of the assault.

From what I can gather in my memory, the group had this plan of making some sort of pornographic film. I remember them taking off my friend's bra, and starting to man-handle her. At the time, my mind had no way of processing what to do, so I just took mine off too, to make her feel more comfortable.

A few days prior, I remember Hani deciding he had an objective to have sex with my friend, and her explicitly rejecting him, and doing so again while we were acquiring alcohol before getting to the hot tub. Obviously, he paid this no mind.

Andy was filming this whole thing, and the weirdest thing to me, is each thing that they did to us, the others would watch and even touch themselves. I remember Andy sitting next to me and the

other friend, as we were doing things, and just watching so closely, and filming, of course. I also recall him running up and grabbing my breast and rear, more than once, and getting it on film.

Much of this incident is truly a blur in my memory, and I only really remember it from watching the videos, like I said, but it was truly gruesome and perverted.

Things escalated when Hani pulled my friend out of the tub, and took her into the sauna. Hani raped my friend two times in that sauna, once without protection, and his friends watched it, and Andy filmed. Neither of us knew how to process, let alone react to this. I remember wiping my friend's mascara from under her eyes, when Hani came up and tried to thrust his penis between my buttocks.

At some point soon after, the men left us there. We went to retrieve our clothing and try to process what happened, and we noticed they had stolen cash from my friend, and some Juul Pods.

After the men had left, we decided to call the friend whose apartment complex we were in, just to have somewhere to try and plan getting home. We went there, and shortly after, the men showed up, now having Brenten with them, and he threw a Plan B pill box at my friend and I. They were also messaging the friend whose house we were at, flaunting what they had done.

At some point between then and the next day, they created a group chat on Facebook Messenger, with myself, Brenten, and the group members present in it, and they sent the videos to it. This

group chat is still in my Messenger inbox, because I never left it, I think hoping one day I would have the courage to come forward, in spite of the embarrassment I felt for ever putting myself in that situation. And in 2021, I did come forward- law enforcement was sent all of teh videos, and the antagonizing messages from the group chat, and it became evidence in the legal case.

In the group chat, they antagonized me, making fun of me for “smelling like tuna,” which was actually the result of a urinary tract infection, caused by Brenten leaving a condom inside my body a week before, that I hadn’t noticed for hours. They also antagonized me, calling me the rapist- because of their friend and I having relations, and him having trouble staying erect. I have had contact with this friend many times since, and have confirmed that narrative to be untrue- we were both 15, and our bodies full of drugs, we had no idea what we were doing at that point. The men still antagonized me though, and made jokes about making another “film.” I confronted Hani about raping my friend, and his only defense was calling me a rapist. What sticks with me about this is the fact that his mother repeated the same thing to me, on the day of the sentencing, saying she’d seen the videos, and that I was the “real rapist here.” I didn’t let this bother me though, because I knew the truth, and I found it much more strange that she had just openly admitted not only to watching such explicit content of her own son, but also child pornography.

#### Details:

Who was involved: Hani, Andy, Julian, Brenten

Victim’s age at the time of incident: 15

Perp’s age at the time of the incident: all of them were either 17 and 18

When it happened: January 2019

Where it happened: apartment complex of their friends

How long known before incident: almost 1 year

More than 1 incident? Y

Laws broken: Underage drinking

Drugs/alcohol involved: alcohol, MDMA

Contact after the fact: yes

Method of introduction: relationship with Brenten

Involvement with legal case? Y

Harassed by perps in general? Y

Harassed after reporting? Y

### *Story #3:*

Submitted by: Anonymous

“I just remembered feeling so unbelievably disgusted and I just laid in bed and cried.”

Winter, 3-4 years ago

#### Story:

“Andy texted me on Snapchat one night asking what I was doing and said I should hang out. I was on the fence but he said he was in a car and could come pick me up so I said ok. He picked me up with his friends and they took me to a park. I'm not sure what park.

We drank some wine and hung out there for a bit but I felt pretty uncomfortable so I asked them to take me home multiple times. But they insisted to get a motel and I eventually went along. I wish I hadn't.

They said they wanted to steal more wine from Winco for the motel. We drank more on the way there. We got there, I sat on the bed and at first we just hung out but they basically just started taking turns fucking me after for a while.

I remember falling asleep eventually then Hani pulling me out of bed and taking me in the shower and fucking me again.

When everyone woke up they took me to a store where they stole a Plan B for me and took me home. I just remembered feeling so unbelievably disgusted and I just laid in bed and cried.

I also want to say in the record that I was very drunk and that whole night is pretty foggy. I tried to explain with as much truth and accuracy as I could but quite frankly I have been trying to forget that night as much as possible. “

#### Interview Details:

Who was involved: “The only ones I remember being there were Hani, Andy and Julian. I really don't remember if there was a 4th one or not.”

Victim's age then/now: “15/16. I am 18, almost 19 now, so about 3 to 4 years have passed.”



Perp's age at the time of the incident: "I think Andy was 19 and the others were in their 20s. I honestly am having trouble remembering."

When it happened: "I'm almost positive it was around February or March. (3-4 years ago)"

Where it happened: Motel 6 in Springfield.

How long known before incident: I knew Andy for maybe about a year

More than 1 incident? N

Laws broken: "Giving Alcohol to a minor."

Drugs/alcohol involved: "Wine bottles that they stole from Winco"

Contact after the fact: N

Method of introduction: "I met Andy working in the culinary kitchen on Martin Luther King Blvd. It was not a real job, it was a job you could work after you were finished with community service hours. After we had met we got each other's info and started texting each other."

Involvement with legal case: "2021 is around when it happened and I remember them getting locked up the first time I could have talked to the police about what had happened to me but I decided to stay as far away from it as possible"

*Story #4:*

Submitted by: Jocilyn

"I could hear all of his friends in the background saying "woah omg Hani" but no one did anything to stop it. I then ran into the bathroom and locked myself inside while trying to figure out where to go."

Summer of 2018

## Story:

“My relationship with Hani started in January of 2018. I believe I was 15 at this time and Hani was 18.

The first few months were normal and then around summer he started to be aggressive and mentally abusive. He would tell me I should kill myself. That I should starve myself so that he finds me more attractive. He would ask for sexual favors from other women in front of me. He would degrade me in every way possible. I lost all self worth while being around him.

Towards the end of summer things started to turn physical. One time at his house he manhandled me so much I just cried and hid under his bed to get away. He would grab me and throw me around so hard it left welts.

The biggest incident that occurred was at Julian’s house, Hani, Andy Julian and Brenten were all there. Me and Hani were arguing because I was upset he did cocaine.

During the argument, he grabbed my breasts and I told him not to touch me. He proceeded to grab me sexually again and so I pushed him away from me. He then grabbed my hair and started punching me in the head repeatedly.

I could hear all of his friends in the background saying “woah omg Hani” but no one did anything to stop it. I then ran into the bathroom and locked myself inside while trying to figure out where to go.

After this happened, Hani asked me to not tell anyone what happened. After the altercation Hani, Brenten, and Andy would harass me on Messenger. “

## Interview Details:

Who was involved: "Hani, Andy, Brenten and Julian were all there when I was assaulted by hani. They watched and did nothing."

Victim's age at the time of incident: "14-15 when I had a relationship to Hani. I am now 20."

Perp's age at the time of the incident: "I was 15, Hani was 18 at the time of the incident."

When it happened: "July/ August of 2018."

Where it happened: "The Assault took place at Julian's apartment."

How long known before incident: "A year or two"

More than 1 incident? Y

Laws broken: "Hani was on cocaine and alcohol when he physically assaulted me."

Drugs/alcohol involved: "They were on coke and drinking."

Contact after the fact: "I told Hani that my school principal found out about the assault and was obligated to report it.

He was mad at me because of that. The principal made the report and the police said there's nothing they could do about it. After that he sent me a picture of a random womens' breasts and I blocked him. Later his friends (Andy and Brenten) harassed me on messenger before I blocked them as well."

Method of introduction: School

Harassed by perps in general? Y "Hani told me I should try to kill myself again. He Always bashed my weight and body telling me I should stop eating. "

Harassed after reporting? Y

Details: In 2018 the principal of my school filed a report with the police and they did nothing. The abuse and assault that occurred to numerous women afterward could have been avoided if protecting women was taken seriously by the court and police system.

Involvement with legal case: N

Would've wanted to say: "They are a danger to the public. All women and children."

