

Stephen 'Aaron' Rayborn



Nickname(s)	None Known
Born	August 3, 1983, North Carolina, U.S.
Education	North Carolina State University; Graduated May 2010 BS Parks, Recreation & Tourism
Athletics	Walk-on, NC State Football; Did not play in regulation NCAA football
Allegiance	 United States
Service/Branch	<u>North Carolina Army National Guard</u> /Army Reserve CO A 30 STB (REAR), Burlington, NC
Years of Service	Oct. 2007–Dec. 2009; Active Duty: 16 Months Enlisted October 16, 2007; Delayed Entry Program (DEP) Basic Training (Ft. Benning, GA) August 27, 2008 Discharged December 20, 2009
Rank	<u>Sergeant/SGT</u> (NC Army National Guard/Army Reserve)
<u>Service Number</u>	Cadet/E5
<u>Military Occupational Specialty (MOS)</u>	09S2OYY Cryptologic Linguist
<u>Overseas Service/Military Campaigns</u>	None
<u>Military Citations & Awards</u>	None
Spouse(s)	<u>Stephanie Elizabeth Wilson</u> (m. Nov. 2011; d. Apr 2017)
Known Career/Occupation(s)	Source International, Inc. (independent Sales Representative); March 2013-August 2014

Stephen R. & Evelyn L. Wilson

July 10, 2018

Mr. Stephen Carl Rayborn
4910 Forest Oak Drive
Greensboro, NC 27406

Dear Steve:

I am writing this letter to appeal to you to ask Aaron to make arrangements for Evelyn and me to pick up all of Stevie's belongings as soon as possible (*including jewelry, furniture, clothing and personal effects, all complete, in good condition and without damage*), and would like to meet you only, in Greensboro at an agreeable time and place. I am not corresponding with Aaron in this instance for a good number of reasons I have explained below. I hope that you will not hastily dismiss this lengthy communication.

Having received little or no information from the Chula Vista Police Department, discovering that they had conducted no investigation at all into Stevie's death, and that Aaron has provided us scant information, Evelyn and I engaged an attorney and investigators to obtain our own answers. Our investigators completed as thorough-as-possible investigation, which includes Aaron's background. Stevie was our baby, and we will endure any obstacles on her behalf.

Before proceeding, and if it's possible, I want to share with you a hint of what it is to lose a child. Losing a child, regardless of age, does not change your life, it demolishes it. There will always be this hollow place deep inside that literally throbs for the one who is gone. Nothing can fill it. Minute after minute, hour after hour, day after day, month after month, year after year the empty space remains. For the first time in your life "heartache" is not a figure of speech; your heart literally struggles to come out of your chest. The rest of your life is spent on a different plane. It's like losing your breath and never catching it again. It's a forever panic attack as your soul is screaming for your child who will never answer. It's feeling yourself dying as you continue to lose your mind. It is having entire chapters of your life torn out and shredded. There are no words in any language that can express the depth and intensity of this loss. There is no "moving on," or "getting over it." Ever! There is no bow, no fix, and no solution. For as long as we breathe, Evelyn and I will grieve and ache and love our daughter with all our hearts and souls. Stevie was our precious irreplaceable child!

As you know, Stevie has two older sisters who were grown and gone by the time she was in elementary school so she was pretty much an only child. Stevie was special! We went to every school function, every school play, every dance, every karate match, every school graduation, OCS graduation and military promotions/pinnings; we met Stevie in Spain when her ship, the USS San Jancito CG56 was coming home from her first deployment in the Persian Gulf, we went to military homecomings and fundraisers and drove many miles on many occasions to where Stevie was stationed. For the past 6 years they were together, Evelyn and I knew Aaron only from the information Stevie or he provided, and our personal interactions. Aaron was initially glib and charming, we could never put our finger on his character and there was a disquieting contradiction in him. We had hints and grew concerns along the way.

Despite what Aaron may espouse, Evelyn and I supported his and Stevie's marriage to the sum of [REDACTED] over their entire 6 years together, including the cost of the wedding [REDACTED], cash loans and American Express bills. "Yes", [REDACTED]; we can promptly produce all the receipts. Evelyn and I gave Stevie an AMEX card for uniforms and emergencies, and she and Aaron both grossly abused it, and because Aaron refused to get a job to support their marriage we cut the card off in March 2014. Aaron has been bitter with us since. I also understand that Aaron is extremely angry with me for not sending him and Stevie a big check when I sold one of my businesses in 2012. From November 2010 on, Aaron told us and Stevie that because of his PTSD from his Army combat experience in Afghanistan it was difficult for him to function on a daily basis, so we thought maybe that had a lot to do with him not getting a job and blending in. Stevie asked me if I could do something for Aaron so I gave him an opportunity to work as an independent rep with my company. I told Stevie that I would not hire him as an employee unless he proved himself. I flew to Norfolk twice and worked with Aaron 3 and 4 days each time in the field providing training; I brought him to Jacksonville for a week of training and to meet some of my other reps; I flew him to Las Vegas to a furniture convention so he could meet clients and other reps and work in our booth; I paid him a \$1,000 monthly commission advance so he could pay his expenses; gave him an iPad, printer, supplies and sales materials. We could not get Aaron out of the house to make sales calls, so after 13 months I terminated his contract. Aaron was a natural for this job but simply did nothing but sit at home. At one point he told us he had sent out "thousands" of job applications. Evelyn asked to see just three. From then on we were not welcome in "his house".

Aaron may not be aware, but Stevie called, emailed and/or texted her mother almost daily, even when they were occasionally at odds, except when she was on deployment and aboard ship. Stevie's marriage was an unembroidered nightmare for her, particularly from April 2016 to April 2017. We have years of texts and emails from

her, that have been printed out and scrutinized. When Stevie returned from her second deployment in April 2016 she returned to unpaid bills, the house was a mess, it was unsold and hadn't even been put up for sale; their belongings had not been packed and ready to ship to California to her new billet, and a neighbor had informed us that a female had been coming and going regularly while Stevie was absent. Aaron had done nothing to help Stevie and to support their marriage. Stevie informed Evelyn that she'd told Aaron to get out, but then Aaron convinced her they could work it out so she'd given him a year to get his act together and to make immediate and positive changes. She said Aaron assured her again that he would. Fast forward to April 2017; Stevie was planning on leaving Aaron and was working on a plan. We'd sent her money. Stevie was weary of Aaron's verbal abuse, calling her horrible names, talking down to her in front of friends and not financially supporting the marriage. And while we don't know for certain, Evelyn and I suspect that there may have been physical abuse as Stevie suddenly had several injuries. All was not well as Aaron would have everyone believe, and what he led everyone in the hospital to believe; including his hospital announcement that he and Stevie were to start a family the next month in MAY17. Following are comments from Stevie's co-workers at DLA San Diego:

"(XX) stated that based upon his conversations with LT Rayborn, he believed her home life was awful and that she was in a very unhappy marriage. He recalled the first story relayed to him by LT Rayborn, about her husband was when she was deployed on a ship and her husband failed to pay any of the bills. He stated he was told LT Rayborn's husband took care of nothing and ruined her credit. He stated the financial situation made her very unhappy. (XX) stated LT Rayborn relayed that her husband was verbally abusive to her on a regular basis. He stated he believed the husband was medically separated from military service and spent frivolously. (XX) believed LT Rayborn felt life was terrible at work and at home. He stated LT Rayborn openly proclaimed she wanted to leave her husband but was afraid he would take her for half."

"(YYY) stated LT Rayborn would routinely talk to him and another co-worker about her marriage and would ask their opinion on certain matters. He stated she disclosed she had money problems because her husband had not worked in years and did not pay their bills while she was on deployment. (YYY) stated LT Rayborn indicated her husband was financially irresponsible. (YYY) stated that since he sat next to LT Rayborn, he would hear her husband call her numerous times throughout the day and sometimes the conversation was not pleasant. He stated regardless, LT Rayborn would always end the call with "I love you." (YYY) recalled one occasion when LT Rayborn arrived at work and seemed very agitated. Shortly thereafter he heard LT Rayborn on the phone with her husband telling him that she was angry with him because he had called her awful names. He also recalled a time when LT Rayborn was getting a new car and she had relayed her husband was more concerned about what he would get out of it. In (YYY) opinion, based upon what LT Rayborn relayed to him, her husband was not supportive of her at all."

In my last phone conversation with Aaron in late MAY17 he made the comment, *"I guess you know that I proved my love for your daughter"*, referring to his display of grief in the hospital. To Evelyn and I love is getting up every morning of every day when you don't want to get up and don't feel like it, and going to a job you don't like to support the family you love. Love is making sure your wife's car is parked in the garage and not your car. Love is getting up before she does, making breakfast and making sure the ice and snow is cleaned off her car and that it starts before she leaves for work. Love is having the house cleaned and supper ready when she comes home from work. Love is

putting your wife before your life in every little way. Aaron did none of these; Aaron was first and foremost. So Aaron's hospital display did not impress or prove to me and Evelyn that he loved Stevie in the least; even the ICU personnel who witness unfeigned grief every single day, as well as Stevie's Navy CACO, voluntarily and separately commented to us that they thought Aaron's behavior unusual and his display of grief less than genuine; said he could "*win an academy award*". And, while viewing Aaron's Facebook since Stevie's death, there is not one mention of Stevie or of missing her; only about Aaron asking for everyone's attention and sympathy. After receiving a half million dollars in life insurance and a monthly widower's pension, Aaron gives not \$1 dollar donation in Stevie's memory.

Aaron steadfastly pursued Stevie starting in MAY10, and not the other way around as I've heard him tell folks. Stevie held a Master's degree, was an Ensign in the US Navy, accomplished, goal oriented, on purpose, hard charging and on an upward and promising career path and was happily dating a fireman when Aaron asked Evelyn for her contact information so he could correspond with her while she was on deployment. In Aaron's correspondence to Stevie while on deployment, upon her return, and Evelyn's and I meeting him for the first time, Aaron informed us about himself:

1. Aaron had known Stevie in high school.
2. Aaron said that he had graduated from Ryle HS, Union, KY in 2002 and enrolled and attended NC State University 2003-2006.
3. Aaron said he played scholarship football at NC State as a 'fullback'.
4. Aaron said he graduated from NC State in 2006 with a degree in Parks & Recreation.
5. Aaron said he played in the NFL a year under Phil Rivers and that Phil Rivers had specifically requested Aaron be brought in by the SD Chargers.
6. Aaron said he was a former Army Ranger & Special Forces and had traveled the world in combat theaters; in one correspondence Aaron refers to his "Delta" tab which is a separate elite force within the US Army.
7. Aaron said he'd been to OCS, and was a former Army Major/O4 and had served a number of tours in Afghanistan, and was in charge of the SW sector of Afghanistan.
8. Aaron said he had been shot 3 times in combat and probably could not have children;
9. Aaron said he had PTSD from his best friend being headshot in combat and his brains spraying all over Aaron.

10. The first time I personally met Aaron he showed me a military knife that appeared to be bloodstained and asked me if I knew what it was. I was a little put off and only responded "yeah, I know what it is".
11. When we asked why he left the Army Aaron responded:
 - a. My girlfriend made me get out;
 - b. I had an accident and the Army wanted to operate on my back and I wouldn't let them so I left;
 - c. The Army wanted to take me out of the field and put me behind a desk so I left.
12. In mid-2010 Aaron told Evelyn that he was working for the State of NC in their Tourism Department and working on their website.
13. Aaron repeatedly told Stevie, Evelyn and me that he was constantly receiving job offers. Stevie was very excited and would tell us all about it when she came home from your house and seeing Aaron. Sometimes when around us Aaron would suddenly look down at his phone and sigh, "*another job offer*". Asked why he didn't take something he said they weren't what he was looking for and he was waiting to see what was going to happen with Stevie. I told Aaron that Stevie is in the Navy stationed at Norfolk for at least another 4 years so take a job.
14. Aaron said he was related to Admiral Rayborn, former CIA director. He said he'd interviewed with them but it wasn't what he was looking for.

AARON PRIVATE MESSAGE TO EVELYN ON FACEBOOK:

10/08/2010 6:04PM

Aaron Rayborn

Honestly I have considered wearing my ass kicking dress uniform with my ranger sf, sniper, and delta tabs on them with my chest bling going like crazy and just face crush a few of them. But she asked me not to so I may just wear my SF ring and understadely say I'm here. With here and can and will kill you. I am at a loss for words frequently as well, just trying to be as supportive as I can

FACEBOOK MSSG STEVIE ANSWERS FOR AARON:

Olivia Ann Bowen to Aaron Rayborn

· December 4, 2010 ·

I've had enough. I demand that you and Steph visit. Comply quickly or pay the consequences.

Sincerely,

Olivia Bowen

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Aaron Rayborn; Steph: " I'm sorry, I really can't. Yell at my CO and tell him I need to get some 'special liberty' so I can take a weekend off... but be forwarned...CGMOD is not a good time for us Navy folk...FYI, I'm no where near Aaron's rank to tell anyone what and when I want to do something...But I'm making him banana nut bread tomorrow and keep him full of home cooked meals, if that helps =D"

December 15, 2010 at 9:15pm ·

Stevie, Evelyn and I had no reason to disbelieve Aaron and unfortunately accepted everything at face value. I've personally heard Aaron repeat #3-#9 many times to everyone within earshot, including Navy Captains, Admirals, and other senior

officers who will attest to his affirmations. Aaron even recounted his military and football prowess to the assigned Navy Chief (CACO) in the hospital while Stevie was lying in her death bed.

Our investigation revealed the following, with all the authoritative documentation to substantiate our findings in possession:

1. Aaron attended NC State, and according to NC State HR did not graduate until MAY10; this would have told us immediately that Aaron could not have gone to OCS to become an officer at the very moment he told us otherwise.
2. NC State advised that Aaron was a "walk-on" at NC State football and made the 2003 preseason roster but never played a game for NCS, and was never on scholarship. NCS did not play the 'fullback' position during Aaron's tenure there.
3. There are no records of Aaron playing in the NFL, ever, under Phil Rivers or otherwise.
4. According to Army Human Resources letter dated 05APR18, Aaron was never in the regular US Army, never a Ranger, Special Forces or Delta.
5. According to Army Human Resources letter dated 05APR18 Aaron was never an officer in the US Army.
6. According to Army Human Resources letter dated 05APR18 Aaron was never in a combat theater in Afghanistan or otherwise.
7. According to Army Human Resources letter dated 05APR18 Aaron was never wounded in combat or experienced combat.
8. Aaron did not have PTSD from combat exposure.
9. According to Army Human Resources letter dated 05APR18 and NCARNG separation documents, Aaron entered the NC Army National Guard 16OCT07 and was involuntarily separated on 20DEC09 for failing to complete entry level requirements.
10. According to Army Human Resources letter dated 09MAR18 Aaron's rank at separation was SGT/E5.
11. It is doubtful that Aaron received any job offers while dating Stevie when she was on leave from her first deployment. And, Admiral Rayborn is actually Admiral "Raborn".

All of these are intentional deceptions perpetrated by Aaron for financial gain; Stevie and we believed them 'til the day she died. We are nauseous over the very thought of this apparent machination and will always blame ourselves for allowing this marriage to transpire! I will assert to you with all confidence and without reservation or equivocation that had Stevie or Evelyn and I known of Aaron's true background and

