

University of North Carolina at Charlotte Professor Brittney Nix-Crawford was attacked by former student Oliver Owen with a lightsaber Monday morning. A press conference took place where the police chief and a witness shared details on the incident.

The witness describes that prior to the attack, Professor Crawford was going about her usual lesson. It was around 10:35 a.m. when Owen broke the classroom door open and began yelling at Crawford.

"Nobody seemed to know what to do at first," said the witness. "Everyone just quietly watched and looked at each other. Everything just felt very still."

The witness recounts how the former student had been yelling at Crawford for around 30 to 45 seconds before pulling the lightsaber from a small bag slinged on his shoulder.

"It looked like a children's toy, but somehow he still managed to look intimidating," the witness said.

Police chief Robert Banks stated Crawford had a bleeding wound on the upper left area of her head, confirming that was where the suspect struck her with the lightsaber.

"He had turned the lightsaber and hit her in the head with the handle," the witness said. "I just remember a group of students running towards him. One of them tackled the guy and some others went to catch Mrs. Crawford before she fell."

The witness said that another student had tackled the former student to the ground and dearmed him. They also added that the student next to them had called the UNC Charlotte police. 2 students were keeping check on Crawford.

When UNC Charlotte police arrived at the scene, Owen was immediately arrested and taken into custody. According to Banks, Owen was verbally threatening Crawford while on the ground.

"He didn't pay us any mind," Banks said. "He seemed more concerned about getting his point across to Crawford."

After the scene was cleared, the witness describes how a classmate had recognized Owen from previous classes.

"She took the same class as him last semester," the witness said. "She said 'I remember he took getting straight A's really seriously and even getting an 89 on an assignment was 'unacceptable'."

On Friday, the police stated that Owen had been released on a \$100,000 bail. The witness along with multiple groups of Crawford's students have sent her flowers, gifts, and get-well

cards. We have sent her brownies and chocolate-covered potato chips in support of her recovery.