

verbose: use "lying"

I want to apologize for my behavior last weekend -- for ~~not being more careful and candid in how I described the events of that early morning~~ and for my role in taking the focus away from the many athletes fulfilling their dreams of participating in the Olympics. I waited to share these thoughts until it was confirmed that the legal situation was addressed and it was clear that my teammates would be arriving home safely.

were they in danger? Air travel is pretty safe these days.

"of the friends I left to take the fall"

and totally shitfaced

Run-on sentence

It's traumatic to be out late with your friends in a foreign country ~~with a language barrier and have a stranger point a gun at you and demand money to let you leave, but~~ regardless of the behavior of anyone else that night, I should have been much more responsible in how I handled myself and for that I am sorry to my teammates, my fans, my fellow competitors, my sponsors, and the hosts of this great event. I am very proud to represent my country in Olympic competition and this was a situation that could and should have been avoided. I accept responsibility for my role in this happening and have learned some valuable lessons. **"a man of 32 should have learned over a decade ago".**

" , trash a convenience store, urinate in public, and then have the manager demand compensation."

Which event? You bailed, remember?

This essay is supposed to be about *your* behavior.

Word choice? Maybe "debacle"?

Another run-on Sentence...

I am grateful for my USA Swimming teammates and the USOC, and appreciate all of the efforts of the IOC, the Rio '16 Host Committee, and the people of Brazil who welcomed us to Rio and worked so hard to make sure that these Olympic Games provided a lifetime of great new memories.

"I promise to make amends to them, as well as to the staff of the US Consulate and the Civil Police, for the resources they wasted dealing with this by... (and then give some examples)."

...and another.

There has already been too much said ~~and too many valuable resources dedicated to what happened last weekend, so~~ I hope we spend our time celebrating the great stories and performances of these Games and I look ahead to celebrating future successes. **"when my suspension is over."**

(though not by me)

Ryan, this is a good start but it was clearly rushed and you forgot the point of the essay – to apologize! I also have some concerns that someone else helped you write it. Nevertheless, I am willing to consider a revised version; please post it to Twitter by 9 am tomorrow or the grade of "F" will stand. EB