

INTERVIEW OF DARCY GERARDY
and RODRIGO BRAVO

Date: March 11, 2005

Held at Branigan's Restaurant

787 Leila Avenue

Winnipeg, Manitoba

1 FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2005

2 Upon commencing at 2:14 P.M.

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4 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. The date is
5 March 11, 2005, the time is 2:14 p.m. And we are
6 located at Branigan's at -- what is the address
7 here?

8 **MR. GERARDY:** 787 Leila.

9 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** 787 Leila in
10 Winnipeg. This is an interview with Darcy Gerardy
11 regarding Professional Standards Unit file 05-017,
12 and at the same time Mr. Rodrigo Bravo, who is the
13 general manager of Branigan's is involved in this
14 interview as well. I guess we will start with
15 you, Darcy. For the purpose of voice recognition,
16 can you identify yourself by your full name?

17 **MR. GERARDY:** Darcy Victor Gerardy.

18 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. And Mr.
19 Bravo, if you could identify yourself?

20 **MR. BRAVO:** Rodrigo Bravo.

21 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. My name is
22 Detective Sergeant Roger Girard and also present
23 with me is Sergeant Con Pearson. For the purpose
24 of voice recognition, Con, could you please
25 identify yourself?

1 **SERGEANT PEARSON:** Con Pearson.

2 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** As I stated before,
3 gentlemen, we are members of the Professional
4 Standards Unit. In accordance with Winnipeg
5 Police Service Policy, our conversation is being
6 recorded today, and for that purpose I'm using an
7 Olympus DS4000 digital recorder. I don't recall
8 exactly how I contacted you, but arrangements were
9 made for me to come down and speak with you today
10 about this matter.

11 **MR. GERARDY:** Yes.

12 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** I have done so many
13 interviews in this matter it is hard to keep it
14 straight who I talked to. But arrangements were
15 made, I guess it was yesterday or the day before.

16 **MR. GERARDY:** Yes, I called you and we
17 kind of figured out a time.

18 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** For today, okay. We
19 arrived a short time ago, I guess about five
20 minutes ago, and we were brought into this room,
21 what is it, I guess a --

22 **MR. GERARDY:** A parlour.

23 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** I explained to both
24 of you the parameters of our investigation, and
25 where we work and how we got involved and

1 basically what we were looking at. And then there
2 was no questions, so I started the recorder.

3 So is that an accurate account of what
4 has occurred prior to turning the recorder on?

5 **MR. GERARDY:** Yep.

6 **MR. BRAVO:** Yes.

7 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Now, I guess I will
8 throw it out to both of you, were any threats made
9 to you or were any promises or hopes of reward
10 offered to you in relation to providing a
11 statement to us?

12 **MR. GERARDY:** No.

13 **MR. BRAVO:** No.

14 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. Was anything
15 said to you by anyone that might influence what
16 you might say to us in a statement?

17 **MR. GERARDY:** No.

18 **MR. BRAVO:** None.

19 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. As I
20 explained before I started the recorder, this is
21 regarding a group of officers that were off duty
22 and attended to Branigan's at this location on
23 February 24th. They had taken some time off at
24 the end of their shift and they had come down
25 here, apparently for some wings and some

1 beverages.

2 I guess, Darcy, I will start with you,
3 if you can tell me any contact you may have had
4 with them or what your involvement that night was?

5 **MR. GERARDY:** Basically, I just try,
6 if I see who they are, I will just go and say, hi,
7 how are you doing? I kind of see them by face but
8 I don't really know them. That is pretty much it,
9 I just go and say, hi, how are you doing, check on
10 them every now and again. But I guess I'm doing
11 my rounds in the restaurant, so that's basically
12 all I do with them. I don't really sit and talk
13 with them. I mean, they are there just to enjoy
14 their time.

15 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Were you involved in
16 serving them at all?

17 **MR. GERARDY:** No.

18 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. Do you know
19 how many officers there were, or how many people
20 in that section?

21 **MR. GERARDY:** There was quite a few of
22 them. I would say probably 18 to 25 maybe, or 15
23 to 25, roughly, somewhere in there. I didn't
24 count how many there were, but it was a big group.

25 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. Based on your

1 contact with them, which as you say was limited,
2 do you have any idea how much they had to eat or
3 drink?

4 **MR. GERARDY:** Not offhand, no. Wings,
5 they usually eat quite a bit, though. Like I
6 would say 10 to 20 each a lot of the times, they
7 have between them, just themselves. Drink wise, I
8 don't know honestly. I know some of them buy
9 rounds for each other and that's about it. Like I
10 don't know, I don't sit and watch, I'm not able to
11 be there to watch exactly how much they consume,
12 that's what my servers are there for. So I
13 honestly couldn't even tell you how much they had.

14 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. Were you
15 present when they were leaving?

16 **MR. GERARDY:** Yes.

17 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** And paying?

18 **MR. GERARDY:** Yes.

19 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Was there anybody
20 there that caused you any concern as far as
21 having --

22 **MR. GERARDY:** There were a few, but
23 they were already, like somebody had already said
24 they are not driving or whatnot, so they were
25 taken care of. It is a big concern, in our

1 industry, like I can't let anyone leave here
2 hammered because then it is my fault and my
3 responsibility.

4 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** I'm not suggesting
5 that somebody -- I'm just asking for your
6 observation.

7 **MR. GERARDY:** My observation, yeah.
8 But I was told they were taken care of. And there
9 were vehicles left behind because they did get a
10 ride with someone else. They are usually really
11 responsible. They will take care of each other.

12 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. How would you
13 describe or characterize the gathering that night?
14 Was it rowdy? Was it quiet.

15 **MR. GERARDY:** No, they are never
16 rowdy, they are just guys and girls, just a bunch
17 of buddies having some drinks and wings basically.
18 They are never rowdy, they are really quiet --
19 well, not really quiet, but I mean they are
20 just -- just like anyone else.

21 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Nothing out of the
22 ordinary?

23 **MR. GERARDY:** Nothing out of the
24 ordinary, not like getting crazy or anything.

25 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Right. Has this

1 same group of officers been in, in the past?

2 **MR. GERARDY:** Yes. But some I didn't
3 know, like it was a bigger group. Like some it is
4 just the basics and they come in for like for an
5 hour, if that, and have a beer and wings. They
6 basically sometimes just come for wings. Some
7 people I just didn't know because it was a bigger
8 group.

9 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. Mr. Bravo,
10 you said that -- had someone contacted you that
11 day as far as a reservation or?

12 **MR. BRAVO:** Yes, Constable Harding.

13 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** All right.

14 **MR. BRAVO:** He called -- I know him
15 because I basically, when I got transferred to the
16 store, I wanted to earn business from the
17 surrounding area, and I ended up taking some
18 platters and stuff to the police on Hartford, and
19 that's how I got their trust to come and see us as
20 patrons.

21 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay.

22 **MR. BRAVO:** I so-called kind of hit it
23 off with Mr. Harding, like talking on the phone.
24 And every time that he needed, that they were
25 going to come in with a group, he would phone me

1 and let us know there is a party of 10 or 15
2 coming after work and to have wings. I give them
3 our Tuesday special which is 35-cent wings, so
4 they have like lots of wings. I probably would
5 say that night, just on an average guess, I would
6 probably say 600, 700 wings.

7 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** That's a lot of
8 wings.

9 **MR. BRAVO:** Yeah, yeah, just my own
10 guess. Like we sell, on a Tuesday night we sell
11 like 2,300 wings on a Tuesday night on the 35-cent
12 wings. And that's a special that we offer to
13 them. And just speaking of my own part, because I
14 used to work at night when I wasn't the GM yet,
15 they would come in, never ever did I ever have a
16 problem with them. They are great patrons of ours
17 and they bring their families for dinner and
18 brunch and stuff.

19 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. All right. I
20 think that's about it. Anything, Con?

21 **SERGEANT PEARSON:** No.

22 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay.

23 **MR. BRAVO:** Can I just add one thing?

24 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Yes, certainly.

25 **MR. BRAVO:** I did come in, I open

1 every morning, and there were at least five or six
2 cars here. And usually I check because they drop
3 off stolen cars here, like we have called three
4 stolen cars that have been left here. So I went
5 to check the cars to see if anything was punched
6 out of the ignition or stuff, and none of them
7 were, so I didn't phone the police to let them
8 know they were stolen cars or anything.

9 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. All right.
10 Very good. Anything else you would like to say
11 before we stop this interview?

12 **MR. GERARDY:** No. That's okay.

13 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Any problems?

14 **MR. BRAVO:** No, that is everything.

15 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. The time is
16 2:22 p.m. and the interview is concluded and I'm
17 turning the recorder off.

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