

INTERVIEW OF CHRISTIAN GUYOT

Date: March 2, 2005

Held at 10th floor Confederation

Building, 457 Main Street,

Winnipeg, Manitoba

1 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2005

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3 **SERGEANT EPP:** Today's date is March
4 the 2nd, 2005. We are in the lunch room of the
5 Professional Standards Unit Offices on the 10th
6 floor of the Confederation Building, 457 Main
7 Street in Winnipeg. My name is Detective Sergeant
8 Angela Epp, also president is Sergeant Doug
9 Roxburgh. For the purpose of voice recognition,
10 Doug, please identify yourself by name?

11 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Doug Roxburgh.

12 **SERGEANT EPP:** We are both members of
13 the Professional Standards Unit. This is an
14 interview with Christian Guyot regarding
15 Professional Standards Unit file number 05-017.
16 For the purpose of voice recognition, Christian,
17 could you please identify yourself by full name
18 and badge number?

19 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** Christian Guyot,
20 badge number 2211.

21 **SERGEANT EPP:** And Christian does not
22 have counsel present. It is not required.
23 However, I remind you, Christian, that in
24 accordance with service policy, as you can see the
25 digital recorder is on the table in front of us

1 and our conversation is being audio-taped. For
2 that purpose we are using an Olympus DS4000
3 digital recorder.

4 And you were contacted, actually you
5 had a shift briefing yesterday, it is my
6 understanding, that you were served a letter, a
7 witness letter today to attend for this interview.
8 You have been advised of the nature of the
9 allegation involves an investigation on behalf of
10 the East St. Paul Police regarding a fatal traffic
11 accident February 24th. You arrived at our office
12 a short time ago, you were escorted up as
13 everything is locked in here. We explained that
14 we would be going through this witness preamble,
15 and we provided you with some water, and we got
16 underway. Would that be an accurate reflection of
17 what occurred before the tape recorder was turned
18 on?

19 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** Yes.

20 **SERGEANT EPP:** It is our practice to
21 ensure that members understand their status when
22 being interviewed. I just remind you that you are
23 being interviewed as a witness in this matter.
24 This statement may be used in any criminal, civil,
25 or service proceeding, or it may not be used in

1 any proceeding at all.
2 Christian, were any threats made to
3 you, or were any promises made to you, or hopes of
4 reward offered to you in relation to providing a
5 statement?

6 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** No.

7 **SERGEANT EPP:** Was anything said to
8 you by anyone that would influence what you might
9 say to us in this statement?

10 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** No.

11 **SERGEANT EPP:** Christian, can you then
12 go back and tell us what your involvement was from
13 the time that you left work on February 24th?

14 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** I left work on
15 February 24th at approximately 2230 hours, and
16 went to Branigan's on Leila, where I met with
17 fellow shift mates. And we sat around and talked
18 and had a good time, and had some wings and some
19 beer.

20 **SERGEANT EPP:** Okay. Was everyone
21 from the shift there, to your knowledge?

22 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** To my knowledge, not
23 everybody was there.

24 **SERGEANT EPP:** Okay. Are you familiar
25 enough with the people on the shift to tell us who

1 was present?

2 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** Yes, I could
3 probably be pretty accurate.

4 **SERGEANT EPP:** Can you, if we sort of
5 started where you were seated, can you kind of go
6 around the table, is that possible, to sort of
7 give us your observation of that?

8 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** I can try and recall
9 to the best of my ability. Myself, Lloyd Swanson,
10 Kelly McLure, Marnie Nechwediuk, Al Williams, Dave
11 Harding, Ken Azaransky, Sean Black, Derek
12 Harvey-Zenk, Tracy Fudge, Jim Anderson, Chris
13 Humniski, I believe Jay Nolet was there. I
14 believe Shaun Veldman and Dan Mikawoz showed up,
15 as well as Jack Kapka and TJ Spruyt, I believe is
16 his last name. And that's pretty much all I can
17 think of at this time.

18 **SERGEANT EPP:** Was there anybody other
19 than your shift there? Was there any other
20 members from --

21 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** I believe, now that
22 you mention it, Norbert Bauer from division 11 was
23 there as well.

24 **SERGEANT EPP:** Okay.

25 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** And I believe Jules

1 Buors, I'm not sure how to pronounce his last
2 name, I believe he was there as well. He is from
3 district 5.

4 **SERGEANT EPP:** Okay. So you kind
5 of -- when you were sort of going through I could
6 see you sort of retrieving things from memory
7 there, you were just going around the table?

8 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** I was trying to
9 think of who was all there, because everybody is
10 getting up and down and moving all around, so it
11 is kind of hard to pinpoint where everybody was
12 sitting for sure.

13 **SERGEANT EPP:** Can you tell us where
14 you were seated in relation to Derek, please?

15 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** I believe when I
16 first got there, I was seated across from, sort of
17 at kitty corner to him, I was at one table and he
18 was at another table across from me.

19 **SERGEANT EPP:** Can you estimate the
20 distance between the two of you?

21 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** Maybe ten feet.

22 **SERGEANT EPP:** Okay. Now, I need to
23 ask, what kind of -- or were you consuming any
24 alcohol that evening?

25 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** I was, yes.

1 **SERGEANT EPP:** Do you recall how many
2 you had?

3 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** Approximately four
4 beers.

5 **SERGEANT EPP:** Were you drinking
6 bottles or draft?

7 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** Draft.

8 **SERGEANT EPP:** Would you be able to
9 sort of see what was consumed by Harvey-Zenk?

10 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** No.

11 **SERGEANT EPP:** Not from your position?

12 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** No, not -- no.

13 **SERGEANT EPP:** Food, what kind of food
14 was consumed?

15 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** Chicken wings.

16 **SERGEANT EPP:** Lots, little bit?

17 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** Little bit for me.

18 **SERGEANT EPP:** Okay. Can you tell us
19 generally -- I mean, there is a lot of people
20 there, you have probably got about 15 to 20
21 people, right. How many orders of chicken wings
22 did you have there?

23 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** From the time the
24 first person gets there until just about when we
25 are leaving, there is plates and plates of wings

1 coming out.

2 **SERGEANT EPP:** So it is a substantial
3 amount. Was there anything other than wings?

4 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** I don't recall
5 anyone eating anything other than wings.

6 **SERGEANT EPP:** Okay. Can you describe
7 the condition -- or was anybody in sort of bad
8 shape intoxication wise, that you observed during
9 the time at Branigan's?

10 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** No.

11 **SERGEANT EPP:** Okay. The bill, how
12 was the bill settled? Was it individual? Was it
13 one big large one? Did you have to go say what
14 you had?

15 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** Normally, yeah. The
16 waitress, or whoever is serving tries to remember
17 what everybody has. But like I said before,
18 everyone sort of moves around and it is hard for
19 them to keep track, so normally you just tell her
20 what you had and you pay for it, and they take you
21 at your word.

22 **SERGEANT EPP:** Okay. Do you remember
23 how you paid that evening?

24 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** I paid with cash.

25 **SERGEANT EPP:** Do you remember if

1 there was more than one waitress?

2 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** I believe there
3 might have been a male server as soon as we got
4 there. I'm not sure if he was a server or a
5 member of management, so he was there at the
6 beginning --

7 **SERGEANT EPP:** Okay.

8 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** -- and after that I
9 believe I only saw one waitress.

10 **SERGEANT EPP:** Okay. Most of them
11 have a name tag on. Would you remember her name?

12 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** No.

13 **SERGEANT EPP:** Would you be able to
14 describe her?

15 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** Yeah, I think she
16 was probably about five foot four, five foot
17 three, she was pretty short and petite, thin. I
18 think she wore a pony tail and she had dirty
19 blonde hair maybe.

20 **SERGEANT EPP:** Okay. Any glasses,
21 tattoos?

22 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** As a matter of fact,
23 I did notice that she would come out wearing
24 glasses at one time, and then she would come out
25 the next time not wearing glasses, so I assumed

1 she was maybe studying in the back room between
2 coming back and forth.

3 **SERGEANT EPP:** Okay. Had you ever
4 been to Branigan's before?

5 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** Yes.

6 **SERGEANT EPP:** Was there anyone else
7 besides sort of the group of police officers in
8 the lounge that evening?

9 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** I think there
10 were -- I mean, as soon as we got there, but they
11 left soon after we got there. I think there was
12 only an older man and I'm assuming his wife were
13 in that area, and then they left shortly after we
14 arrived.

15 **SERGEANT EPP:** How long did you stay
16 at Branigan's?

17 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** We got there around
18 11:00, and left at around 2:00 a.m.

19 **SERGEANT EPP:** What did you do after
20 that?

21 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** I went home.

22 **SERGEANT EPP:** Were you -- did you
23 take anybody else home?

24 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** No.

25 **SERGEANT EPP:** Okay. Was anybody that

1 you observed in a condition that they would, or
2 should have been taking a cab or getting a ride
3 home, any of that kind of thing?

4 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** No.

5 **SERGEANT EPP:** How would you describe
6 your group? Rowdy, cheerful, happy, gregarious,
7 how would you describe the group?

8 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** Cheerful.

9 **SERGEANT EPP:** And how long have you
10 been on this shift?

11 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** Since I graduated in
12 May of 2002, so coming up to three years.

13 **SERGEANT EPP:** And when did you find
14 out that this accident had occurred?

15 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** I found out the
16 following day. I was on my way to mandatory Cad
17 training at the academy, and I was driving my
18 partner, giving him a ride to the training. And
19 my partner had got a call on his cell phone. It
20 was approximately, I don't know, 2:40 in the
21 afternoon on the 25th, I believe, the Friday.

22 **SERGEANT EPP:** You mentioned your
23 partner a couple of times. Could you clarify who
24 that was?

25 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** My partner is David

1 Harding.

2 **SERGEANT EPP:** Do you know Derek well?

3 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** Just as a co-worker.

4 **SERGEANT EPP:** Okay. I'm done.

5 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Christian,

6 obviously the focus here is on Derek. When you

7 left at 2:00 in the morning, do you recall if

8 Derek was still in the bar or had he already left?

9 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** I don't recall. I

10 know I settled my bill fairly quickly with the

11 waitress and left.

12 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Can you comment on

13 his state of sobriety when you left? Or perhaps

14 you didn't see him, I don't know, but can you tell

15 me anything about that?

16 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** No.

17 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Can you tell me if

18 Derek was drinking at the bar?

19 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** I can't tell you

20 that I saw him drinking, I can only assume that

21 everybody there was having wings and a beer.

22 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** So if I was to ask

23 you to tell me what Derek was drinking, how would

24 you answer that?

25 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** I have no idea.

1 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Would that be
2 accurate for the majority of people there, in
3 terms of being able to tell me what they were
4 drinking? Just an assumption that you have got?

5 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** I mean, is that true
6 that everyone there would have that same
7 assumption, that everybody there was --

8 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Yeah. I mean, I
9 guess what my point is, did you take note of
10 anybody in particular of what they were drinking?

11 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** No.

12 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** David, I
13 understand, got a phone call on his cell. I'm
14 assuming that was to tell him about the accident?

15 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** Yes.

16 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Who called him?

17 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** I believe it was Ken
18 Azaransky, who happened to be at district 3
19 station for Keith McCaskill's cake and coffee at
20 the station. I'm not sure how he heard but --

21 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Can you tell me
22 if Derek was on his own that night, or was he car
23 pooling, anything like that?

24 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** I couldn't say.

25 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Do you know if

1 there was a party afterwards?

2 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** I had heard that

3 there was a get together afterwards, yes.

4 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Okay. Can you

5 tell me what you heard?

6 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** All I heard was that

7 some people who were at Branigan's went to Sean

8 Black's afterwards.

9 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** And did you know

10 about the party at the time?

11 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** I heard people

12 talking about it.

13 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Can I ask who you

14 heard went to that party?

15 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** Who I heard it from

16 was my partner Dave Harding.

17 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Okay. And who did

18 you hear was at that party?

19 **CONSTABLE GUYOT:** Many of the people

20 who were at Branigan's earlier. He mentioned that

21 it was, of course, at Sean Black's house, so Ken

22 Azaransky was there, Derek Harvey-Zenk was there,

23 Jay Nolet, Jim Anderson, Chris Humniski, Kelly

24 McLure, Tracy Fudge. That's all I can think of.

25 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Okay. I don't

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think I have anything else.

SERGEANT EPP: Is there something that you are surprised that we haven't asked about?

CONSTABLE GUYOT: No.

SERGEANT EPP: Is there something that you think that we have missed that might be important?

CONSTABLE GUYOT: Not that I can think of.

SERGEANT EPP: Okay. I'm going to end this interview at 11:58.

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2 OFFICIAL EXAMINER'S CERTIFICATE
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6 I, CECELIA REID, a duly appointed Official
7 Examiner in the Province of Manitoba, do hereby
8 certify the foregoing pages are a true and correct
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10 interview of Constable Guyot to the best of my
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