

INTERVIEW OF SHAUN VELDMAN

Date: March 11, 2005

Held at 10th floor Confederation

Building, 457 Main Street,

Winnipeg, Manitoba

1 FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2005

2 Upon commencing at 8:28 a.m.

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4 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** The date is
5 March 11th, 2005, the time is 8:28 a.m. And we
6 are in interview room number one of the
7 Professional Standards Unit Offices on the 10th
8 floor of the Confederation Building, at 457 Main
9 Street in Winnipeg. My name is Detective Sergeant
10 Roger Girard and also present is Sergeant Con
11 Pearson.

12 For the purpose of voice recognition,
13 Con, can you identify yourself by name?

14 **SERGEANT PEARSON:** Con Pearson.

15 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** We are both members
16 of the Professional Standards Unit. This is an
17 interview with Constable Shaun Veldman regarding
18 Professional Standards Unit file number 05-017.
19 For the purpose of voice recognition, Shaun, can
20 you please identify yourself by full name and
21 badge number?

22 **CONSTABLE VELDMAN:** My full name is
23 Shaun William Veldman, my badge number is 1995.

24 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. I will remind
25 you that in accordance with service policy, our

1 conversation is being recorded, and for that
2 purpose today we are using an Olympus DS4000
3 digital voice recorder.

4 You were contacted and requested to
5 attend for an interview, and I don't remember, I
6 don't think -- did we have this date set or I
7 think we were talking sort of back and forth on
8 the phone --

9 **CONSTABLE VELDMAN:** Yeah, originally
10 the date did change several times due to my annual
11 leave.

12 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Right.

13 **CONSTABLE VELDMAN:** So we had it
14 pre-arranged for today.

15 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Yeah. And then you
16 called me this morning and said you would like to
17 come in earlier because you had court?

18 **CONSTABLE VELDMAN:** That's right.

19 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. You arrived
20 at our office as short time ago, I met you
21 downstairs.

22 **CONSTABLE VELDMAN:** That's right.

23 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** We came up to this
24 room. I give you the preamble and gave you a
25 little bit of the background as to why we are

1 involved in this matter and what we are going to
2 be speaking with you about today. And then you
3 had no questions so I started the recorder.

4 So is that an accurate account of what
5 has taken place prior to me turning the recorder
6 on?

7 **CONSTABLE VELDMAN:** Yes, it is.

8 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** It is our practice
9 to ensure that members understand their status
10 when being interviewed, and I remind you that you
11 are being interviewed as a witness in this matter.
12 This statement may be used in any criminal, civil
13 or service proceeding, or it may not be used in
14 any proceeding at all.

15 Were any threats made to you or were
16 any promises or hopes of reward offered to you in
17 relation to providing a statement?

18 **CONSTABLE VELDMAN:** No.

19 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Was anything said to
20 you by anyone that would influence what you might
21 say to us in this statement?

22 **CONSTABLE VELDMAN:** No.

23 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. So like I
24 explained before we started the recorder, this is
25 a matter that we are looking into, assisting the

1 East St. Paul Police, regarding the incident
2 involving Constable Harvey-Zenk on the early
3 morning hours of February 25th, roughly 7:00 a.m.

4 And it is our understanding that there was a
5 gathering at Branigan's earlier, I guess the
6 previous evening, and another one at Constable
7 Sean Black's. So if you could just advise us
8 what, if any, involvement you had with that?

9 **CONSTABLE VELDMAN:** The evening of the
10 24th, I was working evening shift, which would
11 have ended at 2:30 in the morning. And our shift
12 had gotten together and arranged to go to
13 Branigan's after work, if we could get off early.
14 There was a sign up sheet to get EDL and my
15 partner and I were at the bottom of that list. So
16 we, I believe, got off work at about 12:30. We
17 took EDL for the remainder of the shift at 12:30,
18 myself and Dan Mikawoz that I was working with. I
19 then went straight from work to Branigan's where
20 the entire shift was there already, including
21 Derek. I was present at Branigan's for about two
22 hours, I guess, until about just after
23 2:00 o'clock, and left Branigan's to go home as I
24 had court immediately at 9:00 o'clock in the
25 morning. So there had been some talk about going

1 to somebody's house afterwards, but I said I had
2 court in the morning and basically left not
3 knowing where people were going to go, or what had
4 been decided at least. I wanted to get home and
5 get to bed so --

6 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. So you went
7 straight home after Branigan's?

8 **CONSTABLE VELDMAN:** Yes.

9 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. You said you
10 were with Constable Mikawoz that night?

11 **CONSTABLE VELDMAN:** Yes.

12 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** You said you took
13 EDL at 12:30.

14 **CONSTABLE VELDMAN:** Yeah, and I went
15 straight there.

16 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Straight there,
17 okay.

18 **CONSTABLE VELDMAN:** So whatever time
19 it was that I got there.

20 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Who do you recall
21 being at Branigan's when you arrived?

22 **CONSTABLE VELDMAN:** Like I said, I
23 think just about our whole shift was there,
24 including some people from downtown, I believe.
25 So as far as names, it would have been Chris

1 Humniski, Jimmy Anderson, Jack Kapka, Ted
2 Michalik, a lot of people there. There was --
3 Norbert Bauer who was there. Tracy Fudge, I think
4 came after I did. Tracy Fudge and Sammi Haddad
5 arrived right about the same time that we did.
6 Derek was there. Jay Nolet was there, myself, and
7 Dan Mikawoz. TJ Spruyt, I believe his name is,
8 was there, Dave Harding, Christian Guyot, Sean
9 Black, Ken Azaransky. And I may be missing a
10 couple of people but -- there was some guys from
11 traffic I think were there, Werner Toews and
12 Gordon Schneider. Off the top of my head that's
13 it.

14 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Predominantly your
15 shift and then some people from division 11 which
16 would have been B1?

17 **CONSTABLE VELDMAN:** Yes, I believe
18 they are in B1.

19 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. Whereabouts
20 in Branigan's was everyone sitting, as far as just
21 what section of the restaurant?

22 **CONSTABLE VELDMAN:** I describe it as
23 the southeast corner of the lounge, I guess, the
24 very southeast corner. And when we came,
25 everybody was pretty much there already, so

1 everyone had established their spot at the table,
2 so we kind of had to pull up a couple of tables
3 and chairs and sit on the outside of it, I guess.

4 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** So what was going
5 on? Like how would you characterize the
6 gathering?

7 **CONSTABLE VELDMAN:** Just typical, 13
8 different conversations going on at the same time,
9 typical social gathering I guess.

10 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. Now, I guess
11 specifically relating to Derek Harvey-Zenk, where
12 was he sitting in relation to you?

13 **CONSTABLE VELDMAN:** When I first got
14 there, Derek was sitting in this large group,
15 Derek was kind of sitting in the middle or further
16 towards the back of the lounge. And then when we
17 came, there was too many people to all fit in that
18 corner, so we pulled up a table and sat on the
19 outside of this group of people I guess. So he is
20 sitting, I guess, like two tables away from me
21 when I first got there.

22 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay.

23 **CONSTABLE VELDMAN:** As people left,
24 some people left early which opened up some spots
25 further, closer in. So I ended up moving closer

1 to where Derek would have been sitting as people
2 left, which would have been half an hour after I
3 got there probably.

4 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. Do you know
5 what Derek was drinking that night?

6 **CONSTABLE VELDMAN:** No, I don't.

7 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. What about
8 any food?

9 **CONSTABLE VELDMAN:** I don't know if he
10 had any food.

11 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. All right.
12 Was anyone at this gathering obviously
13 intoxicated?

14 **CONSTABLE VELDMAN:** Not that I
15 noticed, no.

16 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. So pretty
17 quiet gathering then. All right. Then you left
18 at closing time? I can't remember what time you
19 said?

20 **CONSTABLE VELDMAN:** Yeah, I don't know
21 what time it was, but I do remember wanting to get
22 out of there before 2:30, and it was somewhere
23 between 2:00 and 2:30 that I left.

24 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** And you paid for
25 your own food and beverages or whatever you had?

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CONSTABLE VELDMAN: I actually didn't.

My partner, Dan, paid for my drink and I had a plate of wings, and he paid for that, so he looked after my tab.

SERGEANT GIRARD: All right. Okay.

Anything, Con?

SERGEANT PEARSON: No.

SERGEANT GIRARD: All right. I think

that's pretty much it.

Do you have knowledge of any

information that we haven't covered in this, anything that we have overlooked that you think might be important?

CONSTABLE VELDMAN: No, I don't.

SERGEANT GIRARD: Okay. Anything else

you want to say?

CONSTABLE VELDMAN: No.

SERGEANT GIRARD: Okay. The time is

8:38 a.m., this interview is concluded and the recorder is being turned off.

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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
9 transcript of an audio recording of the above
10 interview of Constable Veldman to the best of my
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