

INTERVIEW OF JULES BUORS

Date: March 11, 2005

Held at residence of

Constable Jules Buors

Winnipeg, Manitoba

1 FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2005

2 Upon commencing at 3:05 P.M.

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4 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** The date is
5 March 11, 2005, the time is 3:05 p.m. and we are
6 at the residence of Constable Jules Buors; is that
7 how you pronounce it?

8 **CONSTABLE BUORS:** Buors.

9 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Buors, okay. My
10 name is Detective Sergeant Roger Girard and also
11 present is Sergeant Con Pearson. For the purposes
12 of voice recognition, Con, please identify
13 yourself by name?

14 **SERGEANT PEARSON:** Con Pearson.

15 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** And as you know, we
16 are both members of the Professional Standards
17 Unit. This is an interview with Constable Buors
18 regarding PSU file 05-017. For the purpose of
19 voice recognition, Jules, can you please identify
20 yourself by full name and badge number.

21 **CONSTABLE BUORS:** My name is Jules
22 Buors, badge 1761.

23 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** I remind you that in
24 accordance with service policy, our conversation
25 is being recorded and for that purpose today we

1 are using an Olympus DS 4000 digital recorder.

2 You were contacted and made
3 arrangements for this interview today, as you are
4 presently off work recovering from an injury that
5 you sustained. We met you here a short time ago,
6 I guess roughly 3:00 o'clock or so. We came up to
7 your apartment here, we sat at your dining table.
8 We explained to you what our involvement in this
9 matter is and why we are interviewing you.

10 **CONSTABLE BUORS:** Okay.

11 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** I let you have a
12 quick look at the preamble and explained why we
13 use that. And then you didn't have any questions
14 so we started the recorder. So is that an
15 accurate account of what had taken place prior to
16 the recorder being turned on?

17 **CONSTABLE BUORS:** Yes.

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

25 Were any threats made to you or were

1 any promises or hopes of reward offered to you in
2 relation to providing a statement?

3 **CONSTABLE BUORS:** No.

4 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Was anything said to
5 you by anyone that would influence what you might
6 say to us in a statement?

7 **CONSTABLE BUORS:** No, not at all.

8 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. Like I
9 explained before I started the recorder, this is
10 about the incident with Constable Harvey-Zenk that
11 occurred overnight, I guess, February 24th into
12 the early morning hours of the 25th.

13 Now, we understand that Constable
14 Harvey-Zenk and a number of shift mates and some
15 other people were at the Branigan's on Leila. And
16 also, as I explained, our involvement in this is
17 that we have been requested to assist the East St.
18 Paul Police in interviewing witnesses to determine
19 where Constable Harvey-Zenk was prior to the
20 incident and who he was with. So this is what
21 lead us to you, because we are on the
22 understanding that there was a number of people at
23 Branigan's and your name came up as being one of
24 the people there.

25 So if you can just let us know what

1 your involvement in this matter was, and if you
2 can start with the time you either met up with
3 people or left work?

4 **CONSTABLE BUORS:** I will just explain
5 a little.

6 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Sure.

7 **CONSTABLE BUORS:** I know the date now
8 because you just said it, it was February 24th. I
9 got to Branigan's on Leila about five after 11:00
10 p.m., and there was about, at that time there was
11 probably 15 to 20 other police friends. I ordered
12 a beer and some wings. There was some other
13 people there. There was Derek there, I sat right
14 beside him on his right-hand side. Next to me on
15 my right hand side was Ted Michalik, and then
16 there was Al Williams. There was a large group,
17 but that was kind of like our little group. And
18 Derek had a fresh plate of 40 wings. And I'm
19 guessing at what was in front of him as far as
20 liquor goes, and I believe it was some kind of
21 draft beer.

22 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay.

23 **CONSTABLE BUORS:** Other than that, I
24 can try and go through the names and faces that I
25 remember being there, if that's what you want?

1 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Sure, yeah, if you
2 don't mind?

3 **CONSTABLE BUORS:** Kelly McLure -- and
4 there was other people that came afterwards too,
5 probably about ten other people that came
6 afterwards. But anyway there was Kelly McLure and
7 her husband came later -- what is his name?
8 Anyway -- who else was there? Again, there is
9 faces that I know but I don't know their names.

10 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Right.

11 **CONSTABLE BUORS:** So there is Al,
12 there is Ted, there is Derek, there is -- now I
13 can't remember if Chris Humniski and Jim Anderson
14 were there or came later. There was Sean Black,
15 Stan Parag. Tracy Fudge walked in just when I was
16 leaving. And there was a bunch of new guys that
17 are on two or three years, and there was one guy
18 who was a recruit on this shift. I don't know his
19 name.

20 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Are you on the same
21 shift as these people?

22 **CONSTABLE BUORS:** I used to be.

23 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay.

24 **CONSTABLE BUORS:** I used to be a
25 couple of years ago, but the shift has changed so

1 much since. That's why I always get invited to
2 these things, just old shift mates. There was
3 somebody sitting over there that was giving it to
4 Derek, he was poking things at Derek and Ted about
5 something. I can't even see the face yet. But
6 that's about all that I remember.

7 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** How long were you
8 there for?

9 **CONSTABLE BUORS:** I think about 10
10 after 12:00 or right in there.

11 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Right. Okay.

12 **CONSTABLE BUORS:** I wasn't there more
13 than an hour and a half for sure.

14 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. Now, in the
15 time that you were there, can you give us an idea
16 of how many drinks and/or wings or food, whatever
17 he might have had to eat, that Derek Harvey-Zenk
18 had?

19 **CONSTABLE BUORS:** You know what, to be
20 quite honest, I was actually going to start eating
21 his wings because he kept on talking to someone
22 over there and his plate is right here and I was
23 going to start hocking a couple, right, because he
24 wasn't eating them. And I don't think that he
25 even ate any the whole time I was there. I can't

1 be positive about that. And to be quite honest,
2 you know what, I was trying to remember because I
3 knew this would be a question, what he was
4 drinking and how much, I don't remember. I
5 remember from past times we have been there and
6 other places he always drinks beer, so I'm leaning
7 towards the draft beer. I can honestly say that I
8 don't think he finished a full glass the whole
9 time I was there. It is hard to believe but I
10 can't remember. I can't remember any --

11 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay.

12 **CONSTABLE BUORS:** If I was to guess I
13 would say, yeah, he probably had at least one or
14 two the time I was there, because I had two. But
15 I can't say for sure.

16 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. And the
17 wings, it appeared that he wasn't eating but he
18 may have, is that kind of --

19 **CONSTABLE BUORS:** Yeah, yeah.

20 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. Anything,
21 Con?

22 **SERGEANT PEARSON:** No. He was already
23 there when you got there, right?

24 **CONSTABLE BUORS:** Yes.

25 **SERGEANT PEARSON:** And there was a

1 glass of beer. Did he have any empties in front
2 of him?

3 **CONSTABLE BUORS:** I don't think there
4 was empties in front of anybody, because they are
5 pretty good about that.

6 **SERGEANT PEARSON:** Did it look like he
7 had already consumed a couple of drinks?

8 **CONSTABLE BUORS:** There was no
9 different -- he was no different than I normally
10 know him.

11 **SERGEANT PEARSON:** Okay. All right.

12 **CONSTABLE BUORS:** From what I
13 understood, everybody that was there at the time
14 got there within about a half hour of the time I
15 was there.

16 **SERGEANT PEARSON:** Okay. That's it.

17 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. Do you have
18 knowledge of any other information that we haven't
19 covered here, something maybe we have overlooked
20 that you think might be important? Okay.
21 Anything else you wish to say?

22 **CONSTABLE BUORS:** No.

23 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. Well, the
24 time is 3:13 p.m. This interview is concluded and
25 I'm turning the recorder 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
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10 interview of Constable Buors to the best of my
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