

INTERVIEW OF GORD SCHNEIDER

Date: March 15, 2005

Held at 10th floor Confederation

Building, 457 Main Street,

Winnipeg, Manitoba

1 TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2005

2 Upon commencing at 4:38 P.M.

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4 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** The date is
5 March 15, 2005, the time is 4:38 p.m. And we are
6 in interview room number one of the Professional
7 Standards Unit Offices on the 10th floor of the
8 Confederation Building, 457 Main Street in
9 Winnipeg. My name is Detective Sergeant Roger
10 Girard, and also present is Sergeant Con Pearson.
11 For the purpose of voice recognition, Con, please
12 identify yourself by name?

13 **SERGEANT PEARSON:** Con Pearson.

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

20 **CONSTABLE SCHNEIDER:** Gordon Peter
21 Schneider, badge number 1680.

22 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** I will remind you
23 that in accordance with service policy, our
24 conversation is being recorded. And for that
25 purpose today we are using an Olympus DS4000

1 digital voice recorder.

2 You were contacted by way of
3 memorandum and you were requested to attend for
4 this interview. And I think in the memorandum it
5 has a brief, sort of, explanation about what this
6 investigation is about. You arrived at our office
7 a short time ago. I met you downstairs. We came
8 up straight into the interview room. I had to
9 leave the room for a moment to make a phone call,
10 but then came back in, explained the process, a
11 little bit about the preamble, and we had some
12 other conversation that really didn't have
13 anything to do with this incident. And we then
14 turned on the recorder.

15 So is that an accurate account of what
16 has taken place prior to the recorder being turned
17 on?

18 **CONSTABLE SCHNEIDER:** Yes.

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

1 understand that?

2 **CONSTABLE SCHNEIDER:** Yes.

3 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Were any threats
4 made to you, or were any promises or hopes of
5 reward offered to you to in relation to providing
6 a statement?

7 **CONSTABLE SCHNEIDER:** No.

8 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Was anything said to
9 you by anyone that would influence what you might
10 say to us in a statement?

11 **CONSTABLE SCHNEIDER:** No.

12 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. As I
13 explained a little bit before the recorder came
14 on, this of course is about an incident involving
15 Constable Harvey-Zenk that occurred on
16 February 25th in the early morning hours, I think
17 it was right around 7:00 a.m. It is our
18 understanding that a number of people from
19 district 3 that previous evening had taken some
20 EDL and gone to Branigan's for some wings and
21 beverages, including Constable Harvey-Zenk. And
22 we were also advised that you were one of the
23 people that was at Branigan's at well. So we just
24 wanted to know if you could lay out for us what
25 occurred that evening? Maybe if you want -- you

1 can start wherever you like, but if you want to
2 start with maybe when you left work?

3 **CONSTABLE SCHNEIDER:** Sure. We left
4 work, well, I left work shortly before 11:00, got
5 to Branigan's shortly after 11:00, and stayed
6 there until, it would have been about 1:00
7 o'clock, and I then went home after that.

8 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. Can you tell
9 us who was at Branigan's?

10 **CONSTABLE SCHNEIDER:** Well, there was
11 a lot of people there. I'm not sure what shift
12 that was that was working there, because I'm in
13 traffic -- I don't really, we work with the three
14 shifts, so I am not sure if it would be B1 or B3,
15 that would have been Chris Humniski's shift. So I
16 don't know what his shift is, if they are B3 or
17 not.

18 As far as who was there, there was a
19 lot of people there, but Chris Humniski, Jim
20 Anderson, Stan Parag, Derek Harvey-Zenk, Al
21 Williams, I believe. My partner, Werner Toews was
22 there. Kelly McLure showed up. Tracy Fudge was
23 there for a little while. Marnie Nechwediuk, I
24 believe, was there. Who else was there?
25 Christian Guyot -- I believe that's how you

1 pronounce it -- Stan Parag, I'm not sure if Ken
2 Neumann was there or not. I'm just trying to
3 think who was all there. Sammi Haddad, he showed
4 up for a little while. That's -- off the top of
5 my head, that's who I think was there. I am sure
6 there were more but --

7 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** How many people do
8 you think were there in total, roughly?

9 **CONSTABLE SCHNEIDER:** There was
10 probably 20 people there.

11 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. Now,
12 whereabouts in Branigan's was the group sitting?

13 **CONSTABLE SCHNEIDER:** In the lounge,
14 towards the southeast corner of the building.

15 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. And where
16 were you sitting in relation to Constable
17 Harvey-Zenk?

18 **CONSTABLE SCHNEIDER:** I would have
19 been sitting across from him, one table over.

20 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay.

21 **CONSTABLE SCHNEIDER:** So I was right
22 in the corner, the very corner, and he was one
23 table west of me.

24 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. Now,
25 throughout your time there, do you know what

1 Constable Harvey-Zenk had to drink?
2 **CONSTABLE SCHNEIDER:** You know, I have
3 gone over this earlier, just to try to remember
4 seeing him drinking and that. And to be honest, I
5 only saw a glass in front of him. I didn't
6 actually ever see him touch it. I am sure he
7 probably had a drink there, but I did not ever see
8 him raise a glass, because he was eating chicken
9 wings all night there, and they were joking about
10 how he had eaten 60 chicken wings one previous
11 evening. And I can honestly say I never saw him
12 raise a glass to his lips there.

13 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay.

14 **CONSTABLE SCHNEIDER:** Even though I
15 know there was a glass in front of him.

16 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Do you know what was
17 in the glass?

18 **CONSTABLE SCHNEIDER:** No, I don't know
19 what he was drinking.

20 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. All right.
21 Now, what time did you say you left again? About
22 1:00?

23 **CONSTABLE SCHNEIDER:** Yes, it was
24 almost exactly 1:00 o'clock.

25 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. When you

1 left, or prior to you going, was there anyone that
2 in your opinion that was obviously impaired or
3 intoxicated?

4 **CONSTABLE SCHNEIDER:** No, for sure
5 not.

6 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. How would you
7 characterize the gathering then, as far as --

8 **CONSTABLE SCHNEIDER:** Just a very
9 quiet gathering. Most of the people were eating
10 chicken wings and that. Nobody was doing any
11 shooters or there were no pitchers of beer or
12 anything. It was just everybody was ordering just
13 individual glasses. And I didn't recall anybody
14 seeing -- or anyone sitting with three or four
15 glasses in front of them. So there definitely was
16 no heavy drinking going on, that I saw anyways.

17 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay.

18 **CONSTABLE SCHNEIDER:** There was a
19 table that, Chris Humniski and Jim Anderson, they
20 were sort of removed a little bit to the side, but
21 I didn't see the waitress going over there either
22 frequently with drinks so.

23 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. Do you
24 remember what the waitress looked like, the
25 waitress you guys had?

1 **CONSTABLE SCHNEIDER:** Petite, blonde,
2 maybe 20 years old or so, fairly young. There was
3 only two servers. There was a male, I don't know
4 if he was the manager or not, and then the blonde
5 waitress there.

6 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** So you left at about
7 1:00?

8 **CONSTABLE SCHNEIDER:** Yes.

9 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** You paid for your
10 own stuff?

11 **CONSTABLE SCHNEIDER:** Yes.

12 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** And then what
13 happened?

14 **CONSTABLE SCHNEIDER:** I went straight
15 home from there.

16 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. All right.
17 Did you talk to Constable Harvey-Zenk at all while
18 you were there?

19 **CONSTABLE SCHNEIDER:** Not really,
20 because he was over a table and that and, you
21 know, with the volume that was going on, you could
22 generally only have conversation with whoever was
23 at your table. So, I really -- I really don't
24 know Derek that well to have a conversation with
25 him and that too, other than a little small talk

1 and that.

2 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. I guess with
3 you being in traffic, you are not really attached
4 to any shift?

5 **CONSTABLE SCHNEIDER:** No, we don't
6 really develop any real close bonds because we
7 don't work that closely with them unless we are
8 attached to a call involving them somehow, so --

9 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. Anything,
10 Con?

11 **SERGEANT PEARSON:** No.

12 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. Do you have
13 knowledge of any other information regarding this
14 that we haven't covered, something maybe we have
15 overlooked but that you feel might be important?

16 **CONSTABLE SCHNEIDER:** No, not really.

17 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Anything else you
18 wish to say?

19 **CONSTABLE SCHNEIDER:** No.

20 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. The time is
21 4:47 p.m. The interview is concluded and the
22 recorder is being turned off.

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