

INTERVIEW OF GORD SCHNEIDER

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Date: March 15, 2005

Held at 10th floor Confederation

**Building, 457 Main Street,**

**Winnipeg, Manitoba**

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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

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and that.

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

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

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

**SERGEANT PEARSON:** No.

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

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

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

**CONSTABLE SCHNEIDER:** No.

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

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