

INTERVIEW OF CHELSEA O'HALLORAN

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Held at 10th floor Confederation

Building, 457 Main Street,

Winnipeg, Manitoba

1 FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2005

2 Upon commencing at 1:03 P.M.

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4 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** The date is
5 March 11th, 2005, the time on my watch is
6 1:03 p.m. We are in the office of the
7 Professional Standards Unit on the 10th floor of
8 the Confederation Building, 457 Main Street in
9 Winnipeg. This is an interview with Chelsea
10 O'Halloran regarding Professional Standards Unit
11 file number 05-017. For the purpose of voice
12 recognition, Chelsea, can you please identify
13 yourself by name?

14 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** I'm Chelsea
15 O'Halloran.

16 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. My name is
17 Detective Sergeant Roger Girard, and also present
18 is Sergeant Con Pearson. For the purpose of voice
19 recognition, Con, could you identify yourself by
20 name?

21 **SERGEANT PEARSON:** Con Pearson.

22 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** We are both members
23 of the Professional Standards Unit. In accordance
24 with Winnipeg Police Service policy, our
25 conversation is being recorded, and for that

1 purpose today we are using an Olympus DS 4000
2 digital recorder, this little silver unit here.

3 I contacted you, I guess through
4 Branigan's?

5 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Right.

6 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** And was trying to
7 set up a time for an interview with you.

8 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Um-hum.

9 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** That resulted in you
10 coming in today.

11 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Yeah.

12 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** You arrived here a
13 short time ago -- well, actually a little bit
14 longer ago, we were finishing up another interview
15 so you and your uncle waited outside in the
16 hallway?

17 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Yes.

18 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Initially your uncle
19 said that you wanted him to sit in on the
20 interview?

21 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Yes.

22 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** And then you decided
23 that you didn't want to?

24 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Yes.

25 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Can you explain to

1 us why you changed your mind?

2 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** I just feel more
3 comfortable talking on my own.

4 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. It is not
5 anything that we have said or done?

6 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** No, not at all, I
7 just feel more comfortable without my uncle.

8 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. Your uncle is
9 presently sitting just outside the door here,
10 inside the lobby?

11 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Yes.

12 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. So once we
13 came in the room here, I explained to you
14 basically about what our unit does, how we became
15 involved in this, some of the background about the
16 incident as far as what we are tasked with looking
17 at. I showed you the preamble here and explained
18 why we use it.

19 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Yes.

20 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** I got a little bit
21 of background information about you. And you
22 didn't have any questions, so I started the
23 recorder.

24 So is that an accurate account of what
25 has taken place prior to me turning the recorder

1 on?

2 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Yes.

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

7 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** No.

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

11 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** No.

12 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. My
13 understanding is that you were working at
14 Branigan's on the evening of February 24th.

15 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Yes.

16 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. Now, there
17 was a group of officers from division 13, which is
18 the north end office, that had taken some time off
19 and gone there for some wings and some beverages.
20 Do you remember that group being there?

21 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Yes.

22 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Did you know that
23 they were police officers when they were in there?

24 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Yes.

25 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. Is that a

1 group that you had seen in there before, or served
2 before?

3 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Yes.

4 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. So that
5 evening, do you remember what time they started
6 arriving?

7 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Probably about
8 11:00 o'clock, around 11:00.

9 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Do you remember how
10 many officers there were?

11 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** I counted last night
12 in my head, and approximately 25 to 30 of them.

13 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. Is that
14 unusual?

15 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** No.

16 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay.

17 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** There is usually not
18 that many, but there is about 20 of them usually
19 come in.

20 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. And where
21 were they seated in the restaurant?

22 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** At the back of our
23 restaurant, or at the back of the lounge, up
24 against the windows.

25 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. We were there

1 last week, so is that in sort of the southeast
2 corner around the corner?

3 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Yeah. It was like,
4 kind of in the half box, like this in front of the
5 fireplace.

6 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** There is windows,
7 there is windows on the south and then windows on
8 the east.

9 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Yes.

10 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** And in the back
11 corner on the south there is some raised tables
12 and some loveseats with tables?

13 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Yes.

14 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** That is the area
15 they were seated?

16 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** That's the whole
17 area.

18 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. I'm not sure
19 how to ask this, but what were they ordering? I
20 guess I will start with that.

21 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** There was a couple of
22 people who ordered there own thing off the menu,
23 like a salad, some had chicken fingers and fries,
24 but most of all they just ordered big platters of
25 wings and drinks.

1 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** When you say big
2 platters of wings, how many are we talking about?

3 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Probably about 30 on
4 each plate, and then individually some ordered ten
5 after, like ten --

6 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Any idea how much
7 food was served to the group?

8 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Like how many wings?
9 Probably about 200 wings, 250 wings.

10 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. On average
11 ten per person?

12 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Yes.

13 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. What about
14 beverages, what were they drinking?

15 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Some of them were
16 drinking beer, and there was two of them who had
17 rye.

18 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay.

19 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Two.

20 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** How long was the
21 group there?

22 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Oh, probably three
23 hours.

24 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Did they stay until
25 closing time?

1 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** We actually stayed
2 open for them.

3 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay.

4 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** We usually close
5 around midnight, but we are allowed to serve
6 alcohol until 2:00.

7 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. So because it
8 was a large group --

9 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Yes.

10 **SERGEANT PEARSON:** Did they make
11 reservations ahead of time?

12 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** They usually call and
13 let us know they are coming ahead of time, just so
14 we are a little prepared for the large group.

15 **SERGEANT PEARSON:** So you pulled the
16 lucky straw of serving them after closing.

17 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Yes.

18 **SERGEANT PEARSON:** Lucky you.

19 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Get all of the extra
20 wings out of the freezer.

21 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Yes.

22 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Now, do you recall
23 if any one person or people there had an excessive
24 amount to drink?

25 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Probably about -- I

1 wouldn't say excessive, but a couple of them had
2 more than the others had.

3 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. Do you
4 remember how many, like the people that had more,
5 how many would they have had?

6 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Probably about eight.

7 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Beers?

8 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Yes.

9 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. Now, you are
10 aware obviously of the incident that occurred the
11 next morning --

12 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Yes.

13 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** -- involving one of
14 our members who was off duty. Well, I'm not quite
15 sure --

16 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** I'm not sure exactly.

17 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Do you know who that
18 person was?

19 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** I have an idea, but
20 I'm not sure exactly which one it is.

21 **SERGEANT PEARSON:** What is your idea?

22 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** I think I served him
23 on Super Bowl, because my manager told me that he
24 had the pregnant wife. And I remember there was
25 three of them there with their wives or

1 girlfriends. So I don't exactly remember which
2 one he is, but I have an idea.

3 **SERGEANT PEARSON:** So how much did he
4 drink?

5 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** I don't know exactly
6 how much he drank, but he probably had about seven
7 or eight.

8 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay.

9 **SERGEANT PEARSON:** Just like everybody
10 else?

11 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Yeah, nobody drank
12 like crazy amounts.

13 **SERGEANT PEARSON:** Seven or eight
14 beers, is that the pint or the bottle?

15 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** That's the pint.

16 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** And then there was
17 also a large number of wings and --

18 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Yes.

19 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. Do you know
20 how many wings that person may have had?

21 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** He probably had about
22 30, because every time I came back he had finished
23 his wings and wanted to order another ten.

24 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. All right.
25 Now, you think that this was the person, but is

1 there any way that you can be sure or --

2 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** If I saw him or if

3 I -- yeah, if I saw him I would know which one it

4 is.

5 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** You are just

6 thinking it was him because of the fact that he

7 had been in on Super Bowl with his wife who was

8 pregnant?

9 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Um-hum.

10 **SERGEANT PEARSON:** Did this person

11 usually eat a large number of wings?

12 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Yes.

13 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. All right

14 then. How did he appear physically when he left?

15 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Oh, they all appeared

16 fine.

17 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Was there anybody

18 that you looked at and you thought, boy, this

19 person really shouldn't be driving?

20 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** No.

21 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay.

22 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** They all stood in the

23 line at the bar when they were paying. I mean,

24 they were loud and having fun, but that's okay.

25 And none of them seemed intoxicated to me.

1 Everybody seemed okay.

2 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Now, this officer
3 then, do you remember roughly what time he would
4 have arrived?

5 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** He was one of the
6 first actually, so probably around 11:00 when they
7 all started coming.

8 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. So then if
9 they were there until 2:30, that would have been
10 roughly three and a half hours that he was there.

11 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Um-hum.

12 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** And you said he had
13 at least 30 wings?

14 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Oh yeah, yes.

15 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. Would it have
16 been more, or less or --

17 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** No less, because I
18 know I went back, every time I went back somebody
19 else wanted something, but I remember, if it is
20 the same person in this incident, then he had no
21 less than 30 wings.

22 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. All right.
23 So no one appeared --

24 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** No.

25 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** You had no concerns

1 about anybody that may have gotten into a vehicle
2 to drive somewhere then?

3 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** No.

4 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** How long had you
5 been working there?

6 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** About two months, two
7 and a half months.

8 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. And have you
9 had, outside of that two months, have you had a
10 lot of experience with working in either lounges
11 or restaurants where alcohol was served?

12 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Yes, I previously
13 worked at the Pony Corral downtown.

14 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. So is it safe
15 to say that you have had experience and seen
16 people who have had too much?

17 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Yes.

18 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. So you do
19 have some experience then?

20 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Yes, I can tell when
21 somebody has had too much to drink.

22 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** All right. Okay.

23 What was the ballpark figure of the total then of
24 the bill?

25 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Of each item -- I

1 don't know the total of the full bill, but
2 individually I could say probably, approximately.
3 We give them \$2.75 pints and 35-cent wings.

4 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** \$2.75 a pint?

5 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Yes, and 35-cent
6 wings. So roughly, I would say about \$25, \$30
7 each bill. I don't know how much the full bill
8 was because I billed them individually, so
9 approximately \$25, \$30 each.

10 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. All right.

11 **SERGEANT PEARSON:** You said you looked
12 at -- do you still have access to that record?

13 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** I don't have access
14 to it. My general manager does. I give him all
15 of my cash out, everything at the end of the
16 night, all of the receipts.

17 **SERGEANT PEARSON:** Did you have a
18 chance to look that over before you came here?

19 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** I did ask him and he
20 said he would give it to you guys.

21 **SERGEANT PEARSON:** But you haven't
22 looked at it yourself?

23 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** No.

24 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Do you remember
25 everything that night?

1 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Yeah.

2 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. Is it -- like
3 would you remember the same sorts of things about
4 other nights with other groups or like --

5 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** With large parties, I
6 mean, I find it so much more easier to remember
7 everything than just a small table here and there.
8 So if I had another large party, I would be able
9 to remember the same stuff. They were basically
10 the only people in the restaurant and I was the
11 only one serving them.

12 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** From what time were
13 they the only ones in the restaurant?

14 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** There was one couple
15 sitting on the couch in front of the tables when
16 they came in. So, they probably left -- they were
17 open until midnight on Thursday, so they probably
18 left around 11:30. So they sat there a little
19 bit.

20 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** So they were pretty
21 much your only customers at the time that they
22 were arriving?

23 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Yes, um-hum.

24 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Does that happen
25 often? Like usually with a group of police

1 officers or other groups where --

2 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Yeah. Yeah. It is
3 not a very busy lounge, so it is kind of a hit or
4 miss on certain nights.

5 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. I'm just
6 trying to sort of understand -- and explain how it
7 is that you remember that group as opposed to
8 maybe another one or --

9 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** Yes.

10 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. All right.
11 Anything, Con?

12 **SERGEANT PEARSON:** I don't think so.

13 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. Well, is
14 there anything else that you can think of about
15 that evening that maybe we have neglected to ask
16 or overlooked that you think might be important?

17 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** No, I tried to think
18 about everything before I came here, so, no.

19 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. Is there
20 anything else you would like to say before we end
21 the interview?

22 **MS. O'HALLORAN:** No.

23 **SERGEANT GIRARD:** Okay. The time is
24 1:15 p.m. This interview is concluded and I'm
25 turning the recorder off.

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