

INTERVIEW OF AL WILLIAMS

Date: March 3, 2005

Held at 10th floor Confederation

Building, 457 Main Street,

Winnipeg, Manitoba

1 THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2005

2 Upon commencing at 12:09 A.M.

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4 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Today's date is
5 March 3rd, 2005, the time according to my watch is
6 12:09 a.m. and we are presently in the lunch room
7 of the Professional Standards Unit office here on
8 the 10th floor of the Confederation Building, 457
9 Main Street in the City of Winnipeg. My name is
10 Doug Roxburgh, and also present is Angela Epp.
11 For the purpose of voice recognition, Angela,
12 please identify yourself by name.

13 **SERGEANT EPP:** Angela Epp.

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

20 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** Al Williams, 817.

21 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Thank you. And
22 you are assigned to division 13, I understand?

23 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** That's correct.

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

1 conversation is being audio-taped and for that
2 purpose we are using an Olympus DS4000 digital
3 recorder. Al, if I have got my facts straight, I
4 understand you were served a letter yesterday in
5 terms of being a witness to this matter, a
6 Professional Standards letter, I believe it came
7 from Detective Sergeant Girard. You arrived here,
8 let's say less than five minutes ago. I
9 introduced the fact that we would be audio-taping
10 our conversations, what we do on a regular basis,
11 and the fact that we would be reading this witness
12 preamble. I offered you a coffee or water and you
13 declined. And we got into the interview. Would
14 that be an accurate reflection of what has taken
15 place prior to the tape recorder being turned on?

16 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** That's correct.

17 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** It is our practice
18 to ensure that members understand their status
19 when being interviewed. I remind you that you are
20 being interviewed as witness in this matter. Do
21 you understand that?

22 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** That's correct.

23 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** This statement may
24 be used in any criminal, civil, or service
25 proceeding or it may not be used in any proceeding

1 at all.

2 Were any threats made to you, or were
3 any promises or hopes of reward offered to you in
4 relation to providing a statement?

5 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** No.

6 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Was anything said
7 to you by anyone that would influence what you
8 might say to us in this statement?

9 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** No.

10 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** I'm going to

11 basically ask you what you know about this matter.

12 The incident that we are dealing with, obviously,

13 is an incident that occurred sometime during the

14 evening or the early morning of Friday, and we

15 will start you off on Thursday, February 24th. I

16 believe you were working at that time?

17 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** That's correct.

18 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** And tell me about

19 what happened that night?

20 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** Well, I was

21 working third relief. And at 2230 hours, I

22 obtained EDL for the rest of the shift, at which

23 time I attended to Branigan's Restaurant on Leila.

24 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Okay.

25 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** I went into the

1 lounge and partake in a couple of beer, three beer
2 and 20 wings.

3 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** You are firm on
4 the 20 wings?

5 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** Every time it is
6 the same thing, every time I go there, three beer,
7 20 wings.

8 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** We heard you had
9 more wings?

10 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** No.

11 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Okay. In terms of
12 Branigan's, did you go on your own? Did you car
13 pool with anybody?

14 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** No, I went on my
15 own.

16 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** On your own, okay.
17 In terms of a seating arrangement, can you
18 describe the seating arrangement for me in terms
19 of who you were around?

20 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** The table I was
21 at, there was Ted Michalik, I believe it was
22 Christian Guyot and Derek Harvey-Zenk were at one
23 table. We spread about, and then everyone sort of
24 separates and --

25 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** How many people

1 were there all together? My understanding is
2 there was quite a few people?
3 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** That's correct.
4 I couldn't tell you. Maybe 15.
5 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Okay.
6 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** Something like
7 that.
8 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Mainly from your
9 shift?
10 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** That's correct.
11 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Okay. Who from
12 your shift was not there then? Maybe that's a
13 better question for you.
14 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** Oh, the ones that
15 were working or --
16 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** I'm talking about
17 at Branigan's, so maybe -- I don't know if it is
18 easier for you to tell me who was there --
19 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** Well, I know Stan
20 Parag wasn't there.
21 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Okay.
22 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** I couldn't tell
23 you who wasn't there, because I can't even
24 remember who was working.
25 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Would it be

1 accurate to say the majority of your shift was
2 there?

3 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** That's correct.

4 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Okay. Who were
5 you working with that night?

6 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** Marnie
7 Nechwediuk.

8 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** And did Marnie
9 join you at Branigan's as well?

10 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** Yes.

11 **SERGEANT EPP:** Okay. Three beers, 20
12 wings?

13 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** That's correct,
14 standard, that's what I have every time.

15 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Okay. Is this a
16 regular haunt that you guys frequent?

17 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** When we get a
18 chance, yeah. When it is busy, we can't.

19 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** All right. Al,
20 how did you pay for your bill?

21 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** Cash.

22 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Cash. And do you
23 remember who you dealt with in terms of a waitress
24 or waiter?

25 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** It was a

1 waitress.

2 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Was it one
3 waitress for the group or was there a number of
4 them working?

5 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** Well, it was the
6 one that was working, I believe, there was male
7 that helped her. I think he started off and then
8 she took over, and then he would help her bring,
9 he would help her bring stuff, the wings and
10 stuff.

11 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Do you know that
12 waitress's name or --

13 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** No.

14 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Can you describe
15 her for me, please?

16 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** Young, small. I
17 didn't pay too much attention to her.

18 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Okay. And you
19 paid cash for your bill, correct?

20 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** That's correct.

21 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Did you get a
22 receipt?

23 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** No.

24 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Okay. What time
25 would you have left Branigan's that night?

1 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** 1:30.

2 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** And do you

3 remember, why do -- you seem firm on that time?

4 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** I looked at my

5 watch, and I had my beer, my wings, a bunch of

6 conversation and I left.

7 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Time to leave.

8 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** Yes.

9 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Did you leave on

10 your own?

11 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** Yes.

12 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Okay. Nobody else

13 left at the same time?

14 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** No.

15 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Okay. When you

16 left, how would you describe the group, in terms

17 of --

18 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** A lot of

19 jocularity.

20 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** All right.

21 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** We would go there

22 and sit around and talk and laugh.

23 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Would you describe

24 it as rowdy, tame? Not to put words in your

25 mouth, but how would you describe the group?

1 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** It was tame,
2 people sitting around talking, laughing.
3 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** All right. You
4 indicated to us and, obviously, we all know why we
5 are here.
6 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** Um-hum.
7 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** It has to do with
8 Derek Harvey-Zenk and obviously I have some
9 questions for you about that. And you started
10 off, you were at a table with Derek?
11 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** Um-hum.
12 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Can you tell me
13 what Derek was drinking?
14 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** Beer.
15 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Beer?
16 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** Yes.
17 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Can you tell me
18 what his state of sobriety was when you left?
19 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** Well, he was
20 fine.
21 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Yeah?
22 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** He had his 40
23 wings to start.
24 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** 40?
25 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** Um-hum, he is our

1 wing eating champion.

2 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Okay. And is 40

3 the standard, or was that the record or what --

4 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** No, that's what

5 he starts with.

6 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Starts with. So

7 how many wings do you figure Derek would have

8 consumed that night?

9 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** Well, he just had

10 the 40 that night. If someone wants to challenge

11 him, then maybe he will keep on going.

12 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** 40 wings. Now

13 tell me, they come in twelves, is that right?

14 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** Tens.

15 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Tens. What

16 does -- I don't know what the term is -- a plate

17 of ten wings worth, cost-wise?

18 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** I couldn't tell

19 you. When I go, my bill is approximately so much

20 with tip, that's it.

21 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Okay.

22 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** I couldn't tell

23 you what the breakdown of anything is.

24 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** So when you paid

25 for your bill, you went up and said, three beer

1 and 20 wings, is that --

2 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** Yes.

3 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Can I ask what

4 your bill was?

5 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** With tip, \$22.

6 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** \$22, all right.

7 So Derek is the wing eating champion?

8 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** Um-hum.

9 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** 40 wings?

10 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** Um-hum.

11 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Can I ask how many

12 beer he would have consumed, any idea?

13 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** No, I have no

14 idea.

15 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** And, again, in

16 terms of his sobriety, did he stand out compared

17 to anybody else or --

18 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** No.

19 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Just another guy?

20 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** Just another guy

21 at the table.

22 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Did anybody in

23 particular stand out in terms of their sobriety?

24 Was anybody that much further ahead of anybody

25 else?

1 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** I don't think so,
2 no.
3 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** No. In terms of
4 Derek, do you know how he got to Branigan's.
5 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** I imagine he
6 drove, but I never saw him come and I never saw
7 him leave.
8 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Okay. And, again,
9 when you left, did you know where he was in the
10 crowd, or who he was with?
11 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** He was still
12 sitting in the same chair, right across from me
13 when I left.
14 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Were the same
15 people still around?
16 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** I believe so,
17 yeah.
18 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** All right. After
19 you left Branigan's, again, where did you go?
20 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** Home.
21 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Home, okay. We
22 understand there was a party afterwards. Do you
23 have any knowledge of that?
24 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** I heard it, but I
25 never went or -- it was all after I left.

1 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Okay. And I
2 guess, Al, when did you hear about the accident?
3 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** On the news.
4 **SERGEANT EPP:** On the news. And when
5 did you link it to Derek?
6 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** Friday night.
7 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** That's when you --
8 is that the day after?
9 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** Late Friday night
10 when I was reporting.
11 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Angela?
12 **SERGEANT EPP:** Al, was there anyone
13 else there besides your district 3 group?
14 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** I'm trying to
15 think, district 3 -- yeah, Jules Buors, he used to
16 be on our shift and I phone him whenever we are
17 going, and sometimes he shows up, sometimes he
18 doesn't. Norbert Bauer. I can't think who else
19 was there -- our traffic guys. I think that was
20 it, but it was spread out so I wasn't really
21 paying much attention.
22 **SERGEANT EPP:** Okay. Was there
23 anybody else in the lounge area besides police
24 members?
25 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** Yeah, there was

1 earlier. I don't know -- when I left, like I say,
2 I didn't pay attention.

3 **SERGEANT EPP:** Sure.

4 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** It is time to go
5 home and --

6 **SERGEANT EPP:** So would you be able to
7 say if they were still there when you left at
8 1:30?

9 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** I couldn't tell
10 you.

11 **SERGEANT EPP:** Okay. Is there
12 anything that you are surprised we haven't asked?

13 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** No.

14 **SERGEANT EPP:** Is there anything that
15 you think we have omitted that you think would be
16 very important to the investigation?

17 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** Like I say, I
18 wasn't there that long, so --

19 **SERGEANT EPP:** Okay.

20 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Al, how well do
21 you know Derek?

22 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** From work, yeah.

23 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** How long is that,
24 how long has he been on your shift?

25 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** Three years I

1 guess.

2 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** Are you aware of
3 any circumstances of medication that Derek would
4 be on or anything like that?

5 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** No.

6 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** He is sort of a
7 healthy kid?

8 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** Um-hum.

9 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** I don't have any
10 more questions.

11 **SERGEANT EPP:** Neither do I.

12 **SERGEANT ROXBURGH:** The time right now
13 is 12:22 a.m. and we will conclude the interview.

14 Thanks, Al.

15 **CONSTABLE WILLIAMS:** Okay.

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