

Dispatcher William Patterson 2016

12:27 pm, December 20, 2016

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Ok this is Sergeant Kenneth Findlay with the Internal Affairs Investigative Unit. Today is Tuesday December 20th, 2016, the time is now 12:27 pm. This is a recorded interview with Dispatcher William Patterson who is a witness to investigation 2016-0733 and Bill if you could give me your name unit number and date of hire."

Dispatcher William Patterson: "Dispatcher William Patterson unit number 6209 I was hired April 2000."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "So, you were here you were present during the election week of 2016?"

Dispatcher William Patterson: "Correct."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "And on election day there wasn't really much conversation between Lieutenant Campbell and Secretary Loisel, but it was did you hear her say on election day that Hillary Clinton had won Guam?"

Dispatcher William Patterson: "It was either election day or the day prior to election day she did come out and say that Hilliary Clinton had won Guam."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Ok and then the day after the election Wednesday the 9th did you hear Lieutenant Campbell say something to Emma you know, 'hey you know you weren't one of those people crying and protesting all night?'"

Dispatcher William Patterson: "Yes he said I heard him say something to the effect you aren't going to go to Canada like some of the other liberals said they were doing."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Ok you actually heard him say the liberals to her or?"

Dispatcher William Patterson: "I believe so, I would I would think so yes."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Ok and what did she say to that?"

Dispatcher William Patterson: "I didn't hear her response she responded but I didn't hear it."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Ok did you take that as a mean comment or a malicious comment or what it?"

Dispatcher William Patterson: "No or when he said the word liberals he didn't say it an attacking it was a like you call a republican is a republican, a democrat is a democrat conservative liberal it's a title attached to a stance."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Yeah whereas a republican would be a conservative a democrat would be a liberal?"

Dispatcher William Patterson: "Correct."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "And in some other countries, you didn't take it as being name calling?"

Dispatcher William Patterson: "No."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Or anything like that?"

Dispatcher William Patterson: "No sir."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "And then she responded did you hear what she said?"

Dispatcher William Patterson: "No sir, it was muffled just from my position when I heard her respond but I didn't hear what the response was."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "And on that day that day when he said you're going to Canada like the liberals where you are sitting at the Hammond CAD or at the Sedgwick."

Dispatcher William Patterson: "Hammond CAD."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "And that's the one furthers away from her office?"

Dispatcher William Patterson: "Correct furthest from her office and facing the opposite wall?"

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "And then that's the day after the election the day after that Thursday the 10th which is when kind of the blow up happens did you hear a conversation that day?"

Dispatcher William Patterson: "Lieutenant Campbell in with the came in from the road where he helped change a tire and he was laughing, making comments about having to that he actually changed a tire and saying make America, make Hammond great again actually make this state great again you know what nope I'm going to make America great again one tire or one flat tire at a time or one tire change at a time something along those line."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: Did you hear him say anything to Nancy Weiss say, "Nay Nay were you were you out protesting or are you going to make Hammond great again? did you hear him say that?"

Dispatcher William Patterson: "I, I no sir I didn't hear one way or the other if he said it I was either on the phone or on the radio there was a group of people all talking."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "And you were, on this day Thursday the 10th were you on the Hammond CAD again?"

Dispatcher William Patterson: "Yes sir."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Ok and McKenzie would have been on the Sedgwick CAD; her and Miranda would have been there again."

Dispatcher William Patterson: "Right."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "And did um Emma say anything as a result of Lieutenant Campbell saying hey I'm going to make I'm going to make one flat tire I'm going to make America great again one flat tire at a time?"

Dispatcher William Patterson: "Um she responded I believe I believe she said something along the line I don't want to talk about it or I don't want to discuss it something, something along that line. Once again I can't say I heard it clearly and honestly I don't know if somebody I heard her say that or, or someone told me that's what she said."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Ok and then did you what did Lieutenant Campbell say did he say if you don't want to hear it go shut your door, something like that?"

Dispatcher William Patterson: "It was something to the effect of you know we're just joking around you know we're just talking joking around you know and that was the end of it. He stepped into the sergeants' office where Sergeant Martin and I think one of the other troops were in."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "And then what did Emma say?"

Dispatcher William Patterson: "I heard I didn't hear the context, but I did hear her say either fuck or fucking but I did not hear the context and I wasn't even at first sure I heard her correctly as what she said."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Ok cause you're the furthest away?"

Dispatcher William Patterson: "Yes."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "You heard the F word."

Dispatcher William Patterson: "Yeah, yeah it was clear that I heard that."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "That word's pretty distinctive?"

Dispatcher William Patterson: "Yeah, yeah and I thought, I remember thinking to myself did I hear her just say that because she's not one that."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Normally."

Dispatcher William Patterson: "Yeah doesn't have a foul mouth or you know whatever and when I looked over my shoulder towards Dispatcher Pearson and Dispatcher Hill who were sitting closer the looks on their faces."

(Cell phone ping, can hear someone talking.)

Dispatcher William Patterson: "Confirmed the word that I heard but I did not hear the context or if was directed towards anyone Lieutenant Campbell I saw him power walk into her office."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: (laughing) "Ok"

Dispatcher William Patterson: "Which lead me to believe that it was directed towards him."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Now did the look on his face did it seem, so you look around like did I just hear the F word and you look over and you see McKenzie and Miranda ok yeah the looks on their faces they were telling me that's the word that I heard and then you see

lieutenant and ok that's the word it was directed to. Was he mad when he was going into Emma's office?"

Dispatcher William Patterson: "Yes, but also kind of a confused look too. Yes he, he was walking more like he was angry than his face showed anger his face looked more confused but just the way he was striding into her office."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Yeah he was shocked and."

Dispatcher William Patterson: "I guess angry or confused but I'm not sure the right word or."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Incredulous."

Dispatcher William Patterson: "Yeah, yeah."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "This didn't just happen?"

Dispatcher William Patterson: "It was almost like did I just hear did I just hear what I think I just heard that kind of look would be the best way to describe it."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "And did you, did you hear what they said when they shhh, were behind they were behind closed doors."

Dispatcher William Patterson: "I heard him (clearing his throat)"

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: (clearing his throat)

Dispatcher William Patterson: "Well the door was still open at this point I heard him say, "what is what is wrong with you, why are you acting like this relax, we're everyone's just joking, relax and when the door was shut was when he, you know he said if you have a problem hearing, if you have a problem listening to what everyone's talking about shut your

door so you won't have to hear it and that's when he that's when he shut door and walked, walked to his office.”

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: “Walked back over to where we're at now?”

Dispatcher William Patterson: “Yes sir.”

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: “Did you hear her say anything like yeah go ahead and hit me or anything like that?”

Dispatcher William Patterson: “No sir.”

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: “You didn't hear that? Um, and after that did you see Sergeant Martin go into her office and talk to her?”

Dispatcher William Patterson: “I saw him go into her office, but what he went in there for I don't.”

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: “You don't know?”

Dispatcher William Patterson: “I can't speak because he never said he, he never told me he spoke to her about it, but I know but I know he did go into go into her office.”

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: “If I told you that he was going in there to kind of try to diffuse the situation would that seem accurate because that is what he had told me during his interview?”

Dispatcher William Patterson: “For Sergeant Martin yes (writing scratching sound) just because he a very easy going keeps everyone at an even keel and he went in there, but he never came out and said I just talked to Emma this you know she's doing this.”

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: “He didn't broadcast?”

Dispatcher William Patterson: "No."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Did he ever come out and say we're not going to talk about politics anymore anything like that?"

(Audible male voice outside Lieutenant Campbell's office saying "Pearson I'm offended, you have such a foul mouth.")

Dispatcher William Patterson: "Maybe not that I mean yes it was said but I don't know if it was said immediately after or the following day two days you know I mean he said at some point yes at point he did say."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "We're not discussing this anymore?"

Dispatcher William Patterson: "Tone it down the political talk, let's knock it off watch we say."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Ok so after that it was back to business as usual I mean lieutenant and Emma were getting along fine?"

Dispatcher William Patterson: "Yeah I haven't seen anything since."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Since that day?"

Dispatcher William Patterson: "I haven't seen anything since it correct."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Ok now did you feel that I mean knowing we had talked before about politics I mean, tempers can rise like with religion and money (loud cough) it's kind of a taboo or at least it used to be you know and we had discussed how this political cycle had been going on for a long time."

(More Audible talking through Lieutenant Campbell's door.)

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Did you feel that his comment before like the day after the election like are you going to be crying again or going to Canada like the liberals you know and then the Thursday the 10th hey make America great again do you feel that those were inappropriate comments for the workplace?"

Dispatcher William Patterson: "I would say no just because for the entire length of the cycle everyone.

(Whistle through Lieutenant Campbell's door.)

Was making jokes comments, make America great again make the Division great again gonna make Hammond great again. There is never anything said with intent, malice you know joking everyone was joking around carrying on whatnot. Hindsight you know I would not hindsight I could see that not knowing that someone may being offended if you're not sure."

(Sounds possibly in the office tapping or something like that.)

Dispatcher William Patterson: "You shouldn't say it."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Yeah"

Dispatcher William Patterson: "But there was never anything directed to my knowledge prior to that or certainly after that was personally directed towards Emma."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "And then it was you, you made a comment before that you know that he wasn't the only one that would make comments, Emma would say she would have her things before though?"

Dispatcher William Patterson: "Correct."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "It was well known that am I correct in saying that is was well known that he was a Trump and she was a Clinton, right or it was."

Dispatcher William Patterson: "Yes"

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "You knew where she stood."

Dispatcher William Patterson: "Correct"

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "And where he stood?"

Dispatcher William Patterson: "Correct I would say that."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "And did you feel that because she was I guess in the minority you know because law enforcement is as an occupation traditionally a more conservative uh profession."

(Knocking outside the office.)

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Do you feel because she was a Clinton supporter she was getting picked on."

Dispatcher William Patterson: "Not at all, she would interject herself into the conversations that we were having, 'I just don't trust Donald Trump, I don't like that man, I don't trust him. She would interject herself into the conversations in that aspect."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Ok so you don't feel that she was being picked on because she wasn't afraid to give you her thoughts on the subject."

Dispatcher William Patterson: “Yeah she voiced her opinion but there was never any in-depth conversations about beliefs or reasoning behind it.”

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: “And now do you feel that her response with profanity and all that do you feel that was inappropriate for the workplace?”

Dispatcher William Patterson: “Correct yes, yes I do. It's not a constructive way to diffuse the situation or solve a problem by using foul language to a supervisor or even to a coworker.”

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: “And there probably would have been an easier way to handle this as far as can we just not discuss this? I don't, it's just a difficult time.”

Dispatcher William Patterson: “Right because as I said nothing was ever you know if we had known that she felt so strongly or had such a problem we're not the kind of people here at this barracks that are going to pick at a scab.”

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: (laughs) “Ok”

Dispatcher William Patterson: “You know we're we respect each other we ride each other hard, but we also respect each other you know if there's a sensitive subject we, we leave it alone.”

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: “Yeah alright and as I've said before to a couple of the folks I've interviewed today that is it your impression that this is an incident that can something positive gleaned from it or do you think it's a whole mess.”

Dispatcher William Patterson: “Yeah something positive can be taken from it I mean you can as I said just because someone's not in the same room doesn't mean that they're not overhearing you and they may have an issue with what you're saying so speak more quietly and if you know that the person in the next room is of a differing opinion it's best just to skirt the whole topic in general when it comes to politics, religion something along that can be such a fire branded issue.”

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Yes, ok Bill is there else that you'd like to add to your statement?"

Dispatcher William Patterson: "No sir."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Is there any questions that I didn't ask you that I wished I would have that we may have talked covered before we went on record?"

Dispatcher William Patterson: "No sir."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Ok is everything you told me true and factual?"

Dispatcher William Patterson: "Yes sir."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Ok at this time I issue the order not to discuss this investigation with anybody else, so we don't compromise its integrity, understood?"

Dispatcher William Patterson: "Understood sir."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Ok thank you the time is now 12:44 and I'm concluding the interview."