

Sergeant Gregory Martin 2016

1:54 pm, December 12, 2016

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Ok today is Monday December 12, 2016, the time is now 1:54 pm This is a recorded interview with Sergeant Gregory Martin who is a witness to investigation 2016-733 involving Lieutenant Tyler Campbell and Secretary Emma Loisel, um excuse me if you could Greg if you could state your name unit number and date of hire."

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "Sergeant Gregory Martin, I'm a sergeant at the Hammond Barracks, date of hire was February of 1999."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "And your unit number?"

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "1393"

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "And you've been a sergeant at Hammon for about three years?"

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "Just about three years."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "And you got promoted to?"

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "I got promoted at Blanchard worked at Belling for a year as a sergeant and transferred to Hammon for the last three years."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Ok, alright you got promoted in 12?"

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "December of 2012."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "I remember when you got promoted because I was at the Academy and you were coming up doing driving instructor I remember when you were doing that."

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "Today's the 12th."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Yes sir."

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "Four years to the day."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Four years ago, today 12/12 of 12 was when you got promoted, right?"

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "I think so."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Yup um this is in reference we; we were talking a little bit before, before, I turned the recording on this is in reference to a couple of incidents between Lieutenant Campbell and Secretary Loisel which took place at the Hammond Barracks on November the 9th. The Wednesday, the day after the election and then the 10th which is the day you were present for correct?"

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "Yes that is correct."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "You were not there on the 9th?"

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "Correct."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "You're off Tuesdays and Wednesdays right?"

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "Yes."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Did you hear anything go ahead and do this in chronological order did you hear anything about Lieutenant Campbell and Secretary Loisel talking about the election on the day after where he said to her you know are you going to cry now and she said and she told him oh be nice or something to that effect did you hear about that?"

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "I knew that there, I heard that there was a conversation and obviously I was not there and I'm not sure the exact words used from him describing "are you going to cry" after the election. I'm not sure the exact words I heard, there was a conversation but I'm not sure verbatim what was stated but I did hear there was a conversation and just generally talking about the election in and of itself."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "And it was a civil conversation?"

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "There wasn't anything, there was no issues on Wednesday. They were just normal, probably like everybody else around the water cooler that day talking about the election."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "So, on the 10th the Thursday, two days after the election there was an incident that happened in and around the sergeants' office at Hammond."

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "Yes."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "About what time of day did this happen?"

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "This was in the morning, it was probably, it's a total guess it was probably around 8 o'clock in the morning because that's when Nancy Weiss, as we call her Nay, Nay that's when she starts her shift it would probably be around 8 o'clock. Maybe a little bit before she might have been in the garage and then came in a little bit after 8 but it was somewhere around 8 o'clock."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "And if you could just, uh just kind of tell me what happened from what you remember."

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "Well, well I'll try to set it up by describing the layout of the barracks cause this might make a little bit more sense. When you walk in the barracks you walk up a set of stairs, if you immediately turn to the left that is where Emma Loisel's office

is at or if you immediately turn to the right from that set of steps that is the sergeants' office, so it is only separated by the hallway.”

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: “Ok.”

Sergeant Gregory Martin: “So, there's not much separation there you can hear conversations between each office 'cause the, the close proximity. So, when you walk up those steps the left is Emma Loisel's office, the right is the sergeants' office. If you go just a little bit farther I say down the hallway, there's really not a hallway 'cause immediately to the left after Loisel's office is the dispatch center and you can hear conversations from each. If you were in the sergeants' office you can hear conversations from the dispatch center and or Emma's office you can hear more from Emma's office than you can from the dispatch center cause Emma's office is directly across from the sergeants' office. And then obviously the dispatch center has radios, radio traffic going you can hear more of the conversation from the sergeants office to Emma's office than you can from the dispatch if that makes any sense.”

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: “Yes.”

Sergeant Gregory Martin: “Ok so the day of we're talking about Thursday it was around 8 o'clock, give or take a few minutes at that point. I was at my office or in my desk in the sergeants' office, I believe lieutenant if memory serves me correctly, he was sitting on the opposite side of the sergeants' office which still is very close to Emm's office when Nancy walked in. We call her Nay, Nay, lieutenant was obviously joking, he said, “Nay, Nay, were you protesting last night or are you going to make Hammond great again?” and that was joking with her about the protesting that had been ongoing since the night of the election and at the time he said that Emma Loisel started yelling she did not want to talk politics she did not want to hear it and lieutenant told her, from my recollection, he told her that he wasn't talking to her and I think he went on to say, “if you don't want to hear any conversations you had maybe, you should close your door” and at that point she got up slammed her door shut and at that point she said it sounded to me to be like fuck you later on she said no she said fuck this. Either way that was not an appropriate response to a conversation that was being had, a joking conversation between lieutenant and our maintenance worker or Nancy or Nay Nay as we call her.”

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Ok and when he's asking Nancy Weiss are "where you out protesting or are you going to make Hammond great again," that's in relation we all know a campaign slogan."

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "Yes, yes."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "We're going to make America great again, right."

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "Yes."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Just to make sure we're."

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "No."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "That's what he was doing reiterating a catch phrase to Nancy."

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "And that was it, was a joke from everybody out protesting asking pretty much asking Nancy if she was out protesting or is she going to make Hammond great again."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Now did you get any, what did Nancy say to this?"

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "I want to say because everything happened so quickly after that I want to say she just kind of laughed about it because that would be her, and that would fit her response it was a joke she usually laughs."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Ok."

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "But I don't recall everything because immediately after that is when this whole incident occurred."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "So, Nancy Weiss (cough) didn't seem to take any offence to it at all?"

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "No."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Who else was present during this conversation?"

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "Obviously Nancy Weiss, to my recollection she was, I think she was pretty much by, she was not she was in the sergeants' office right inside the door which would be on the other side the door of Emma Loisel's office and there and the dispatch room there was dispatchers McKenzie, Bill and Miranda and trooper Jeremy Gray had also walked in the barracks, my understanding was he walked in about the same time this all went down."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "So, when Emma, so you said Emma Loisel started yelling, did she just, was she screaming and saying I don't wanna talk about this?"

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "She I, I, I wouldn't categorize it as screaming, I mean said in a loud voice she didn't want to talk about this, she didn't want to talk politics, talk about this that's when she slammed her door and said the rest. At that point I was in the sergeants' office and I stayed there and lieutenant went over and opened her door, "did you just say fuck you?" and she said "no." I, I do remember this, she said, "no, I said fuck this" and then at that point to my recollection I started talking to Nancy and he was talking to Emma at the same time. I don't re, it was never a screaming match...It wasn't scream, it was, it was loud her voice was raised but it wasn't a..."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Now this is when they were talking louder than?"

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "Yes."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Now was lieutenant talking louder?"

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "lieutenant I mean he was, he was talking, he was he was being himself. I mean he wasn't yelling even when he asked Nancy that. he wasn't yelling. You could tell from the tone of his voice that he was actually joking but he wasn't being serious."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Now when he went in to talk to Emma was he joking then or was he being serious at that point?"

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "No, he was pretty serious, but he wasn't yelling. He just asked her, "what did you say?" because he said because I can't speak for him, but I think he was as dumbfounded as all of us of what had just occurred."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Because you had said before that her reaction didn't seem to fit the?"

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "No her reaction, it wasn't a conversation between him and her I, I can tell you this from one hundred percent setting here, a hundred percent absolute he was not talking to Emma, he never said Emma's name, he was speaking directly to, as we he said Nay Nay that's Nancy Weiss' nickname, we call her Nay Nay and the only thing he said before this happened was "Nay Nay were you out protesting last night or are you going to make Hammond great again and after he said that was when everything else went down."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Now after he goes in the office and tells Emma Loisel, "did you just say fuck you to me" or something like that, at some point did you hear her say, "well go ahead and hit me?"

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "I don't recall, I don't recall hearing, I was at that point I was talking to Nancy, McKenzie might have walked into the sergeant's office. But, but, I never heard, there was never yelling after even when he asked her if she said, "did you just say fuck you?" He wasn't yelling, he was talking in a normal voice and then at some point he went out into the garage or had walked out and I just kind of took it upon myself to talk to Emma and that's the first time she told me she did not want to talk politics to which at that point I walked out and told the dispatchers no more talking politics and that was pretty much the end of that conversation."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "And what was her demeanor when you saw her when you went in to talk to her after, was she crying or?"

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "No, no not that I, I don't, I don't remember seeing, it was just a normal conversation. We talked a little bit about the protesting and she made comments about she didn't want to see any of us getting hurt from people protesting and she like, she likes the troopers at our barracks and that's not something that she wants to see happen because of all of this protesting but I reassured her, "you know anytime I put the uniform on there's a chance you know I could get shot or I could get into a resisting," I don't think I said resisting I think I did say anytime I put a uniform on there's a chance we could get shot but that's what I told her, that the Hammond Barracks is going to be fine, nothing's going to happen there and we take care of ourselves or whatever else I told her. I kind of just reassured her and my understanding was after I talked to her that I thought this was all as far as you know resolved as far as, you know, I know she was pretty upset when mentioned she was going to call the union and I told her I was taking care of it as far as making sure people weren't talking about politics and I thought at that point it was resolved but."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Now did you talk to lieutenant afterwards and tell him what you what you had done to talk to calm Emma down?"

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "Yeah I I'm pretty sure I told him when I walked in and in fact I'm one hundred percent sure that I told him especially that she said she didn't want to talk politics. At that point I told everybody else."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "And what did he say to you then?"

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "I don't, I don't, I don't recall his response other than probably ok probably at that point that was the last thing on his mind. At that point, I don't, I can't speak for him."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "And you don't know who he called when he when he left?"

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "Yeah I don't know, I assume there was a call placed. I, I assume that there was probably a call made to District about this because it was out of the

ordinary, something like this would happen especially the response of what the conversation he had with Nay Nay.”

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: “That was, a, um in reference to Jeremy Gray, what did he, what did he tell you?”

Sergeant Gregory Martin: “He, he I'm pretty sure that he had just heard her yell, “fuck you,” that is as far as I know. I'm, I'm not I'm not 100 percent sure what all he heard.”

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: “And that's the same for McKenzie and Bill?”

Sergeant Gregory Martin: “They, they heard the comments that were made.”

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: “Do you think this this incident was out of character for the Hammond Barracks?”

Sergeant Gregory Martin: “I think so, in three years this is the first time I'd ever seen anything like this transpire and especially over on the day that I was there for this to come out of just a simple question and asked in a joking manner Nancy...this response was way out of character for even Emma. I've never seen, I mean this is the first time I'd ever seen anything like this.”

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: “Ok so it's not like this all the time at Hammond, that's what you're saying?”

Sergeant Gregory Martin: “No, the only person who was upset that day was Emma Loisel. That conversation was never directed toward her it was never directed at her, and it was it was a joking conversation between lieutenant when Nancy walked in the building.”

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: “Now the comment it's either fuck you or fuck this like I said before realistically Emma says this and you remember her saying you at the end of the f word it really doesn't matter one way or the other?”

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "No."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "I mean the f u is directed more against him but F this is kind of indirectly directed against him. It's a more passive way of saying the same thing. Do you feel it was being insubordinate or unprofessional?"

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "Yes, unprofessional absolutely."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Insubordinate."

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "Yeah to an extent."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Ok so do you feel Lieutenant Campbell was out of line at all?"

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "If, if, if he was being serious to Emma herself I still couldn't say that because it was a joke about all these protests over something as simple as a presidential election. It was a joke in my opinion, well it was directed to Nancy so in my opinion it was a joke you could tell so in my opinion this specific incident I can't say that he was out of line it was a joke we joke around a lot at the Hammond Barracks, you know if he had made a direct comment to Emma herself then you could stop me in the argument but in this specific case that response is definitely not, is not appropriate to a joke that was made not even to Emma herself, it was a conversation she overheard."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Ok alright well I think we've got all that all that covered Greg, once we get off record I'll try to get the schedules from you or maybe talk to you tomorrow."

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "Ok."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Well, you're off tomorrow right?"

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "I'm off tomorrow, I am back Wednesday because we have the sergeants' training Wednesday morning."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Ok."

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "I can give you, barring somebody calling off sick or somebody taking a day off I know their schedules because they work my shift, I can give you all that."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Alright sir is there anything else you would like to add to your statement?"

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "Not at no, not at this time."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "No, are there any questions I didn't ask you, any topics that we didn't cover that you didn't, that you wished I would have?"

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "No."

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

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "To the best of my knowledge."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Alright, at this time I tell you the same and issue you the standard order not to discuss this I.A. with anybody else so we don't compromise its integrity, understood?"

Sergeant Gregory Martin: "Understand."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Alright sir the time is now 2:18 pm and I'll conclude the interview."