

10TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

PARISH OF NATCHITOCHE

STATE OF LOUISIANA

NO. C-90,284

CALVIN W. BRAXTON, SR.

VERSUS

LOUISIANA STATE TROOPERS ASSOCIATION AND JAY
OLIPHANT

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1 (DURELL WILLIAMS, AFTER HAVING BEEN FIRST
2 DULY SWORN BY THE ABOVE-NAMED COURT
3 REPORTER, WAS EXAMINED AND TESTIFIED AS
4 FOLLOWS:)

5 E X A M I N A T I O N

6 BY MS. CRAFT:

7 Q Mr. Williams, my name is Jill Craft and I
8 represent Mr. Braxton, seated to my right
9 in this room. It's very important during
10 the course of this deposition that you
11 understand what I'm asking you. If at
12 any time you do not, tell me to stop and
13 rephrase it. I'm happy to do so. It's
14 also important nods of the head yes or no
15 cannot be taken down by the reporter so
16 you need to make any time sure to answer
17 out loud. And my final instruction is
18 unique to me insofar as I'm going to ask
19 you to spell names, places or things.
20 I'm not here to test your spelling. It's
21 just much easier for us to get those down
22 as we go along; is that fair enough?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Because we're on Zoom, sir, I'm going to
25 ask that you take a breath before you

1 answer my questions and I will do
2 likewise. Otherwise it's going to
3 interrupt the feed that we're getting
4 from where you are; okay?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Would you give me your full name and
7 address please, sir?

8 MR. MAYEAUX:

9 Business address.

10 A Durell Williams, 7901 Independence
11 Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

12 BY MS. CRAFT:

13 Q What city do you live in, sir?

14 A Thibodaux.

15 Q I'm going to ask his counselor that I get
16 his home address, which we can place
17 under seal, so that I have it in the
18 event we need to subpoena him.

19 MR. FALCON:

20 I can give it to you whenever
21 it's appropriate, Jill.

22 MS. CRAFT:

23 Excuse me?

24 MR. FALCON:

25 I said I can give it to you

1 when it's appropriate.

2 MS. CRAFT:

3 I'm going to ask that I be
4 provided it now under seal or
5 unless as with the prior witness,
6 Mr. Falcon, you will agree to
7 send it to me after we get done.

8 MR. FALCON:

9 I'm not going to my office
10 after we get done. I assure you
11 I'm going drink a few beers or
12 some wine so I will send it to
13 you when I have the chance.

14 MS. CRAFT:

15 I just don't want there to be
16 any kind of lag so if you can
17 agree to get it to me next week,
18 that would be great. Sir? Mr.
19 Falcon?

20 MR. FALCON:

21 I will send it to you. I made
22 myself a little note to send it
23 to you and I'll do it when I can.
24 I feel like we can do it Monday
25 or Tuesday but I don't want to

1 commit to that because I don't
2 have a 30 minute discussion about
3 it. I have it and I'll send it
4 to you whenever you ask for it.
5 Or I will send it to you when I
6 get back to my office.

7 MS. CRAFT:

8 I'm asking for it, so please
9 send it to me when you get back
10 to your office, sir. Thank you.

11 MR. FALCON:

12 I told you I will do that.

13 BY MS. CRAFT:

14 **Q Mr. Williams, what is your relationship**
15 **with Mr. Oliphant, if any?**

16 A My relationship with him?

17 **Q Yes.**

18 A Right now he's my superintendent. He's
19 my boss.

20 **Q How long has Mr. Oliphant been your 30-**
21 **minute boss?**

22 A About three months.

23 **Q Can you walk me through the positions**
24 **that you've held at State Police, sir,**
25 **since you started and the years?**

1 A From 1995 to 2000, I was a road trooper
2 at Troop C. And in 2000 I went to the
3 training academy. I was there maybe ten
4 years. I made sergeant in recruiting.
5 I'm not sure what year and maybe three
6 years after that I made shift lieutenant
7 back at Troop C, which is in Gretna,
8 Louisiana. And about three years after
9 that I was assigned to the training
10 academy and commander of the training
11 academy. And then from there I went to
12 internal affairs for about eight months
13 and from there I went back to the
14 training academy at JESTC and now I'm at
15 Crisis Response.

16 Q **Can you spell JESTC for the court**
17 **reporter, please?**

18 A It's J-E-S-T-C.

19 Q **What is JESTC?**

20 A It's a training site. The Joint
21 Emergency Training Center.

22 Q **Are you aware of the operation of a bar**
23 **at any training facilities, any LSP**
24 **training facilities?**

25 A Say that again.

1 Q Are you aware of the operation of some
2 sort of bar at any LSP training facility?

3 A No, there is no bar.

4 Q Has there ever been a bar?

5 A Yes. At one time there was a bar.

6 Q When was that?

7 A I'm not sure what year it was it was when
8 they opened up.

9 Q How long was the bar open at the LSP
10 training facility?

11 A Ma'am, I have no idea.

12 Q Which training facility was the bar
13 operated at?

14 A It was at JESTC.

15 Q Who supplied the liquor for the operation
16 of the bar at JESTC?

17 A I have no idea.

18 Q Did you ever have any alcohol there?

19 A I didn't go to the bar, no.

20 Q How did you hear about the bar being
21 operated at JESTC?

22 A Because I was working at the training
23 Academy at that time.

24 Q Was that when you were there the first
25 time in 2000 for the ten years or after

1 you returned from Troop C?

2 A No, that was when I was first there but
3 my training was here in Baton Rouge. I
4 was at the training academy in Baton
5 Rouge.

6 Q Okay. So, in 2000 when you went to the
7 training academy in Baton Rouge, you had
8 occasion to go to JESTC; is that right?

9 A Yes, I'd been to JESTC.

10 Q So when was the bar operated there?

11 A Ma'am, I don't know. I don't know what
12 year the bar was operated.

13 Q Do you remember what position you had
14 when you knew there was a bar being
15 operated at JESTC?

16 A I was probably just a trooper.

17 Q So, that would have been sometime before
18 the year 2000?

19 A No. It didn't exist then.

20 Q I'm just trying to get it figured out.

21 You were a trooper, you said, at Troop C
22 from '95 to 2000?

23 A Right.

24 Q And then in 2000, you came to the
25 training academy for ten years.

1 A No, I was still a trooper, until I made
2 sergeant.

3 Q And you made sergeant you don't know in
4 what year in recruiting; is that right?

5 A Right.

6 Q So, it would have been some time in the
7 year 2000 for ten years, so some time
8 from 2000 to 2010; maybe?

9 A Repeat that.

10 Q It would have been operated, the bar at
11 JESTC --

12 A Yes.

13 Q -- Sometime between 2000 and 2010?

14 A Yes. Well, I'm -- I would think so. I'm
15 not sure.

16 MR. FALCON:

17 Be sure to let her finish her
18 question.

19 BY MS. CRAFT:

20 Q Is it your testimony you never witnessed
21 the operation of the bar at JESTC, you
22 just heard about it?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Okay. Do you know why the operation of
25 the bar at JESTC stopped happening?

1 A No.

2 Q Do you know if somebody raised a concern
3 about that?

4 A No.

5 Q How long have you known Mr. Oliphant?

6 A I don't know. I can't really say. I
7 mean, he works up north and I work in
8 Baton Rouge. I live in Thibodaux but we
9 met maybe here and there for training.
10 But that's about it.

11 Q He became your boss about three months
12 ago; is that right?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And that's in Crisis Response?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Did you transfer into Crisis Response
17 about three months ago?

18 A Yes.

19 Q How did that transfer come about?

20 A I was told I was being transferred.

21 Q By whom?

22 A The email came up from the colonel, from
23 the chief of staff and I think not just
24 me. There were several transfers that
25 day.

1 Q Was that a transfer you requested?

2 A No.

3 Q You had been with JESTC for how long
4 before you got transferred to Crisis
5 Response?

6 A Maybe two or three years.

7 Q Were you happy at JESTC?

8 A It was okay.

9 Q Were you unhappy with the transfer to
10 Crisis Response?

11 A Was I unhappy?

12 Q Yes.

13 A No.

14 Q But that's not something you asked for;
15 is that right?

16 A No.

17 Q Sir, with respect to Mr. Braxton, have
18 you ever talked to Calvin Braxton?

19 A I've met him, yes.

20 Q How so?

21 A Several years ago I met him one night at
22 a conference. I think maybe a NOBLE
23 conference, I'm not sure. But it was in
24 New Orleans.

25 Q NOBLE conference, that's the National

1 **Organization of Black Law Enforcement; is**
2 **that right?**

3 A Yes.

4 Q You remember meeting Mr. Braxton at that
5 **conference?**

6 A Yes.

7 Q Do you remember anything about your
8 **interaction with him?**

9 A Not really, I was introduced to him by
10 Murphy Paul.

11 Q At the time Mr. Paul was with State
12 **Police; is that right?**

13 A Yes.

14 Q Can you tell me about any other
15 **interactions you had with Mr. Braxton**
16 **after you first met him at the NOBLE**
17 **conference?**

18 A I saw him several times after when he sat
19 on the Commission board.

20 Q That's the State Police Commission; is
21 **that right?**

22 A Yes.

23 Q Did you know anything about Mr. Braxton,
24 **like what he did for a living, where he**
25 **was from; anything like that?**

1 A No, not really.

2 Q Had you ever talked to Mr. Oliphant at
3 all about Mr. Braxton?

4 A No.

5 Q Sir, do you remember an occasion where
6 you were having breakfast at the state
7 police compound with Mr. Hyatt, Cathy
8 Derbonne and Thurmond Miller and the
9 subject of Mr. Braxton came up?

10 A No.

11 Q Do you remember hearing anybody make a
12 comment about someone or some people
13 trying to get Mr. Braxton and/or his
14 family; words to that effect?

15 A No.

16 Q Have you ever heard anything like that?

17 A No.

18 Q Did you hear anybody ever make a comment
19 about going after Calvin?

20 A No.

21 Q Do you remember Mr. Miller ever making a
22 comment about people needing to calm down
23 as it related to Mr. Braxton?

24 A No.

25 Q Do you remember anybody ever making any

1 comments or having any discussions about
2 Calvin potentially voting against a raise
3 for State Police?

4 A Repeat that.

5 Q Do you remember anybody ever discussing
6 or any conversations about Calvin voting
7 against a raise for State Police?

8 A No.

9 Q Or the pay plan?

10 A No.

11 Q When did you first become aware of some
12 allegations by Mr. Oliphant that Mr.
13 Braxton and he had a conversation
14 following his daughter's arrest for DWI?

15 A When did I hear about it?

16 Q Yes, sir.

17 A I don't recall that I knew or heard
18 anything about Calvin Braxton and Colonel
19 Oliphant.

20 Q Have you ever heard anything about some
21 allegation that Mr. Braxton tried to
22 intimidate or use his position on the
23 commission to hurt Mr. Linebaugh?

24 A No.

25 Q Have you ever heard anything about Mr.

1 Oliphant having some allegation that Mr.
2 Braxton had communications with him that
3 he was upset about his daughter being
4 arrested for DWI?

5 A There was talk but I don't really know
6 much about it. I don't get into stuff
7 like that.

8 Q What talk?

9 A Just that there was something between
10 Captain Oliphant at the time.

11 Q And who?

12 A And Calvin.

13 Q And you heard that talk where?

14 A I have no idea. I don't remember.

15 Q What do you remember it being, the
16 something between the two of them?

17 A Just that Calvin was mad about something
18 about his daughter.

19 Q Calvin was mad, something about his
20 daughter?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Was that talk around headquarters?

23 A Ma'am, I don't remember.

24 Q Did you ever talk to Mr. Oliphant about
25 that?

1 A No.

2 Q Sir, have you held any positions with the
3 LSTA?

4 A No.

5 Q Have you ever attended any LSTA meetings?

6 A Meetings?

7 Q Yes.

8 A Troop C meetings.

9 Q Did you ever serve in any capacity as it
10 related to the LSTA?

11 A No.

12 Q Did you attend any LSTA conventions?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Which ones?

15 A I went to several but I haven't been to
16 one of them in a couple of years.

17 Q Do you remember attending one in
18 Lafayette, Louisiana?

19 A Not really but I'm not gonna say that I
20 haven't but nothing about --

21 Q Do you know who TJ Doss is?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Do you know whether or not he served as
24 the elected representative of State
25 Police on the State Police Commission at

1 some point?

2 A Repeat that.

3 Q Do you know if Mr. Doss ever had any
4 position on the State Police Commission?

5 A Yes.

6 Q What position did he hold if you know?

7 A I'm not sure of the title of his
8 position.

9 Q Mr. Doss was a trooper; is that right?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Is he still a trooper?

12 A As far as I know, yes.

13 Q What does he do?

14 A I don't have a clue.

15 Q Has he ever been stationed at
16 headquarters?

17 A I'm not sure; I don't think so.

18 Q Do you recall ever hearing Mr. Doss make
19 any comments about Cathy Derbonne?

20 A No.

21 Q Sir, have you ever had any conversations
22 with Charlie Dupuy about Calvin Braxton?

23 A No.

24 Q Have you ever had any conversations with
25 Thurmond Miller about Calvin Braxton?

1 A I can't say I have. No.

2 Q Have you ever had any conversations with
3 Rodney Hyatt about Calvin Braxton?

4 A No.

5 Q Have you ever had any conversations with
6 Mr. Reeves about Calvin Braxton?

7 A Are you talking about Colonel Reeves?

8 Q Yes, sir.

9 A No.

10 Q Have you had any conversations with
11 anyone at State Police about Calvin
12 Braxton?

13 A No.

14 Q Did you know anything about a letter sent
15 by the Louisiana State Troopers
16 Association to Governor Edwards in 2016?

17 A No.

18 Q Did you know anything about a letter sent
19 on behalf of the State Troopers
20 Association to Governor Edwards in 2017?

21 A No.

22 Q Do you recall hearing anything about
23 Calvin Braxton after you said the talk,
24 the original talk about there being
25 something between Oliphant and Calvin

1 **Braxton; do you remember hearing anything**
2 **else about Mr. Braxton after that time?**

3 A No.

4 Q **Do you remember hearing anything about**
5 **Mr. Braxton leaving the Commission?**

6 A Did I hear anything about him leaving the
7 Commission?

8 Q **Yes.**

9 A No.

10 Q **Did you hear anything about him resigning**
11 **from the Commission?**

12 A I do know that he's not on the board
13 anymore but I don't know when he left and
14 why he left. I went to several meetings
15 then I stopped going to the meetings when
16 I got transferred.

17 Q **You went to several what, State Police**
18 **Commission meetings?**

19 A Yes, when I was assigned to Internal
20 Affairs. I went to maybe three meetings
21 and that was it.

22 Q **When you went to the three meetings, was**
23 **that at a time when Mr. Braxton was on**
24 **the Commission?**

25 A Yes.

1 Q And you stopped going because of why?

2 A Because I got transferred. When I went
3 to those meetings I went there as a
4 representative of the internal affairs.

5 Q That's when you got transferred to JESTC;
6 is that right?

7 A Yes.

8 Q How long did you serve at JESTC?

9 A Two to three years.

10 Q When you went to the Commission meetings,
11 did you see any other State Police
12 personnel there?

13 A I don't remember but I would think so.

14 Q Sir, do you ever remember having
15 breakfast with Cathy Derbonne at the
16 state police compound?

17 A No.

18 Q Do you remember any interactions you had
19 with Ms. Derbonne?

20 A I remember meeting -- when she was at
21 the, working with State Police
22 Commission, yes. I'd seen her several
23 times but it's not like we hung out or
24 anything.

25 Q You saw her where?

1 A At work.

2 Q **What do you mean at work?**

3 A On the compound.

4 Q **So, where would you see her on the**
5 **compound?**

6 A I don't recall where I met, it's not like
7 we met or anything. I see people every
8 day on the compound.

9 Q **Did you ever see her in the cafeteria?**

10 A I can't recall.

11 Q **Sir, do you remember the day that she**
12 **resigned as the executive director?**

13 A No.

14 Q **Weren't you at that meeting, sir?**

15 A When she resigned?

16 Q **Yeah.**

17 A I was at a meeting when she left.

18 Q **Okay.**

19 A Yes.

20 Q **So, what do you remember about that?**

21 A I remember her having the meeting and we
22 took a break and I guess that's the day
23 she resigned. We took a break and when
24 we came back from the break, she wasn't
25 there anymore. I didn't know if that's

1 what you were referring to.

2 **Q** **Okay. Did you know anything about that**
3 **meeting, what was going to happen? What**
4 **was being proposed; anything?**

5 **A** Like what?

6 **Q** **Anything, sir.**

7 **A** No.

8 **Q** **After the break and then you said you**
9 **came back and she'd left, did you go into**
10 **her office with Mr. Doss?**

11 **A** After the meeting?

12 **Q** **No, sir, after the break and you said she**
13 **left. Did you go into her office with**
14 **Mr. Doss?**

15 **A** I don't recall going into our office with
16 Mr. Doss.

17 **Q** **Do you recall ever going into her office**
18 **with Mr. Doss?**

19 **A** No.

20 **Q** **You are aware that that meeting was**
21 **videoed; right, sir?**

22 **A** What meeting?

23 **Q** **The one in which, according to you, Ms.**
24 **Derbonne left.**

25 **A** No.

1 Q Do you have any explanation as to why
2 you're on a videotape walking into Ms.
3 Derbonne's office with Mr. Doss after,
4 using your words, she left?

5 MR. MAYEAUX:

6 Object to the form.

7 BY MS. CRAFT:

8 Q Do you sir? You can answer it.

9 A I don't remember.

10 Q Do you remember ever looking at Ms.
11 Derbonne's computer?

12 A No.

13 Q Do you remember ever looking at any of
14 her files or documents in her office?

15 A No.

16 Q How many times had you ever been Ms.
17 Derbonne's office?

18 A I don't remember going in her office.

19 Q Did you have any conversations with Mr.
20 Doss about any items that might be
21 contained in Ms. Derbonne's office?

22 A Any items?

23 Q Yes.

24 A Like what?

25 Q Anything, sir.

1 A No.

2 Q Did you hear anything about there being
3 some sort of communication about having a
4 ticket fixed or Ms. Derbonne sending
5 letters on Mr. Braxton's behalf?

6 A No.

7 Q You don't know anything about that?

8 A Ticket?

9 Q Yes.

10 A No.

11 Q Do you know anything about any
12 correspondence between Calvin Braxton and
13 Cathy Derbonne?

14 A No.

15 Q Did you ever hear anyone affiliated with
16 State Police say anything negative about
17 Calvin Braxton?

18 A No.

19 Q Did you ever hear anyone affiliated with
20 the State Troopers Association say
21 anything negative about Mr. Braxton?

22 A No.

23 Q Other than what you've described as the
24 talk, do you remember specifically anyone
25 telling you about any allegation Mr.

1 Oliphant had about Calvin Braxton?

2 A No.

3 Q Did you ever see any incident reports
4 that were prepared regarding some
5 incident involving Mr. Oliphant and Mr.
6 Braxton?

7 A No.

8 Q Are you a Facebook friend of Mr.
9 Oliphant's?

10 A I don't think so.

11 Q Did you ever see any second incident
12 report written by Mr. Oliphant accusing
13 Mr. Braxton of public intimidation?

14 MR. MAYEAUX:

15 Objection to the form. You
16 can answer.

17 A Wait, repeat that.

18 BY MS. CRAFT:

19 Q Did you ever see any incident report
20 written by Mr. Oliphant --

21 A I have not seen an incident report, no.

22 Q -- Excuse me, accusing Mr. Braxton of
23 public intimidation?

24 MR. MAYEAUX:

25 Object to the form.

1 A No.

2 BY MS. CRAFT:

3 Q Have you seen any incident reports that
4 Mr. Oliphant wrote?

5 A No.

6 Q Sir, when you were hearing the talk, did
7 you hear any talk about trying to get Mr.
8 Braxton removed from the Commission?

9 A No.

10 Q In your interactions with Mr. Braxton,
11 can you tell me whether or not you had
12 any negative interactions with him?

13 A No. I never did.

14 Q What did you know about his reputation
15 before he left the Commission, Mr.
16 Braxton's?

17 A I didn't know he had any reputation. I
18 saw him several times at the Commission
19 meeting. We always, there was a little
20 joke about Murphy Paul because I know
21 they were friends and that was about it.
22 That was about the extent of our
23 conversation or me seeing him anywhere.

24 Q Did you ever talk to Murphy Paul about
25 Calvin Braxton?

1 A No, not really.

2 Q **What does 'not really' mean?**

3 A I don't remember having a conversation
4 about him, I remember saying I saw him at
5 the meeting. Something like that but no.
6 I don't remember having a conversation
7 about him.

8 Q **Did you ever tell Murphy Paul anything**
9 **about Calvin Braxton, like you were**
10 **hearing that they were out to get him or**
11 **they were coming after him or anything**
12 **like that?**

13 A No.

14 Q **That never happened?**

15 A Because I didn't know anything about
16 that.

17 Q **What do you mean you didn't know anything**
18 **about that?**

19 A Why would I say anything to him that
20 they're coming after him when I don't
21 know anything about anybody going after
22 him.

23 Q **Did Mr. Paul ever say anything to you**
24 **about people going after or coming after**
25 **Mr. Braxton?**

1 A No.

2 Q But you do know Mr. Braxton and Mr. Paul
3 are friends?

4 A Yes.

5 Q To your knowledge, are they still
6 friends?

7 A I don't know. I haven't seen any one of
8 them in years.

9 Q Okay. If we can take a short break. Let
10 me confer with my client.

11 (Off the record.)

12 MS. CRAFT:

13 Are we ready?

14 THE WITNESS:

15 Yes.

16 MR. FALCON:

17 Yes. Thank you.

18 BY MS. CRAFT:

19 Q Sir, did you have any discussions with
20 anybody about your deposition?

21 A No.

22 Q How did your deposition get set up?

23 A How did it get set up?

24 Q How did you know that I was wanting to
25 take your deposition?

1 A Through a letter.

2 Q **From who?**

3 A From Floyd Falcon.

4 Q **What is your relationship with Mr.**

5 **Falcon?**

6 A There's no relationship.

7 Q **Are you a member of the LSTA?**

8 A Yes.

9 Q **Have you had any interactions with Mr.**

10 **Falcon as part of your relationship with**
11 **the LSTA?**

12 A No.

13 Q **Okay. Sir, were you aware of an**

14 **allegation that LSTA was making unlawful**
15 **political donations?**

16 A No.

17 Q **You never heard anything about that?**

18 A I've heard it in conversation.

19 Q **What did you hear?**

20 A Just that some people weren't happy when
21 they thought they made some
22 contributions.

23 Q **What people weren't happy, sir?**

24 A Some troopers.

25 Q **They weren't happy about the fact that**

1 their money was being used to make
2 political contributions or they weren't
3 happy that it was discovered that that's
4 what's was going on?

5 A I don't know.

6 Q Who were the people that were unhappy?

7 A Ma'am, I don't have any names. This was
8 a long time ago, years ago.

9 Q Did you know whether or not Cathy
10 Derbonne or Calvin Braxton were raising
11 that as some sort of issue?

12 A Repeat that.

13 Q Did you know whether or not Calvin
14 Braxton or Cathy Derbonne were raising
15 that as some sort of issue?

16 A No.

17 Q Okay. Have you heard anything else about
18 Mr. Braxton that we haven't talked about
19 today?

20 A No.

21 Q That's all I have, sir.

22 A Thank you.

23 MR. OXENHANDLER:

24 No questions for me.

25 MR. FALCON:

1 No questions for me.

2 MR. MAYEAUX:

3 None for me. Thank you.

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