

TRANSCRIPTION OF JEFF SEUMAALA ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2007*

S We're here to ask you some questions, your statement's going to be recorded, okay?

JS Okay.

S We're doing an investigation regarding whether or not Franklin High School violated any of the CIF Sac-Joaquin Section bylaws with regards to the transferring of athletes. First thing, can you state and spell your name?

JS Jeff Seumaala, J-e-f-f S-e-u-m-a-a-l-a.

S What is your address?

JS ~~REDACTED~~.

S How long have you lived there?

JS Four years.

S What is the name of your father?

JS L-o-t-o.

S Where is your mother currently living?

JS Back home in American Samoa.

S Is she employed?

JS Yes, Manpower.

S In Samoan Government?

?? Department of ??

S Where were you born?

JS Here, in California.

S Did you move back to American Samoa yourself?

JS Well, I went there for high school.

S What school did you go to?

JS Leone.

S What year did you graduate?

JS 1997.

S Go to college after that?

JS Yes, I did.

S Where did you go to college?

JS Utah State, graduated in 2002.

S Are you employed?

JS Yes, sir. Pacific State Bank.

S What's your position with them?

JS Network Technician.

S Also an assistant football coach?

JS Yes, sir.

S Is that a part-time job?

JS (laughter)

S How many hours do you spend during the football season as a football coach?

JS Year round.

S Do you have a brother living here?

JS Yes.

S And what's his name?

JS Steven.

S Last name?

JS Seumaala.

S Street address?

JS I don't know.

S Have you lived with Steven in the last three years?

JS No.

S The last five years you live with him?

JS No.

S What about, have you had any other brothers that have lived in Stockton besides Steven?

JS [REDACTED]

S Where is [REDACTED] currently?

JS He's back home now.

S Back in American Samoa?

JS Yes.

S How long has he been back there?

JS Since my father got sick.

S Was in the states before your father died?

JS Yes. He was going to school actually.

S What positions do you coach?

JS Defense.

S Who is Bob Tuiasosopo?

JS My mom's brother.

S Is he a football coach?

JS No.

S What does he do?

JS General contractor, he has, as far as I know, to my understanding, he makes bids on projects here and in Samoa.

S When you say he was here, then he works in Samoa?

JS And here.

S And here, okay. Do you have any other, so he's your uncle?

JS Yeah.

S Do you have any other uncles that are football coaches?

JS Yeah.

S What uncles are a football coach?

JS Mike.

S Where is he coaching?

JS U of A.

S Does your mother go by Manu ever?

JS Yeah, she usually does.

S Does she spell Eleimanu, with an E?

JS No.

S Does she have a travel agency?

JS I'm not sure.

S Do you know [REDACTED] Mauga, M-a-u-g-a?

JS Yes.

S Who's that?

JS That's my brother.

S Okay, was your name Mauga at some point?

JS Yeah.

S Okay, and you changed it?

JS Yes.

S Where did you do that? Did you do on the mainland?

JS Yes.

S Who's number is 209/[REDACTED]?

JS Don't know.

S Do you own any vehicles?

JS Yes.

S What do you own?

JS A Suburban.

S Let me talk to you about the Samoan kids. Did you make contact with parents of any of the Samoan kids who have transferred here before came out here?

JS No.

?? He's already answered the question. ___ would constitute ___.

S Have you ever arranged for air travel for any kids, let me just get my question done sir, have you ever arranged for air travel for any parent or child from American Samoa to fly out to California?

JS I couldn't afford it.

S Whether you could afford it or not, did you make any of the arrangements?

JS No.

S Did your mother contact any of the families of any of the kids who transferred?

JS Don't know.

S Have you ever received video tape from your mother regarding kids playing in American Samoa?

JS No.

S Have you ever received video tape of football games played in American Samoa that you've reviewed?

JS Yes, from television station.

S How do you request it?

JS I used to play high school football in American Samoa.

S Do you still have those films?

JS No.

S What do you do with them?

JS I recorded over them.

S Ever watch those films with Coach Verner?

JS No.

S Have you ever told Coach Verner you'd seen a specific kid that you think would be a good athlete?

JS No.

S Ever tell Coach Verner that a child that you've watched play in American Samoa on the video tape would be somebody who to talk to?

JS No.

S Ever been asked by Coach Verner to contact their families in American Samoa?

JS No.

S Did [REDACTED] live with you at any time?

JS Yes.

S When?

JS He stayed with me while parents were out of town.

S What address was that?

JS That was on Madrid.

S Is it your recollection that his parents were living in Stockton then?

JS Yes. I saw his father at some games.

S What about [REDACTED], did he live with you?

JS No.

S What about [REDACTED]? Did he live with you?

JS No.

S Do you know if [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] lived with Steve?

JS I don't know.

S Did [REDACTED] ever live with you?

JS No.

S Have you ever arranged for transportation from the airport to Stockton for any of the parents of the American Samoan athletes at any time?

JS Not parents ____.

S ____ for when they enrolled here?

JS No, maybe for graduation.

S What did you do as far as graduation goes?

JS Nothing.

S How did the kids and parents go back to Samoa, how go back?

JS I don't know that.

S Or any that didn't, besides [REDACTED]?

JS ??

S Did [REDACTED]'s parents live here?

JS Don't know.

S What __ did you arrange to have come out to graduation?

DL Transportation from the airport.

..? You're not getting what he said. He never said he arranged ____.

JS I gave family members a ride. I never arranged.

S Ever make reservations for any family members?

JS No.

S What about for parents?

JS No.

S Did you arrange for the [REDACTED] to stay at a hotel in Stockton?

JS No.

S Did you arrange for the [REDACTED], for the parents of [REDACTED] to stay in Stockton?

JS No.

S Did you ever use L&L Travel?

JS Who's that?

S ___ L&L Travel?

JS No.

S Why so many football players have come from American Samoa to Franklin High School?

DL Relative to what?

S Do you know why any have?

JS I don't know.

S Do you think that the number of American Samoa football players that have transferred from American Samoa to Franklin High School is unusually high? That ___ Franklin High School parents ___ in the Sac-Joaquin Section?

JS I don't believe usually high.

?? Where is this L&L Travel?

JS In Lodi.

?? What's it across from?

JS Pershing is one cross street.

DL I have just one question, too. There's several Samoan communities in California, right?

JS Quite a bit.

DL Yeah. And is Stockton one of the bigger ones?

JS Don't know.

DL Renee suggested, I'm just interested ___ gave some people some rides from the airport, that was this whole business during the graduation? You just gave rides for graduation.

JS Yes.

S = Scott Donald
DL = David Lyon
JS = Jeff Seumaala
??, = Unknown

[*This transcript is a good-faith effort to determine the actual words used in the interview. Due to the speech volume or dialect of the person being interviewed, the noise in the background, and several persons talking at once, this transcript contains the information that is discernable from the recording that could be supplemented as an infrequent basis by the interview notes of Chuck Smrt.]