Episode 07: Flirting Under the Influence

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HEARING MODERATOR
Okay now, Ms. Perez, we have learned that Jack, the victim was together with you and a few other friends of his before the party took place, correct?

SOFI
Yes. That is correct.

HEARING MODERATOR
You have known Jack for quite a while?

SOFI
I mean, yes, I have known him for some time. But, that is only because we have a few classes together. That is basically it.

HEARING MODERATOR
Do you have anything to say about Jack? Or anything you consider that may be valuable to our investigation on his death?

SOFI
I really can’t recall anything else other than what I have already told you.

HEARING MODERATOR
Did you notice anything odd among your friends prior to the party?

SOFI
Odd? Among my friends?
HEARING MODERATOR
Yes. Any behaviors that caught your attention?

SOFI
Not any that I can think of. I mean of course, we were all very excited about the party. Most of us had just finished taking an exam. So, everyone was pretty thrilled and excited. But unusual behaviors...

HEARING MODERATOR
Yes, were there any unusual behaviors? Especially Jack? The victim?

SOFI
Well, he kind of stood out anyways as usual. But he was always like that.

HEARING MODERATOR
I’m sorry? What about Jack?

SOFI
Well, he was always flirtatious with every girl he sees. That’s it. So, even if I saw him annoying other girls, I would consider that normal. He would not be Jack if he did not flirt with every girl meets at a party.

HEARING MODERATOR
Did Jack always act this way at parties?

SOFI
I would say yes.

HEARING MODERATOR
Did you ever see girls being bothered by his behaviors?
SOFI
Well, yes. Most of them were uncomfortable with his behaviors. But, the social circle is not that big on campus. By the end, the girls were pretty much used to it.

HEARING MODERATOR
Which girl would you say Jack had encountered the most with during the party?

SOFI
I can’t say for sure. It’s Jack. He flirts with girls whenever possible.

HEARING MODERATOR
And if I recall correctly, you stated that Jack had done this before under different circumstances with a lot of other girls.

SOFI
I wouldn’t say that Jack had done it in completely different situations. It’s just that most of the time, he chose to flirt with girls at parties. There really is no other time he can get his hands on girls.

HEARING MODERATOR
Ok, so he had done this numerous times at other parties. How did you take notice of these behaviors?

SOFI
Uh... You know, just coincidence.

HEARING MODERATOR
I’m sorry, did you say coincidence?
SOFI
Yea... yes. You know, just happen to be at the right place at the right time.

HEARING MODERATOR
Do you think you can still recall these previous occurrences clearly? Any details you can provide about these past encounters?

SOFI
Why? I mean...sure. I happened to be there for a few times when he flirted with the other girls at different parties. And he acted all the same. Nothing really worth mentioning. The most recent time I can recall was at a game night last month...

2. FLASHBACK. PARTY MUSIC, bottles CLASHING.

JACK
Yo, look at that blonde girl over at the bar.

FRIEND
Uh...yes? I see her. What?

JACK
She is fine as hell.

FRIEND
And? What is your point? You know her? From class?

JACK
No. Not really. What do you think?

FRIEND
What do I think? I think she is the ninety-ninth girl that you have been hitting on tonight. That’s a world record.
JACK
No bro. Come on. Seriously, what do you think?

FRIEND
Ok, fine. You are right.

JACK
She is fine as fuck.

FRIEND
Yea, so what? Look, you don’t even know her.

JACK
That doesn’t matter. You just gotta go talk to her and go with it.

FRIEND
Yea, right. What are you gonna say? “Hello my name is Jack. You are hot. I want to get in bed with you after the party.” Something like that?

JACK
Yes! That’s brilliant! That’s exactly what I’m gonna say.

FRIEND
Ok, I have seen you flirt before. But I never really paid attention to what you say. Is that really going to be your pick up line? Literally tell her you want to sleep with her and that’s it?

JACK
Ye... I mean...yea. Why?

FRIEND
Bro, I am saying this from a straight man’s perspective. You are lucky that girls think that you are physically attractive.
JACK
What? No, just watch.

FLASHBACK ENDS.

3. INT. DISCIPLINARY HEARING. Papers SHUFFLING, pen CLICKING.

HEARING MODERATOR
I assume Jack walked over to the girl and started his flirtatious plan?

SOFI
Yes, he did. He walked over and started chatting with that girl.

HEARING MODERATOR
How were you able to take notice of the conversation between Jack and his friend?

SOFI
There was a circular couch in the center of the party room. A lot of us were sitting in the circle because we were all worn out after the dance. I was sitting right across from them. So, I was able to hear every word in their conversation even though the dance music was loud.

HEARING MODERATOR
Please, continue with what happened after Jack walked over to flirt with the blonde girl.

SOFI
So once Jack walked over to that blonde girl, he...

4. FLASHBACK. PARTY MUSIC, bottles CLASHING.

JACK
Hey! How is it goin!
BLONDE GIRL
Hi...Hello! I am just... you know, chilling for a few minutes here. Exhausted from dancing.

JACK
Yes, that one song lasted for some time. What was it called?

BLONDE GIRL
You mean the name of that song?

JACK
Yea.

BLONDE GIRL
I am not really familiar with...

JACK
I think its called “Get Lucky.” I think. Not positive through.

BLONDE GIRL
Oh yea! It is from 2013! Now, I remember! This used to be a big hit when it first came out.

JACK
So you have heard this song before! Wow! You are the first one to recognize this song of everyone that I have talked to tonight. Quite impressive!

BLONDE GIRL
Oh thanks! I’m... I’m sorry, I’m not sure if you have already told me, but what is your name?

JACK
Oh, sorry, I am Jack. Jack Malvolio. And your name?

BLONDE GIRL
Nice meeting you, Jack. I’m Faith. Faith Thompson.
JACK
Faith Thompson. Great to meet you. So what do you study?

BLONDE GIRL
I am majoring in Health Sciences.

JACK
Oh cool! Hey I know we just met, but do you mind leaving me your number? You are really cute, maybe we can go to another bar sometime soon?

BLONDE GIRL
I... I... oh...UH... look I am really sorry. I just went... I mean I already got a boyfriend. We just started our relationship about two weeks ago. I am really...

JACK
Oh no, you are fine. I...uh...I... you know, I should have asked your status before I asked for your number... you know.

BLONDE GIRL
Oh well, you are really nice guy. I am sure you will find someone soon.

JACK
Oh yea, I will be fine. Uhhh... still it was really nice meeting you!

BLONDE GIRL
Yea same! It was great meeting you.

JACK
Alright, I’m gonna get some more drinks. UH... See you around!

BLONDE GIRL
Sure, have fun!

FLASHBACK ENDS.
5. INT. DISCIPLINARY HEARING. Papers SHUFFLING, pen CLICKING.

HEARING MODERATOR
Ok, and that was Jack’s attempt to ask out a girl at a different party? Correct?

SOFI
Yes sir.

HEARING MODERATOR
And you were present throughout and witnessed this entire interaction between Jack and the blonde girl, what was her name again?

SOFI
I believe her name was Faith. I am not positive if that is correct.

HEARING MODERATOR
Are you aware of ways that we can get a hold of her? Or does one of your friends have her contact information?

SOFI
I am not sure. I don’t think so... Yea, I don’t think any of my friends would know that girl.

HEARING MODERATOR
And what makes you think that?

SOFI
Well, I wasn’t close to Jack. But I was aware of the people he hung out with. We usually always remained in the same social circle whether we are on campus or just chilling during the weekends.

HEARING MODERATOR
Still, what makes you think that no one else would know this girl?
Because everyone basically knows each other. We all seem to hang out in a pretty tight circle. But I have never seen that girl before. So, I would assume that no one else would know her. She is just like any other girls Jack had flirted with. It was... you know... like a one-time thing.

HEARING MODERATOR
And did Jack happened to flirt with any other girls at the party?

SOFI
Yes, he... wait which party are you referring to?

HEARING MODERATOR
The party where Faith was present.

SOFI
Uh... No, that was it. She was the only one whom Jack had flirted with...if I am correct... and I am pretty sure I am.

HEARING MODERATOR
I apologize, did you say you are positive that Jack did not flirt with any other girls at the party?

SOFI
Yes, I am sure.

HEARING MODERATOR
How are you so sure of that?

SOFI
Because I was... I was... I...

HEARING MODERATOR
Yes? Why are you so sure of Jack’s behaviors and interactions with the other girls?
SOFI
No..nothing. I was...Like I said, I just happen to be there at the right place at the right time.

HEARING MODERATOR
Do you recall if Jack flirted with any other girls at any other parties?

SOFI
Yes. He did flirt with two other girls from our school at Jake’s birthday party a few weeks ago. Jake invited both Jack and I to the party.

HEARING MODERATOR
And you have witnessed Jack flirt with two other girls during the time he was at that party?

SOFI
Yes, I saw him trying to flirt with some other girls. But, I didn’t know their names.

6. FLASHBACK. Different party. PARTY MUSIC, bottles CLASHING.

JACK
Hello girls! Enjoying the loud music and the delicious drinks?

GIRL 1
Hey! How is it going?

GIRL 2
Yea, what are you up to?

JACK
What am I up to? Hmmm... Let’s see, I was sitting in the couch over there, and then I saw two attractive girls drinking dry cocktails, and now here I am, speaking to them.
GIRL 1
Ok, well we are just chilling here. There is really nothing else to do here other than to enjoy the music and wine. You know, a typical party.

GIRL 2
Yea, nothing special. In fact, kind of boring.

JACK
I think that is because you guys are not doing anything other than drinking. Come on, let’s dance...

PARTY MUSIC, bottles CLASHING

FLASHBACK ENDS.

7. INT. DISCIPLINARY HEARING. Papers SHUFFLING, pen CLICKING.

HEARING MODERATOR
You witnessed everything, from the beginning to the end?

SOFI
Yes... I did. We were all invited to the party. Jack, Roy and me.

8. FLASHBACK. PARTY MUSIC.

ROY
Hey! What you doing?

SOFI
Oh hey! I... Where did you come from?

Sofi’s STRUGGLING SOUND.

ROY
I was using the bathroom! What’s wrong?
SOFI
No... nothing! Nothing, Roy.

ROY
Come on, let’s hear it!

SOFI
UHHH.. I am just so annoyed seeing Jack bothering all those random girls at this party.

Sofi’s STRUGGLING SOUND.

ROY
Relax. Come on, let’s dance.

SOFI
No. just forget about it.

9. PARTY ENDS. DOORBELL RINGS.

ROY
Hey ready to go for lunch?

SOFI
Yea, running to the bathroom real quick.

ROY
K, I will wait in the living room.

SOFI
Sure! Will only take like 10 min!

Roy’s FOOTSTEPS toward living room.

ROY
JEEZ! Your desk is messy! What is all this junk! Wait a min... what is this?

ARRANGEMENT OF PAPERS SOUNDS.
ROY
What the hell is this? There’s like twelve girl’s names on here and Jack’s name too. Huh. Allison is on here. What could this be?

FLASHBACK ENDS.

THE END.