

## Fwd: How Snapchat Works

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From: Robert Ihrie (rihrie@ihrieobrienlaw.com)  
To: lindathom2013@yahoo.com  
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 at 10:18 AM EDT

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This is the email received from David Williams that you requested I forward to you.

Thank you

Bob

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Robert,

Because your clients are represented, I will respond to you, and I ask that your clients send all future communications through you. Because you were present at our meeting, you should know that your clients are mistaken about our conversation. I did not say that Snapchat messages were “group messages,” or that Snapchat exchanges are unreliable or inadmissible. What I said is that defendant Remington posted the story to his account, and then sent an identical response to multiple inquiries. Those identical responses to multiple inquiries undermines the evidentiary value of the one specific question that refers to “u”.

Please ask your clients to send all future communications through you.

Thanks,

David



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Good morning David,

I'm following up to the question of Snapchat reliability. Your office, Mark Keast specifically, believes Snapchat messages are "group messages," with no direct question/answer between individuals. As the email string below explains, the opposite of this, in fact, is [how Snapchat works](#). Perhaps Dave Szlezynigier has already done his own research on this question, and you are aware of this. If not, I'm glad you are now. Snapchat messages are extremely reliable and therefore admissible. The conversation between [Nick Remington and Matthew Harrington](#) is private. Nobody else sees them. The conversation between [Nick Remington and Connor Gibaratz](#) is private. Nobody else sees them when, on page 40, Gibaratz tells Remington that Remington killed Denis. He references Denis by name.

If you would like more assistance, Chris Filiatraut at Morse Law is more than happy to talk with you about how Snapchat works (contact information in his signature below). We look forward to hearing from you directly or through Robert Ihrie.

Sincerely,

Jamie Thom

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From: **Christopher Filiatraut** <[christopher.Filiatraut@855mikewins.com](mailto:christopher.Filiatraut@855mikewins.com)>  
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Also, if you go through the Snapchat production from the dates provided in the police report and investigation, the snapchat responses are broken down by individual people as well. So you do know who sent what, when it was sent and also who and when it was responded to. They are not in group format only, although those are provided as well. There are individual responses noted, for example, from Nick to Connor individually, but also they are shown in the full context of all messages and responses, so its actually pretty repetitive and its simple to see who messages who, when and the response. It's really not that difficult. Just my thoughts.


Chris


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Good morning Bob,

As I believe you know, we've been unsuccessful in getting any kind of sensible answer regarding why Marc Keast believes the Snapchat evidence is inadmissible. He keeps saying, and Williams parroted it in our meeting last week, that it's a "group message" so it's not possible to know to whom an answer is directed. Therefore, it would not "make it to a jury." I can't emphasize enough how wrong this is.

Similar to the geolocation information, it doesn't take many mouse clicks to [search and understand how Snapchat works](#). When someone (Remington) posts a Story to Snapchat, it goes out to anyone who follows his Snapchat account. However, comments/messages on the Story, which are referred to as "Chats" by Snapchat, are only received and seen by the creator (Remington). That first Chat starts a unique, one to one communication between the user and the Story creator. When one takes the time to review [the transcript pages Linda organized](#), this truth becomes manifest. Notably, Beth Hand had a Snapchat employee on her [pre-trial witness list](#) to explain this very thing.

I'm happy to send this email to Dave Szlezynghier and David Williams, but if you think it best for you to reach out and share this with them yourself, I understand. We are also available for a Zoom meeting with you, David and Dave to discuss further if they still don't understand. Please call or write to discuss the best path forward. Again and always, thank you for your commitment to justice.

Sincerely,

Jamie Thom

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