



# Accuser tells of love affair with officer

## Threat with pistol recounted in AF sodomy-assault case

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An intense two-year lesbian relationship with an Air Force major went sour and ended when her lover pulled a handgun on her, a woman testified Wednesday.

"I was her wife, essentially," Pamela Dillard told a seven-officer court-martial panel at Lackland AFB.

She once wrote in her diary that Maj. Debra Meeks was a "slob" at home like the character Oscar Madison in "The Odd Couple," the panel was told.

"I don't think Felix Unger or Oscar Madison ever had sex," civilian defense attorney Michael Tigar pointed out in his opening argument before he launched into a detailed cross-examination of Dillard.

Meeks, 41, is charged with sodomy and conduct unbecoming an officer for reputedly threatening Dillard with a gun.

Defense attorneys deny the charges and claim Dillard decided to ruin Meeks' career after she was unable to get money or support from the officer.

They maintain two people living in the same house is not evidence of a homosexual relationship.

"I think it's going well," Meeks told reporters Wednesday.

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Maj. Debra Meeks (left) leaves a Lackland AFB courtroom Wednesday with her lawyers, Michael Tigar and

Maj. Dawn Eflein, after a court-martial heard testimony from a woman accusing Meeks of assault and sodomy.

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nesday during a break in testimony.

Dillard described, in sometimes-graphic detail, a relationship she said lasted from 1992 until 1994.

Dillard, who now lives in Virginia, testified she met Meeks at a lesbian disco in that state in late 1991 when the officer was stationed at a nearby base.

She said an affair blossomed, and Meeks once even proposed to her. When Meeks was transferred to Lackland, the pair kept up a long-distance relationship through letters and sex-filled visits, Dillard testified.

She eventually moved to San Antonio and into Meeks' house, but the affair began to fade by February 1994, Dillard testified.

"She wanted me out of the house and was yelling at me a lot," she said. "I wanted to leave, but I couldn't afford it."

Dillard said she contacted a lawyer about her rights to stay in the house and that prompted the reputed handgun episode Sept. 26, 1994, by Meeks.

"She raised the gun up to me," Dillard said. "She said, 'If you talk to any more lawyers, police or anyone else, I will have someone seek you out and kill you.'"

Tigar, armed with a copy of Dil-

lard's diary, which she earlier had provided to investigators, pointed out that Dillard had once compared Meeks to Ivan the Terrible.

Dillard acknowledged another entry stating that the lawyer she was contacting over the house "probably thinks my case is frivolous, but it's worth it to scare Debbie."

Dillard also said that about one week before the reported handgun episode, she had written in her diary: "I've never been madder in my life, and I can now understand how murder occurs."

But Dillard maintained she used the diary to purge her "negative emotions" and never really planned to file a lawsuit.

She also acknowledged under questioning by Tigar that, while watching the funeral of Jackie Onassis on television, she had also written in her diary: "I don't want to always have to support myself."

Jonie Isner, a longtime friend of Dillard's, also testified that her friend was "on the point of hysteria" when she called her to tell her about the handgun episode.

Isner added that she also attended a party in Virginia in 1992 in which Meeks "proposed marriage to Pam Dillard in the living room."