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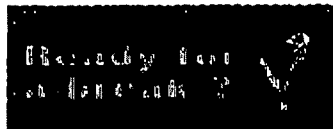
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By RICK BRAGG

GAINESVILLE, Fla. -- John Martin said he and his wife, Alice, were on their way to Jacksonville, Fla., to do some Christmas shopping on Dec. 21 when they picked up a "part of history" on their hand-held police scanner.

What they heard was Speaker Newt Gingrich, discussing with other high-ranking House Republicans how to react to ethics committee charges against him, the same day that the powerful Georgia representative had promised not to use his office and allies to orchestrate a response to those charges.

When they recognized who was speaking on the cellular telephone transmission they had happened upon, "I was so excited to think I had actually heard a real politician's voice," said Mrs. Martin, standing shoulder to shoulder with her husband at a news conference here on Monday about the tape, which has led to acrimonious charges by Republicans.

"We were thrilled," she said.

The middle-aged couple -- he is a maintenance man at a school and she is a teacher's aide -- are active in both the National Education Association and the Democratic Party in their home county in northern Florida, so they have a keen interest in politics. Martin said they used a small tape recorder to record the conversation, planning to play back the voice of the famous politician someday for their unborn grandson, Matthew, who is due in three weeks.

But as they listened, they changed their mind. They took the tape to their representative, Karen Thurman, a Democrat, and later, on her advice, took the tape to the senior Democrat on the House ethics committee, Rep. Jim McDermott. They said they did not give the tape to the press but that politicians did.

"They did what good citizens ought to do, which was contact their congressperson," said the couple's lawyer, Larry Turner. "These folks are Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Citizen and did what we want citizens to do."

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He said partisan politics did not play a role in their decision to come forward.

The New York Times reported last Friday that a couple in Florida unsympathetic to Gingrich had provided a tape of the telephone call from a police scanner that happened to pick up a cellular telephone transmission. The article also reported that a Democratic congressman had made a copy of the tape available to the newspaper.

It all seems unlikely that this unassuming couple from northern Florida, who just happen to be politically active Democrats, would eavesdrop on a high-level, questionably appropriate Republican conversation, and tell about it.

But that is exactly what happened, Turner said.

"I feel we did the right thing," Martin said. He compared the situation to a scenario in which he overheard the president or some other high-ranking official discussing an issue of national security with a foreign enemy. It was his "civic duty" to tell, he said.

The couple could face prosecution -- and indeed some Washington Republicans are insisting on it -- although Turner said no charges have been filed so far. It is a violation of state and federal law to eavesdrop on a cellular or hard-wired telephone conversation intentionally.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin said they never believed that it would lead to this, when they recognized that voice. (Their lawyer would not permit them to use the speaker's name in the news conference.)

They first took the tape to Thurman at her Florida office. She listened to it, said Turner, then referred the Martins to McDermott.

They were in Washington last week to attend a reception for incoming House freshmen, the kind of thing that people active in national politics at the local level are invited to, often as a reward.

Mrs. Martin said she and her husband took the tape straight to the committee room of the House ethics committee and hand-delivered it to McDermott.

"He took the envelope in his hand and said he would listen to it," she said.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin are both active in the education workers union in Florida, and through that, the Democratic Party. He once served as treasurer of the Columbia County Democratic Executive Committee. She was once its secretary. They are not wealthy, not what most people would think of when the words "politically active" are applied.

It is almost a hobby with them. They eat meals with political programs playing on the television in the background. He said their two children used to kid them about it.

Another hobby is their scanner. They pick up all kinds of transmissions, and bought a newer, more powerful unit over Christmas.

"To the horizon," he answered, when asked its range.

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