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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: 2nd Ex-Gf of Platner Says He Knew Tattoo Meaning]

AINSLEY EARHARDT: Well, Brian, Lawrence, another shoe-drops for Graham Platner, the guy who's running for Senate up in Maine. Another girlfriend, this time speaking to the *New York Post*, saying that he did know about that Nazi tattoo. She tells the *Post*: "As a person who was a leftist" – they met on Tinder, and she said they met because they had the same politics – "I immediately looked at him and asked him, 'is that a Totenkopf?' And he told me a whole 'he will hold this weight forever' bravado sob story about how it was, but he decided to keep it as a reminder that the United States was the evil, bad guy overseas."

LAWRENCE JONES: So, this is another second person that we know that it's gone on record that talked about this tattoo. And he knows about the tattoo. Remember the story that he continues to say is that he did it to honor his service, and he didn't know what the tattoo represented. That's a lie. I also think we got to investigate him because, apparently, his entire unit did war crimes. So, I'm interested about that. He also said that the United States is bad and evil as well. So, Brian, I – look, the senators that are supporting him asked him about a week ago, was there anything else? This is something else.

BRIAN KILMEADE: No kidding. This is the most predictable outcome of Platner's candidacy in the history of politics. You really think that everything stopped at the water's edge and *The New York Times* was the only revelation that was going to come forward? And I go back to this is the second time a second woman said he knew exactly what the tattoo meant. And he says, well, don't – 'for the last time, I got it in Croatia. We didn't know that it had Nazi linkages.' Of course you did.

JONES: Right.

KILMEADE: We all know you did. But the bottom line is the people of Maine flooded money. Every time a controversy pops up, they give him more money. Somebody's giving him more money. And Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders stood by him. And no one evidently did a background check, had access to Google. Because all this stuff was out there with just a little bit due diligence. And I'm going to add something else to this. Platner not only has all these pod problems in his past. I mean, what he believes is dramatically different –

JONES: Right.

KILMEADE: – what Susan Collins believes.

EARHARDT: Mmhmm.

KILMEADE: Susan Collins is pretty much an independent or center right, and he is extremely left. This is – in one way, this stuff is kind of helping us not focus on the fact that AOC is running for office in Maine. That's who's running. That's what he believes. That's a mini-Mamdani running to be the senator for Maine. And while we talk about the fact that he can't tuck in his shirt, and is a fake oyster farmer, and the fact that his background check is riddled with inaccuracies, we'd stay away from what he believes, which I think is more damaging. And I'll add to the last thing is, as this stuff comes out, he says his whole unit –

JONES: Yes.

KILMEADE: – got these tattoos. We got – who else is in his unit?

JONES: Yes.

KILMEADE: And, if you got 'em, I know they're probably not going to brag about it, but maybe you want to come out and just call this guy the liar that he is –

EARHARDT: Right.

KILMEADE: – because that would stop it. You – they're trying to diminish the women – okay – which I thought –

JONES: No, but he said – but Brian –

KILMEADE: – was the third rail.

JONES: – he says that they did – they said that – he – he said that his whole unit did some really evil things. That – that is what it is alleged to the girlfriend, which is a war crime – which is a war crime, so –

KILMEADE: Yep.

LAWRENCE: – they got to track –

KILMEADE: That's trouble too.

JONES: – these people down.