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Participants:

MH: Detective Matt Heslam
KM: Khairullozhon Matanov
AM: Ann Munson (Associate of Matanov)

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MH: Crazy set of events, huh?

KM: I can't believe it, I can't believe that happened with them, like they-they were nice people, like the way they talk.

MH: Yeah, um, yeah everybody is kind of in shock, everything that's going on the radio and everything else, so. Do you guys mind if I record it? Just so I don't miss anything and...

KM: Yeah, you can record it.

MH: Okay, awesome, I'm Matt Heslam, a detective with Braintree, so obviously, you guys came here to share information whatever you have with us, so we appreciate that, and uh, just fire away whatever, whatever you guys have, I mean

KM: [Overlapping] Um, I know...

MH: We'll probably pass it on to the feds and they'll take it from there I guess.

KM: So my name is Khairullozhon Matanov

MH: Sure. Do you want to write it down for me? What's your nationality?

KM: I am Uzbek.

MH: Okay

KM-D1-0000007

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KM: So, and I know this guy uh Tamerlan Tsarnaev. Tamerlan Tsarnaev.

MH: Yeah, he's the older brother right?

KM: Yeah

MH: Okay

KM: The, the thing's, uh, two years, I think, I met him in the mosque, Cambridge mosque just to praying, I pray, and just like, you know. (phone rings) Do you mind if I just answer this?

MH: No. . . go right ahead. Do what you need to do.

KM: (Matanov speaks in foreign language. He later identifies caller as his mother.)

MH: Can you do me a favor? Can you just open up your purse for me real quick?

AM: Sure. What would you like in there?

MH: No go right ahead, I don't want to pry into your stuff.

AM: Its fine, there's nothing. Bless your heart, my, uh father was a policeman. And I, uh, and, I came in to verify that I know him and, you know, he's been a very very (UI)...I have to call him Mike 'cause I can't pronounce his name.

MH: Did you have any dealings with the brothers?

AM: No.

MH: Just him.

AM: No, no, I just know him (UI).

KM: Sorry

MH: No, no, don't be sorry.

KM: My mom, is like, she is like worried that um... So I know him since that time and we, we used to play sometimes soccer.

MH: Okay

KM: Like, and, I have their, like you know, the the phone number and they call sometimes, like they come to the, we come actually we go to the Wellsley, there's a field and we just play like anywhere, and like where we find like empty, like the soccer field, ya know, like we play like every-everywhere.

MH: Okay

KM: So then like I heard today in the morning that like it was him and actually, I didn't see that it was theirs- the photos last night, I didn't see them and then like they said like he got shot and he's dead and like I can't imagine that he did it, that kind of stuff and if anything, I can help, like to do, like I, I am open to that.

MH: Okay

KM: But only thing I know that I used to call them and just like for the soccer reason, like you guys, you guys gonna, you guys gonna come to the, like play with us today? (UI) We spoke in Russian language that's all.

MH: Okay. Do you have his um phone number? The older or the younger brother?

KM: Yes

AM: And you called the younger brother this morning, as well? Because-

KM: Yes, yes it says it was blocked or something happened with it.

MH: Did it go straight to his voicemail?

AM: No.

KM: No, there is no voicemail. It said like blocked, something kind of. Do you want me to get the phone number?

MH: Yeah, whose is this? The younger brother's?

KM: Um, one second - older, older one uh, 857-928-4685. 7-928-4634.

MH: And that's the older brother's?

KM: Yeah

MH: Okay

AM: Is that the one you called this morning?

KM: No, younger's the one I called today. Younger brother's number is not working anyways. 857-247-5112

MH: Okay, um, anything happen in their lives in the last year or so that, you know, you saw a change?

KM: [Overlapping] No, they were like so, so nice people. Like, I don't know, like uh, that's the only thing I know, like, they, we talked about football that's all about it, they like you know, I don't know they shared about family life, what's going on, like, he told me about his life, he was a boxer, he, he won like the like championship in the New England a couple of times I think.

MH: Older brother again?

KM: Yeah

MH: Okay

KM: And like uh the only thing I know about the younger is he, he used to study, uh somewhere. That's why I don't see him too many time, ya know, couple times I just saw him and like I took his phone number if you just want to play if you're around soccer that's only like I know. I don't know what I can say else.

MH: No I mean unless you know something that happened personally, personally in their lives that would make them kind of go downhill and, and do something like this maybe something happened to their Mother or their Father or family member or anything?

KM: Their, their father and mother were also nice people they I think they left this country.

MH: Okay, have you ever met them?

KM: Yeah

MH: Yeah

KM: I met the uh his father.

MH: And they left and went back to Russia or?

KM: I don't know, Russia or Kyrgyzstan or somewhere like there.

MH: Okay, did they, do you know if they left willingly or if um the government had anything to do with it or...?

KM: No, I think they like just wanted to like go there, see their relatives there, down there.

MH: Um, alright, do you know if um the younger brother has a girlfriend or anything or somewhere?

KM: No as I told like, I don't know the younger brother too much.

MH: Okay

KM: But, I know that the older brother has a wife and a very sweetheart daughter. And I don't think they live together, but I, I'm not sure where they live right now.

MH: Okay, um, all right, anything else?

KM: Uh, that's only I know, you know, like I was just like you know like if someone sees me, like anyways, like like and I have a call them so they will like definitely probably they will say like, hey you call them, what you, like, what you doing like this and that questions.

MH: Have you sought out the FBI yet? To talk to them?

KM: No we did not go there.

AM: We just talked about this, this morning, because I was riding in, I usually go in to the T and then um of course Braintree was all blocked off, so we thought we'd go to Quincy. We went to Quincy and that's when they said oh you know no one's getting in on the T at all, and I said my boss demands I'm in work and, which we did. He drove me to work and..[UI]

KM: I didn't know until I pick her up and then like we came to Braintree, that was blocked, and I said like what's going on. And we went to the the Quincy Adams. There was a couple guys they said, like, they were from Chechnya, and I got like wow from Chechnya, I know people from Chechnya.

MH: Okay

KM: Then like then, we start listening to the radio, radio say like the name was correct, it their names.

MH: Uh hum

KM: Um I, I didn't see any bad things from them. They were always nice people to me, like, you know like, and they didn't complain to me that they have an issue with something, ya know.

MH: Okay, yeah, seems to be what everybody's saying, so I mean, you know, they've interviewed other friends of his and the younger brother and they said they didn't see any red flags, um, they don't know what happened, they said his father left about a year ago and went back to you know to Russia or so...

KM: Yeah

MH: Maybe it had something to do with that, I mean, nobody really knows at this point until they find him so...

AM: Uh hum

MH: Um, is there any way the older brother has ever told you anywhere he wanted to go, any, anything like that?

KM: He wanted to go to?

MH: Um, like, if you ever talked to him and he said, hey I've always wanted to go to this place or you know...

KM: No, he, he, he went like, I think like, to the, to see his like friends probably.

MH: Okay

KM: But I don't know like, he was planning to go somewhere abroad or in America.

MH: Is there, is there any specific religious place that uh the older brother or the younger brother went together or somewhere

where they shared a memory perhaps with like a lost relative or anything else, anywhere they would go in a time that, ya know.

KM: The only thing I know them, like, just you know the mosque, ya know, every Friday we, we as a Muslim, today's a Friday we go like, at like, at noontime to pray, over there I met the person, like, ya know, he looks like a little bit like my, my region of like people, ya know, and we start talking where I come from, this and that. That was two years ago.

MH: Uh hum

KM: And he, he, he like we, like, exchanged the contacts, like this and that. We, we went to play soccer and like even like he showed me like how to box a little bit, you know, like, if you want to become the boxer, I, I, can take you, like you, I know some coach that can train, like, train you to the boxing. And, there was, like, event we went together to the box, last year or this year, I don't remember a lot. He took me there was a something gold something happening. And he went there and he said like, everybody knows me here because, I, I became champion, so I'm [UI]

MH: [Overlapping] Golden Gloves? Is that right?

KM: Yeah, I think, ya know, in Lowell somewhere.

MH: Okay

KM: Yeah so he, that's all that I know, that's like, you know.

AM: Was that a gym that you went to, where it training in Lowell maybe?

KM: No, that's like, place...

AM: [Overlapping] Like a championship?

KM: You know, the like big, a lot of people in it, like you know like they were watching and he shows, he show he's (UI), he said like I, I, I, I, fight with them a couple times, and I won that.

MH: So this mosque in Cambridge, um, do you have an address of it or what street it's on, or a um?

KM: It's just a regular mosque, like.

MH: How many mosques are there in Cambridge?

KM: Just one

MH: Just one?

KM: As, as I know, like, like where I went.

MH: Okay. Can you just describe it for me just in case there's more than one?

KM: As, anyone else is, I'm not sure there was, they were talking there is like another mosque in Somerville or Cambridge

MH: Uh hum

KM: So I'm not sure which, which that belongs. I have never been.

MH: Does he go every Friday at noon?

KM: Uh he used to go but when I worked in Somerville, I used to just take a train to the Somerville, from Somerville and like you know like go to the to to the mosque and I saw them there but I didn't like participate with him in the mosque since like 2011, I think, like, since I start driving taxi, so I don't know.

MH: Do you, what's uh, can I grab your phone number before we depart here?

KM: 857

MH: uh hum

KM: 266 1103

MH: And what's your current address?

KM: Uh 223

MH: Uh hum

KM: Common Street

MH: Uh hum

KM: In Quincy, Apartment first, like apartment first in Quincy.

MH: Apartment number 1 in Quincy, 021...

KM: 69

MH: 69, ok.

KM: And should I contact the FBI?

MH: I uh...

KM: I don't think it's like really big as I know, like, as my, like, information because like, I've studied the law, that's not gonna have anything cause I just saw him, like, ya know.

MH: It's what?

KM: I, I, have studied the law, I am a law, like, I didn't really graduate, but I almost am done there back home.

MH: Okay

KM: As I know, it's not gonna give anything, like, but at least...

MH: Yeah, I mean, they're looking for any information, it, it might be redundant, they might already have these phone numbers, um, I imagine that they do

KM: They know everything probably.

MH: But they might not know the boxing aspect of it, um, they, they might, they might not know who knows, I mean or they might want to ask you different questions that I'm not thinking of that you know, they're obviously taking over this investigation, they probably know a lot more than I do, they probably know what questions they want to ask and so I mean I can get a field agent, I can make contact and I can probably have someone here relatively soon if you'd like to speak with someone from the FBI, they might have more questions than I have and it might, it might help their case, I, I don't know

KM: If, if like, it helps, like, yeah, I can do it, but I gotta go like uh before like 12:30 because I have to go to the prayer.

MH: Okay let me um let me make a couple phone calls and I can see what I can do

KM: Yeah

MH: Ok, I'll be right back. I'll shut this, that way no one walks in on you

AM: Alright, thank you. You feel better?

KM: I feel better already.

AM: Yeah, no, he's he's a nice guy I, I, know someone who works with him and uh I think you're smart to do this, this way that's good and you know it's only because you want to try to help, and that's good

KM: Yeah

AM: Yeah, so you're fine.

KM: Hopefully

AM: No, definitely I think you're okay. Where is the 857 phone number from?

KM: I think this is like from Boston

AM: Is it?

KM: Yeah, I'm not sure, like, this is like, I when I took the phone, that was 2 years ago probably, and since that I haven't..

AM: [Overlapping] Uh hum

KM: I, I wasn't like really into, stuff like that, kind of, phone numbers, I just have the, the Cape Cod one.

AM: Yup. 508 yeah

KM: 508

AM: Yeah, I have one somebody..

MH: I'm gonna have you guys sit in the lobby, I'm just gonna make a couple calls, ok?

AM: Okay, sure.

MH: If you want to come back out with me.

(All exit the interview room. The following conversations are overheard while they are walking to the lobby.)

KM: What'd they say?

MH: I, I gotta call the FBI right now.

AM: (UI)

MH: Yeah, see what they want to do. Did you go to school with him?

KM: No

MH: No? What school did you go to?

KM: (UI)

