

INTERVIEW OF MICHAEL RANDALL

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1 **DET. FITZGERALD:** One sec.

2 **MR. RANDALL:** Yup, take your time. I'm all right.
3 Don't rush.

4 (OFFICERS ENTER ROOM)

5 **DET. FITZGERALD:** All right Mike.

6 **MR. RANDALL:** How're you doing guys?

7 **DET. FITZGERALD:** Good morning. My name's Detective
8 Fitzgerald and this is State Trooper Gagne.

9 **TPR. GAGNE:** Joel Gagne, Trooper with the State
10 Police.

11 **DET. FITZGERALD:** Michael, how do you spell your
12 last name?

13 **MR. RANDALL:** R-A-N-D-A-L-L.

14 **DET. FITZGERALD:** Okay. Your date of birth?

15 **MR. RANDALL:** ██████████ 1950. ██████████.

16 **DET. FITZGERALD:** How about your address, Sir?

17 **MR. RANDALL:** ████████████████████, Melrose, Mass.
18 And I got my license, if you need to see it?

19 **DET. FITZGERALD:** No, no, no. That's okay.

20 **MR. RANDALL:** Okay.

21 **DET. FITZGERALD:** How about a good phone number from
22 you?

23 **MR. RANDALL:** Sure. ██████████

24 **DET. FITZGERALD:** Yup.

1 **MR. RANDALL:** █

2 **DET. FITZGERALD:** Yup.

3 **MR. RANDALL:** █ It's only one I have. I just
4 have- this is the only one I have.

5 **DET. FITZGERALD:** Oh nice, the old school ones.

6 **TPR. GAGNE:** Old school.

7 **MR. RANDALL:** I'm dense. Yeah. You know. I'm not up
8 to - you know?

9 **DET. FITZGERALD:** That's alright.

10 **MR. RANDALL:** So, I'm lucky I know how to do this.

11 **DET. FITZGERALD:** I hear you.

12 **MR. RANDALL:** Unfortunately - but -

13 **TPR. GAGNE:** Michael, just kind of to recap
14 everything again -

15 **MR. RANDALL:** Oh, I see.

16 **TPR. GAGNE:** You're aware the room is recorded -

17 **MR. RANDALL:** Yeah, yup.

18 **TPR. GAGNE:** And everything. We just kind of want to
19 touch base with your afternoon and how things transpired and
20 what you saw or heard, or -

21 **MR. RANDALL:** Okay.

22 **TPR. GAGNE:** You know?

23 **MR. RANDALL:** Well, I was working and I guess four or
24 five cops pulled in the apartment and they were knocking at the

1 door, they were trying to get in there and I guess Anthony - I
2 mean Al - wouldn't let them in, and his brother Anthony was
3 saying "Al they just want to talk to you. They just want to talk
4 to you".

5 **TPR. GAGNE:** Was he talking to - so let me back up-
6 and go really before that. Prior to the police officers all
7 showing up -

8 **MR. RANDALL:** Okay.

9 **TPR. GAGNE:** Did you have any interaction with
10 Anthony or Alan?

11 **MR. RANDALL:** I didn't have any interaction with - oh
12 yeah, with Anthony, well I work with Anthony. So, we're all
13 together, me, Marcos, Joe. We all work together.

14 **TPR. GAGNE:** Mhm.

15 **MR. RANDALL:** But yeah, the whole day I had
16 interactions with him I was talking with him he was talking to
17 me -

18 **TPR. GAGNE:** Alright, with Anthony?

19 **MR. RANDALL:** Yes sir.

20 **TPR. GAGNE:** How about Alan?

21 **MR. RANDALL:** I didn't see Alan.

22 **TPR. GAGNE:** You didn't see Alan at all?

23 **MR. RANDALL:** I didn't see Alan at all. Because Joe
24 told me - now, I don't know if it's important to you or not,

1 maybe it is - but Joe told me that, Al opened the door - it's
2 another door that goes into the gas station, and he said he had
3 a stick in his hand and Joe was telling me this and I was
4 outside. But now that I think of it I did hear Anthony's voice
5 just for a couple words say I was outside Al, my boss was inside
6 and Joe said he had a stick like this and he said something like
7 "They're not gonna take me! They're not gonna take me!"

8 **TPR. GAGNE:** Joe told you this?

9 **MR. RANDALL:** Joe told me this.

10 **TPR. GAGNE:** Is this before anything else happened?

11 **MR. RANDALL:** Ah -

12 **TPR. GAGNE:** Or after?

13 **MR. RANDALL:** This is while when it's happening. When
14 he wouldn't let them -

15 **TPR. GAGNE:** Okay. So he's telling you -

16 **MR. RANDALL:** In the apartment -

17 **TPR. GAGNE:** This, when the police are there?

18 **MR. RANDALL:** Yes, yes, yes.

19 **TPR. GAGNE:** And he tells you this, but nothing else
20 has happened yet?

21 **MR. RANDALL:** No, nothing else has happened.

22 **TPR. GAGNE:** Okay.

23 **MR. RANDALL:** No, no, no.

1 **TPR. GAGNE:** Okay. And that door is a door way that
2 goes into the gas station?

3 **MR. RANDALL:** No, that door goes right into the, into
4 the apartment.

5 **TPR. GAGNE:** Okay, so like, like, in between the two
6 apartments or something?

7 **MR. RANDALL:** Yeah. Yes. How can I explain it to you?
8 If you -

9 **DET. FITZGERALD:** So the main door, the office door
10 right -

11 **MR. RANDALL:** Okay, so if this is the main door -

12 **DET. FITZGERALD:** Yup.

13 **MR. RANDALL:** Okay, all right, thank you -

14 **DET. FITZGERALD:** Yup.

15 **MR. RANDALL:** And you take a right

16 **DET. FITZGERALD:** Yup.

17 **MR. RANDALL:** That goes right into Al's apartment.

18 **DET. FITZGERALD:** Okay, gotcha.

19 **TPR. GAGNE:** Okay, all right.

20 **DET. FITZGERALD:** Yup.

21 **TPR. GAGNE:** Yup.

22 **DET. FITZGERALD:** So that's the door that Joe saw
23 him holding the stick?

24 **MR. RANDALL:** Well he come out of that door -

1 **DET. FITZGERALD:** Yup.

2 **MR. RANDALL:** You know? And he says something to Joe
3 and Joe got scared you know? To tell you the truth, you know,
4 so? "They're not gonna take" I forget what Joe - "They're not
5 gonna take me!" Or something, you know?

6 **TPR. GAGNE:** Mhm.

7 **DET. FITZGERALD:** Waving the - waving the stick?

8 **MR. RANDALL:** Yeah, and Joe says to me you know
9 something, he says "That's a weapon", he says "The policeman can
10 shoot him". I said "I know".

11 **TPR. GAGNE:** Oh, that happened all before the
12 shooting? This conversation?

13 **MR. RANDALL:** No, yeah, yeah. Yeah, with Joe -

14 **TPR. GAGNE:** Okay.

15 **MR. RANDALL:** That was before, yeah, yeah, yeah.

16 **TPR. GAGNE:** Now when you started to say that
17 Anthony was talking to him tonight "We just want to talk to
18 you"-

19 **MR. RANDALL:** Yeah. He was talking out the -

20 **TPR. GAGNE:** He was talking, he was talking out the
21 window but did you ever see Alan?

22 **MR. RANDALL:** Did I ever see Alan?

23 **TPR. GAGNE:** Right.

24 **MR. RANDALL:** Not at all.

1 **TPR. GAGNE:** No.

2 **MR. RANDALL:** No.

3 **TPR. GAGNE:** So you -

4 **MR. RANDALL:** I heard the voices. But I knew that was
5 his voice because I heard him talking to Joe. But only must've
6 been maybe about two or three seconds because I was going go in
7 and I said "Oh, no I don't want to go in there if" -Alan's you
8 know?

9 **TPR. GAGNE:** Mhm.

10 **MR. RANDALL:** Cause he's a little bit, you know?

11 **DET. FITZGERALD:** Yeah.

12 **MR. RANDALL:** And then I walked in a few seconds
13 later and then that's when Joe said to me "Yeah, he had a stick
14 in his hand", you know and he said "They're not gonna take me!
15 They're not gonna take me!" or something like that.

16 **DET. FITZGERALD:** Yeah.

17 **MR. RANDALL:** I don't remember the words but Joe will
18 remember the words, I'm sure.

19 **TPR. GAGNE:** You said Al is a little - describe what
20 do you mean by that?

21 **MR. RANDALL:** He's got mental disabilities.

22 **TPR. GAGNE:** Okay. Have you had problems with him in
23 the past?

1 **MR. RANDALL:** Have I - I'm trying to think, oh boy -
2 no, I always get along with him.

3 **TPR. GAGNE:** You get along with him?

4 **MR. RANDALL:** I get along with him.

5 **TPR. GAGNE:** Do you ever see him acting - you know,
6 any kind of odd behaviors or anything? Or is this -

7 **MR. RANDALL:** Yes.

8 **TPR. GAGNE:** Okay. So -

9 **MR. RANDALL:** Yes.

10 **TPR. GAGNE:** That's what you're referring to. Give
11 me an example.

12 **MR. RANDALL:** Well, you know, he's on drugs, you
13 know, when he went to this place to get cleaned out.

14 **TPR. GAGNE:** Mhm. Rehab. Alright, what kinds of
15 drugs does he use?

16 **MR. RANDALL:** Oh, I don't know, I know he used to
17 tell me he used to take Vicodins and other kinds of stuff.

18 **TPR. GAGNE:** He told you that?

19 **MR. RANDALL:** Himself. Yup.

20 **DET. FITZGERALD:** Painkillers?

21 **MR. RANDALL:** Painkillers.

22 **TPR. GAGNE:** So, opiates?

23 **MR. RANDALL:** Yeah, yeah.

1 **TPR. GAGNE:** And he went to rehab. How long ago was
2 that?

3 **MR. RANDALL:** Just about - he's only been home about
4 a couple months.

5 **TPR. GAGNE:** Oh, so recently?

6 **MR. RANDALL:** Just two months, yeah, recently. Yeah.
7 Yeah.

8 **TPR. GAGNE:** You ever see him when you think he's
9 under the influence, or?

10 **MR. RANDALL:** It's funny because he never comes out
11 of the house. Very rarely comes out of the house. He always
12 stays in and doesn't come out, and if he does come out it's only
13 for a couple of minutes and he goes back, and stays in the house
14 I guess.

15 **DET. FITZGERALD:** Okay.

16 **MR. RANDALL:** He never comes out. Never comes out.

17 **TPR. GAGNE:** So after he's - Anthony's trying to get
18 his attention and he's not, what else do you see going on at
19 this point?

20 **MR. RANDALL:** Oh, I just see the policemen out there,
21 you know, doing their job, and Anthony he said "They just wanna
22 talk to ya, Al. They just want to talk to ya". He had his phone
23 and he was telling him on the phone and, you know, the policemen
24 were, you know, knocking.

1 **TPR. GAGNE:** Knocking, sure.

2 **MR. RANDALL:** Yeah, but I didn't - I didn't see him
3 though.

4 **TPR. GAGNE:** You didn't see come out at all?

5 **MR. RANDALL:** I didn't see him come out at all, no.

6 **TPR. GAGNE:** And how about the shooting? Did you see
7 anything, any of that going on?

8 **MR. RANDALL:** I didn't see nothing at all. But I
9 wasn't far from it. I just heard two pops.

10 **TPR. GAGNE:** Did you hear anything before or after
11 the pops?

12 **MR. RANDALL:** Before or after - I didn't hear
13 anything before because I was standing outside.

14 **TPR. GAGNE:** Whereabouts?

15 **MR. RANDALL:** Right exactly when you walk in the main
16 door -

17 **TPR. GAGNE:** So kind of a ways from the - if you're
18 looking at the pumps -

19 **MR. RANDALL:** Oh, oh - you know, oh, okay, the front
20 door -

21 **TPR. GAGNE:** Yup.

22 **MR. RANDALL:** If you come out the front door and you
23 take a right, you know what it is - the garbage disposal is -
24 it's about maybe - about forty feet. I wasn't far.

1 **TPR. GAGNE:** Yeah. Right, right. But there's kind
2 of- there's cars and stuff over there?

3 **MR. RANDALL:** There's all cars and yeah, yeah, yeah -

4 **TPR. GAGNE:** So you didn't see anything happen?

5 **MR. RANDALL:** No.

6 **TPR. GAGNE:** And you just heard the two pops?

7 **MR. RANDALL:** I just heard two pops. But I'll be
8 honest with you, I thought it was a car firing. Cause I never
9 heard shots in my life, like if I was -

10 **TPR. GAGNE:** Sure.

11 **MR. RANDALL:** Outside in person -

12 **TPR. GAGNE:** Yeah.

13 **MR. RANDALL:** So, that's why I thought it was a car
14 back firing and that's when Anthony, he ran over there and he
15 said that, "They shot my brother! They shot my brother!" he
16 said. He said that, "They shot him point blank!" He said "He was
17 in the car". He was telling all of us. "He was in the car. And
18 then the police officer pulled him out", he said "And he shot
19 him point blank twice" he said - he said "His body was all
20 blood. There was blood - blood on the ground". And then he
21 started swearing at the cops -

22 **TPR. GAGNE:** Did he see the shooting? Or is he just
23 speculating? Or what was - was he with you when the shooting
24 happened?

1 **MR. RANDALL:** No, no, no.

2 **TPR. GAGNE:** Okay.

3 **MR. RANDALL:** He wasn't with me. He was - over near -
4 over near the - over near the apartment.

5 **TPR. GAGNE:** So he was not near the shooting?

6 **MR. RANDALL:** No, so he doesn't -

7 **TPR. GAGNE:** So he didn't see the shooting?

8 **MR. RANDALL:** No, no, no, no.

9 **DET. FITZGERALD:** He was outside though?

10 **MR. RANDALL:** But he was outside -

11 **TPR. GAGNE:** Okay.

12 **MR. RANDALL:** And he heard the shooting and he ran
13 over there.

14 **TPR. GAGNE:** Alright.

15 **MR. RANDALL:** But there's no way -

16 **TPR. GAGNE:** He didn't see it.

17 **MR. RANDALL:** Yeah. He didn't -

18 **TPR. GAGNE:** Okay. Alright.

19 **MR. RANDALL:** No -

20 **TPR. GAGNE:** So when he said "They shot him point
21 blank" it's - he's speculating.

22 **MR. RANDALL:** He's just speculating. Yeah, oh yeah -

23 **TPR. GAGNE:** Alright. I just want to make sure -

1 **MR. RANDALL:** Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. Of course.

2 Yeah.

3 **TPR. GAGNE:** Alright.

4 **MR. RANDALL:** I don't want to see, you know, a police
5 officer getting in trouble, you know. I respect the police, so -
6 but that's, like I say, you know, this is what he said, you
7 know, he's speculating -

8 **TPR. GAGNE:** Mhm.

9 **MR. RANDALL:** You know, because this is how he says
10 everything, he says, "He pulled him out and point blank - point
11 blank", oh, and I forgot to tell you "Shot him twice in the
12 chest", he said, you know. But he's speculating like I said. You
13 know.

14 **DET. FITZGERALD:** So he wasn't anywhere near the
15 shooting? He was off to the right hand side? If you're looking
16 at the, the gas station - you go to the right -

17 **MR. RANDALL:** Yeah, yeah.

18 **TPR. GAGNE:** So he's further away then you were?

19 **MR. RANDALL:** He's further away than I am. Yeah.

20 Yeah. Yeah. There's no way, yeah, no. You know.

21 **DET. FITZGERALD:** You didn't hear - before the
22 shooting that happened, you didn't hear any yelling or anything?

1 **MR. RANDALL:** No, it was funny, because, you know, I
2 just heard the two pops and then Anthony ran over there you
3 know?

4 **DET. FITZGERALD:** Mhm.

5 **MR. RANDALL:** But I didn't hear anything before. Not
6 that I know of. No.

7 **DET. FITZGERALD:** So Michael, besides you, and Joe,
8 and Orlando, and Anthony was there anyone else there that we
9 missed?

10 **MR. RANDALL:** There was another mechanic, he was
11 there, but he left. Carlo? Marcos? Carlos?

12 **DET. FITZGERALD:** Orlando?

13 **MR. RANDALL:** All I know is his name's Carlos.

14 **DET. FITZGERALD:** Okay.

15 **MR. RANDALL:** Joe would have that information.

16 **DET. FITZGERALD:** So, do you know Orlando?

17 **MR. RANDALL:** Oh, Marco?

18 **DET. FITZGERALD:** Yeah, Marco.

19 **MR. RANDALL:** Yeah. Yeah. Yeah.

20 **DET. FITZGERALD:** Not him, right? Another guy?

21 **MR. RANDALL:** Oh not him, another guy.

22 **DET. FITZGERALD:** Another guy.

23 **MR. RANDALL:** Another mechanic, another guy.

1 **TPR. GAGNE:** He was there at the same time of the
2 shooting, or no - or was it another guy?

3 **MR. RANDALL:** I'm trying to think, that's where I'm,
4 getting confused. I think, yeah, I think, he was there, yeah, I
5 think he was there but just as the police were coming, yeah, he
6 was there, and he got gas, and then he - he just left.

7 **DET. FITZGERALD:** He drove away.

8 **MR. RANDALL:** He took - he drove away.

9 **DET. FITZGERALD:** Was he there during the shooting,
10 or?

11 **MR. RANDALL:** During the shooting.

12 **DET. FITZGERALD:** And what's his name?

13 **MR. RANDALL:** Carlos.

14 **DET. FITZGERALD:** And he's a mechanic also there?

15 **MR. RANDALL:** Yes, yeah, yeah.

16 **DET. FITZGERALD:** Okay.

17 **MR. RANDALL:** And then there's - the other mechanic
18 was there too, Alfredo - Alfredo - Alfred, I think his name was
19 Alfred. You'd have to get that information from Joe.

20 **DET. FITZGERALD:** Sure.

21 **MR. RANDALL:** I don't really know the type to be
22 honest with you.

23 **TPR. GAGNE:** (Indiscernible)

1 **MR. RANDALL:** Yeah. Yeah. Those were the other two
2 mechanics -

3 **DET. FITZGERALD:** Yup.

4 **MR. RANDALL:** And they were there.

5 **DET. FITZGERALD:** Carlos and Alfred.

6 **MR. RANDALL:** Carl - Alfred - Alfred - that's his
7 name!

8 **DET. FITZGERALD:** Alfred?

9 **MR. RANDALL:** Alfred. Yeah, yeah, yeah, that's his
10 name. Yeah, yeah.

11 **DET. FITZGERALD:** Okay.

12 **MR. RANDALL:** Yeah.

13 **TPR. GAGNE:** Alright.

14 **DET. FITZGERALD:** Yeah. I'm good. Michael, again, we
15 appreciate your patience.

16 **MR. RANDALL:** No, no, no. It was my pleasure.

17 **DET. FITZGERALD:** We know you have better things to
18 do -

19 **MR. RANDALL:** No.

20 **DET. FITZGERALD:** And we understand that -

21 **MR. RANDALL:** No, no, of course.

22 **DET. FITZGERALD:** You know just trying to make sure
23 we speak to everyone that was -

24 **MR. RANDALL:** Of course. Of course.

1 **DET. FITZGERALD:** There at the time.

2 **MR. RANDALL:** Hey, if you ever need anything I can
3 do, you know I respect the police.

4 **DET. FITZGERALD:** I appreciate that.

5 **MR. RANDALL:** So, and it doesn't bother me.

6 **TPR. GAGNE:** Alright.

7 **DET. FITZGERALD:** We appreciate that.

8 **MR. RANDALL:** Hey, I know if somebody breaks into my
9 house, who do I call? The cops. Everybody forgets, they call the
10 cops.

11 **DET. FITZGERALD:** Right.

12 **MR. RANDALL:** But everybody can, you know?

13 **DET. FITZGERALD:** We'll get you a ride back down
14 there -

15 **MR. RANDALL:** Okay. Alright.

16 **DET. FITZGERALD:** (Indiscernible)

17 **MR. RANDALL:** Alright.

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