

INTERVIEW OF ORLANDO ORTIZ

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1 DETECTIVE HALLORAN: Have a seat, please.

2 MR. ORTIZ: Thank you.

3 DETECTIVE HALLORAN: We'll wait for the trooper
4 to come in. He must have let himself out.

5 (Pause)

6 TROOPER CONNOLLY: I'm really sorry for the
7 wait.

8 MR. ORTIZ: No. It's okay.

9 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Your name is Orlando Ortiz?

10 MR. ORTIZ: Yes, sir. They sent down the big
11 puppy (phonetic). No joke. I am Dominican. He's
12 Dominican.

13 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Oh, yeah.

14 MR. ORTIZ: Yeah.

15 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Sir, what's your birthday?

16 MR. ORTIZ: [REDACTED]/56.

17 TROOPER CONNOLLY: And where do you live?

18 MR. ORTIZ: [REDACTED] (Indiscernible) in Salem on

19 [REDACTED].

20 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Salem, Mass?

21 MR. ORTIZ: Yes, sir.

22 TROOPER CONNOLLY: And a good phone number to
23 reach you at?

24 MR. ORTIZ: [REDACTED] --

1 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Okay.

2 MR. ORTIZ: -- [REDACTED].

3 TROOPER CONNOLLY: And what do you do at -- I'm
4 not sure what the name of the gas station is?

5 DETECTIVE HALLORAN: East Coast.

6 MR. ORTIZ: East Coast gas station. I am
7 mechanic and inspect the sticker -- the car go the
8 windshield.

9 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Got you. Were you working
10 yesterday?

11 MR. ORTIZ: I working Monday to Saturday, 3
12 o'clock.

13 TROOPER CONNOLLY: 3 o'clock? Until 3 o'clock?

14 MR. ORTIZ: I working 8:00 to 5:00 and Saturday
15 8:00 to 3 o'clock. And today I work a little late
16 because it's a lot of car for sticker. It's end of the
17 month.

18 DETECTIVE HALLORAN: Uh-huh (affirmative).

19 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Oh, I see. So you were
20 working yesterday from 8:00 to 5:00?

21 MR. ORTIZ: Yes.

22 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Yesterday, Friday?

23 MR. ORTIZ: Every day, Monday to -- Friday and
24 Saturday 8:00 to 3:00.

1 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Okay. Yesterday did you see
2 -- do you know Alan I'm assuming?

3 MR. ORTIZ: No.

4 TROOPER CONNOLLY: You do not know Alan, or you
5 didn't see him?

6 MR. ORTIZ: I don't see him yesterday.

7 TROOPER CONNOLLY: You didn't see him at all?

8 MR. ORTIZ: No.

9 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Did you see Devin or Kim?
10 Do you know them?

11 MR. ORTIZ: The black guy?

12 TROOPER CONNOLLY: No, no. He's white.

13 MR. ORTIZ: Because --

14 TROOPER CONNOLLY: You may have just passed him
15 in the hall.

16 MR. ORTIZ: Yeah.

17 TROOPER CONNOLLY: He was wearing a black
18 trench coat.

19 MR. ORTIZ: Yeah. Today I am concentrate a lot
20 on sticker, yesterday and today because end of the
21 month. I have 20 sticker alone. (Indiscernible) I do
22 it today. It's too many car.

23 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Yeah.

24 MR. ORTIZ: And I saw one show outside. It's

1 not the first time, you know, I saw this show about
2 three times in different times because the guy have a
3 problem, mentality problem. And I am concentrating on
4 getting the car and moving the car out, and I saw a lot
5 of police and knocking the door. And he don't want to
6 open the door. They knocking the door, and I saw this
7 show. But it's getting car, put a car out.

8 And when I saw the brother, Anthony, on the
9 floor crying, "Oh, somebody shot my brother," I stop
10 the -- something I do in the car and come out. And
11 say, "What happened?" "Oh, my brother shot.
12 Somebody shoot. The police shot out." And I feel a
13 little crazy because never I saw dying.

14 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Did you hear a gunshot?

15 MR. ORTIZ: Huh?

16 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Did you hear a gunshot?

17 MR. ORTIZ: No. Because I inside the shop for
18 the sticker.

19 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Yeah.

20 MR. ORTIZ: When I coming out I saw Anthony
21 outside crying on the floor crying, "My -- my brother.
22 Somebody -- the police shot, shot my -- my
23 brother." This is only I saw because I been
24 concentrate on my sticker.

1 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Where was -- where was
2 Anthony when he was saying that?

3 MR. ORTIZ: In the floor out on the gas
4 station, the pump gas station --

5 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Near the pumps?

6 MR. ORTIZ: -- on the floor, crying on the
7 floor, "Oh, my brother, my brother. Shot, shot
8 my brother." And I saw crying on the floor.

9 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Yeah.

10 MR. ORTIZ: That's all I can see because I am
11 concentrating on my work.

12 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Did you see Alan yesterday
13 on Friday?

14 MR. ORTIZ: No.

15 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Never?

16 MR. ORTIZ: No.

17 TROOPER CONNOLLY: And Devin and Kim? Kim with
18 the red hair?

19 MR. ORTIZ: The (indiscernible)?

20 TROOPER CONNOLLY: No, no. That's my --

21 MR. ORTIZ: I don't know -- I don't know
22 exactly the name, the guys working in the gas station.

23 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Not working. The people
24 that live in the apartment connected to it.

1 MR. ORTIZ: No. I didn't see.

2 TROOPER CONNOLLY: No?

3 MR. ORTIZ: No.

4 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Do you know who I'm talking
5 about?

6 MR. ORTIZ: Um --

7 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Devin, he just -- he just
8 passed you. He's got black hair.

9 MR. ORTIZ: The guy I saw over there?

10 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Yeah.

11 MR. ORTIZ: No.

12 TROOPER CONNOLLY: You don't know him?

13 MR. ORTIZ: I don't know him, and I saw him
14 sometime come into the apartment.

15 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Oh, you see him sometimes?

16 MR. ORTIZ: Sometime.

17 TROOPER CONNOLLY: But you didn't see him
18 yesterday?

19 MR. ORTIZ: No.

20 TROOPER CONNOLLY: And you didn't --

21 MR. ORTIZ: Yesterday, yesterday I do 20
22 sticker, 20.

23 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Yeah.

24 MR. ORTIZ: It's too much work for -- for --

1 TROOPER CONNOLLY: One day.

2 MR. ORTIZ: -- for one day because right now
3 they change the law October 1st, and you need to take
4 more time in the car, based on a lot of thing and do 20
5 sticker. If you ask somebody, you concentrate only on
6 the work.

7 TROOPER CONNOLLY: So yesterday you worked 8:00
8 to 5:00?

9 MR. ORTIZ: Yeah.

10 TROOPER CONNOLLY: You did 20 inspection
11 stickers?

12 MR. ORTIZ: Yeah, 20 sticker. And today I do
13 15.

14 TROOPER CONNOLLY: And you didn't see anybody?
15 You didn't see -- except for --

16 MR. ORTIZ: No. Because I don't look in --
17 this is separate, separate. This is room for --
18 renting room for the people live in this section.

19 TROOPER CONNOLLY: And you know those people?

20 MR. ORTIZ: Never did I have communication with
21 these people.

22 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Okay.

23 MR. ORTIZ: I concentrate on my work.

24 TROOPER CONNOLLY: You know Alan though, right?

1 MR. ORTIZ: Yeah.

2 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Anthony's brother?

3 MR. ORTIZ: Yeah.

4 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Yeah.

5 MR. ORTIZ: He -- I saw him when -- when he
6 cleaned out the turtle. They both have one big like
7 swimming pool with the turtle on the side, big turtle,
8 t-u-r --

9 DETECTIVE HALLORAN: Turtle?

10 MR. ORTIZ: Yeah.

11 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Okay.

12 MR. ORTIZ: They both have a big one like that,
13 and he clean it out every -- every three or four days,
14 the water and put it in water.

15 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Yeah.

16 MR. ORTIZ: This is only I saw him --

17 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Okay. So you didn't see him
18 yesterday?

19 MR. ORTIZ: No.

20 TROOPER CONNOLLY: You did not see Devin?

21 MR. ORTIZ: Because I concentrate on my work.
22 I don't -- because this guy not working in the shop.
23 He live in the -- in the room. The police today
24 knocking the door for he open, and I saw -- I saw the

1 police (indiscernible). I am concentrating on my work
2 because I don't have the time for -- or go over there.

3 TROOPER CONNOLLY: So today you were scheduled
4 to work 8:00 to 3:00 because it's Saturday?

5 MR. ORTIZ: Yeah. It's supposed 8:00 to 3:00,
6 but --

7 TROOPER CONNOLLY: You had to stay?

8 MR. ORTIZ: A lot of sticker, and I stayed too
9 long.

10 TROOPER CONNOLLY: And while you were working
11 you didn't hear any commotion; you just saw the police
12 show up?

13 MR. ORTIZ: No. I saw the police, and you
14 know, when you saw (indiscernible) a lot of time, this
15 is I saw. They have a lot of trouble with the police.
16 It's about two month or one month and a half ago. The
17 police find in the floor, and he go to the hospital and
18 is taken to the hospital for one month or three month.
19 I don't know.

20 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Yeah.

21 MR. ORTIZ: And when he coming, I saw him
22 (indiscernible) and say, oh, you looking better. And
23 then because I am Christian. I go to the church for 23
24 years.

1 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Uh-huh (affirmative).

2 MR. ORTIZ: My family is Christian, my three
3 boys and my wife. And I say, "You need to go to the
4 church because you need to change the life." He say,
5 "No. I don't like the church. Forget about it."

6 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Yeah.

7 MR. ORTIZ: And this day when he coming from
8 the hospital, I give \$40 to the boss, and the boss put
9 the \$40. And I ask him my partner Carlos, and Carlos
10 give \$20 and give \$100 to him because he coming from
11 the hospital and don't have any money in the bank. And
12 I say, "Boss, take this \$40." And the boss, "Oh, I got
13 \$40 too." And my partner Carlos, the mechanic over
14 there --

15 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Was he working?

16 MR. ORTIZ: Huh?

17 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Was he working today?

18 MR. ORTIZ: Who?

19 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Carlos.

20 MR. ORTIZ: Yeah. But he -- Carlos and the
21 other one is Arver (phonetic) -- there's two mechanics
22 -- left 3 o'clock. I stay late because I have a lot of
23 sticker because both of them is mechanic, and me is
24 mechanic and sticker. I have a lot of car to do the

1 sticker, and I stay long. The other two go home 3
2 o'clock.

3 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Carlos and what's the other
4 one's name?

5 MR. ORTIZ: Arver.

6 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Arver?

7 MR. ORTIZ: Yeah. It's another two mechanic
8 over there.

9 TROOPER CONNOLLY: So today you didn't see
10 Alan?

11 MR. ORTIZ: No.

12 TROOPER CONNOLLY: You didn't see Devin?

13 MR. ORTIZ: I saw the show.

14 TROOPER CONNOLLY: You saw the police?

15 MR. ORTIZ: Yeah. I saw the police and
16 knocking the window. And -- and he didn't want to open
17 the door. And I saw the fire department, the fire
18 truck come in or -- or throw the door. And I saw the
19 show when I go out and take a car out and bring a car
20 in. I saw. But it's not the first time. It's about
21 three times. I had one day working over there, and I
22 saw three or four times the same show because the guy
23 is cuckoo. The cuckoo no working, a lot of drug in the
24 -- in the head.

1 TROOPER CONNOLLY: So you only saw them when
2 you were changing cars in and out of the bar?

3 MR. ORTIZ: Yeah. Not him. I --

4 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Just the police?

5 MR. ORTIZ: I hear the noise, hear it out the
6 window. And I saw a lot of police around in and out of
7 car, the police, and I am concentrate on my work
8 because this show I saw about two or three times
9 before.

10 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Yeah. Okay. And then you
11 saw Anthony yelling?

12 MR. ORTIZ: I saw when Anthony is in the floor
13 crying, "Oh, my brother. The police shoted my
14 brother." And he cry in the floor.

15 TROOPER CONNOLLY: What did you do then?

16 MR. ORTIZ: Huh?

17 TROOPER CONNOLLY: What did you do after you
18 saw Anthony crying?

19 MR. ORTIZ: No. I saw him say -- and try
20 consolation him because he's my manager --

21 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Yes.

22 MR. ORTIZ: -- in the shop. Give it to the
23 God. God have control, and I try consolation him
24 because he cry in the floor and like that, move in the

1 floor. And I feel terrible because brother and brother.

2 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Yeah.

3 MR. ORTIZ: In my family seven brother. And my
4 first brother, when he die, I want to die too because
5 he like my father in my family.

6 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Uh-huh (affirmative).

7 MR. ORTIZ: But he died by cancer in the lung.

8 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Oh, yeah.

9 MR. ORTIZ: And I saw him die in the bed, and I
10 feel terrible because --

11 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Sorry about that.

12 MR. ORTIZ: -- he pay my college. I learn
13 mechanic with him because he have a mechanic shop, and
14 I remembered that when I saw Anthony today on the
15 floor. I remember my brother die.

16 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Yeah.

17 MR. ORTIZ: But this different case because
18 this guy not good, and he cuckoo.

19 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Alan?

20 MR. ORTIZ: Yeah. Not good. When happened the
21 case, I have in my car -- I bring my car for the heat
22 for (indiscernible), and I am ready for go maybe in a
23 few minutes because I do the last -- the last sticker
24 in this time. And -- and when I go to my car, the

1 police say, no, you can go because happened the case.
2 And I say, please, shut off my car because it's on, and
3 the police shut off my car and leave it in the car --
4 the key inside the car. My key is inside the car in
5 the garage.

6 TROOPER CONNOLLY: They're still there now?

7 MR. ORTIZ: Oh, yeah. I have to pick up car
8 over there, and the key is inside the car.

9 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Okay.

10 MR. ORTIZ: Because I said the police, "Shut it
11 off for me, please."

12 TROOPER CONNOLLY: All right.

13 MR. ORTIZ: And he shut off the car.

14 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Well, we'll try to -- we'll
15 get you back to your car.

16 MR. ORTIZ: Okay.

17 TROOPER CONNOLLY: I'm sure they're probably
18 finished and try to get you out of here so you can go
19 home.

20 MR. ORTIZ: Yeah.

21 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Okay.

22 MR. ORTIZ: I feel terrible with this guy
23 because I have one year over there, and I saw this show
24 every time, about three times --

1 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Yeah.

2 MR. ORTIZ: -- or four times in the year. And
3 I saw the boss, "You need to do something because this
4 guy is crazy." The police here and the fire truck
5 here. And the ambulance the last time put the thing in
6 the floor and push it in the -- in the heart because no
7 breathing. It's a lot of trouble.

8 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Yeah.

9 MR. ORTIZ: Lot of trouble.

10 TROOPER CONNOLLY: All right. You want to --
11 is there someplace here he can go?

12 DETECTIVE HALLORAN: Yeah.

13 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Okay.

14 MR. ORTIZ: Thank you so much.

15 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Yeah. I'm sorry for the
16 inconvenience. I'm sorry --

17 MR. ORTIZ: No.

18 TROOPER CONNOLLY: -- this happened.

19 MR. ORTIZ: No. It happened (indiscernible).

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