

INTERVIEW OF TALAL CHAGHOURI

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1           DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Come on in. You can  
2 have a seat right there. Thank you for your patience.  
3 Just to let you know, we're just going to ask you some  
4 questions just regarding the incident that happened.  
5 To let you know, the audio -- the room is on audio and  
6 video recording, okay.

7           MR. CHAGHOURI: Sounds good.

8           TROOPER CONNOLLY: Sir, I'm sorry. What is  
9 your first name?

10          MR. CHAGHOURI: Talal, T-a-l-a-l.

11          TROOPER CONNOLLY: Okay.

12          MR. CHAGHOURI: Joseph, middle name, and last  
13 name Chaghouri, C-h-a-g-h-o-u-r-i.

14          TROOPER CONNOLLY: And your birthday?

15          MR. CHAGHOURI: [REDACTED]/64.

16          TROOPER CONNOLLY: Where do you live?

17          MR. CHAGHOURI: Beverly, Mass, [REDACTED].

18          TROOPER CONNOLLY: Good phone number to reach  
19 you at?

20          MR. CHAGHOURI: [REDACTED].

21          TROOPER CONNOLLY: And you're the owner of East  
22 Coast?

23          MR. CHAGHOURI: Yes, sir. I am the owner.  
24 It's a corporation. Me and my brother, we own it both

1 50/50 to be more accurate.

2 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Okay. Can you tell me about  
3 -- well, were you working yesterday?

4 MR. CHAGHOURI: Yes. Yes, I was.

5 TROOPER CONNOLLY: What time were you there?

6 MR. CHAGHOURI: I was there until -- 6:45 I  
7 left.

8 TROOPER CONNOLLY: What time did you start?

9 MR. CHAGHOURI: I started at 2:00 I believe. I  
10 came late yesterday.

11 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Why you were there, did you  
12 see -- or who else was working?

13 MR. CHAGHOURI: We have gas attendant. What  
14 was yesterday? Yesterday --

15 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Friday.

16 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Friday.

17 MR. CHAGHOURI: Friday?

18 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: I know.

19 MR. CHAGHOURI: Thinking Tuesday. Yesterday,  
20 yes, we had Martin open from 6:00 to 2:00, and then  
21 Mikey worked from 2:00 to 9:00 on the gas shift.

22 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Randell, is that Michael  
23 Randell?

24 MR. CHAGHOURI: Michael Randell, yes, yes.

1 TROOPER CONNOLLY: And -- I'm sorry -- what --  
2 what shift did he work?

3 MR. CHAGHOURI: He started at 2:00 in the  
4 afternoon until 9 o'clock at night, seven-hour shift.

5 TROOPER CONNOLLY: While you were there --

6 MR. CHAGHOURI: Yeah.

7 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Did you see Alan?

8 MR. CHAGHOURI: Yesterday he did not show up.  
9 I did not see him at all.

10 TROOPER CONNOLLY: What about Devin or Kim?

11 MR. CHAGHOURI: Devin came. He gave me some  
12 rent money. He came twice. He gave me first 300.  
13 Then he came again two hours later, gave me another  
14 175. And --

15 TROOPER CONNOLLY: What time was that about do  
16 you think?

17 MR. CHAGHOURI: That was around 5:30 -- between  
18 5:30 and 6:00. And by the time I got home and I was  
19 eating and watching TV, he start texting me and  
20 explaining to me what is taking place at the apartment.

21 TROOPER CONNOLLY: What time did he start  
22 texting you?

23 MR. CHAGHOURI: To be accurate, let me just --  
24 maybe 8 o'clock. Let me see when the first text came.

1 He is right here, Devin. And he says to me he is just  
2 -- let me see. "He is wasted on something." Lay low.  
3 Okay. I'm tell him. Okay. He's saying, "Also just  
4 destroyed the table in the kitchen and chairs,  
5 threatening us because he said it is his home." That  
6 was at 6:27. Can you see this? I'm sorry.

7 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Yep, 6:27.

8 MR. CHAGHOURI: 6:27 the first text came. And  
9 if you guys want to read it, I'll give you -- you know,  
10 so you can understand what was going on. They're  
11 fighting, and then Alan called me himself telling me  
12 that he comes home from his friend's funeral, and he  
13 found the house is all destroyed. And they're fighting  
14 with each other he says, the girl and the boy. That  
15 was the end of it.

16 After that, Alan calls me --

17 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Uh-huh (affirmative).

18 MR. CHAGHOURI: -- 20 minutes after that. He  
19 says to me I came from the funeral -- or from the place  
20 where the -- funeral home.

21 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Yeah.

22 MR. CHAGHOURI: And he says he found the table  
23 broken in the kitchen, and Devin and his girlfriend,  
24 they were fighting very bad. And he said that he

1 cannot deal with this. It's too much noise, blah, blah,  
2 blah. He says to me, "I want them out, Joe. I cannot  
3 live like this anymore." I said, "Just cool down now.  
4 Don't do anything. Tomorrow I deal with everybody."

5 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: So Devin is texting you  
6 saying that Alan is destroying the place?

7 MR. CHAGHOURI: Yes. And --

8 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: And then Alan calls you  
9 and says Devin and his girlfriend are destroying the  
10 place?

11 MR. CHAGHOURI: Exactly. And Devin also did  
12 the same with Anthony, Alan's brother.

13 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Yeah.

14 MR. CHAGHOURI: And he also sent him the same  
15 text telling him that your brother is acting up, blah,  
16 blah, blah. Now, the gas attendant testified that  
17 before Alan was there in the house, Mike Randell, he  
18 heard a lot of fighting inside between Devin and his  
19 girlfriend.

20 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Okay.

21 MR. CHAGHOURI: So I got a little feeling  
22 saying that maybe Devin rushed that text saying because  
23 he knows that they've already done damage to the house,  
24 and he want to blame it on Al because he knows Al is my

1 weak spot. And I let him stay without trying that  
2 stuff. So I really don't know that truth, but what  
3 Michael testified that he heard lot of screaming and  
4 destruction before Alan came to the house. So I got a  
5 feeling there that maybe Devin lied, maybe. I don't  
6 know.

7 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Yeah. That's  
8 interesting. Okay.

9 MR. CHAGHOURI: Because Anthony also had the  
10 same text from them, and when Anthony called his  
11 brother, his brother told him the same thing he told  
12 me, that he just came in. He found the house  
13 destroyed, and blah, blah, blah, blah.

14 TROOPER CONNOLLY: I'm sorry. Let me just  
15 write some of that stuff down.

16 MR. CHAGHOURI: Yeah.

17 TROOPER CONNOLLY: When you talked to Alan on  
18 the phone -- he called you -- did he sound like he's  
19 drunk?

20 MR. CHAGHOURI: Yes. He sounded a little bit  
21 under the influence of but not too much. Usually he's  
22 more like slurry.

23 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Yeah.

24 MR. CHAGHOURI: But you know, his brother tells

1 me next day, before the incident happened, like in the  
2 morning, he says to me, you know, "Al wasn't that  
3 drunk. I mean, did you notice that?" I said, "I  
4 noticed that he's -- his voice was not the same."

5 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Yeah.

6 MR. CHAGHOURI: "But I don't know how wasted he  
7 was." I said, "But, no, his voice was not the same Al.  
8 Surely was on something," either a pill or, you know,  
9 something.

10 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: And how many times did  
11 you speak to Alan? Just that one time --

12 MR. CHAGHOURI: Just --

13 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: -- when he called?

14 MR. CHAGHOURI: Yeah. Just last night, only  
15 because we were watching TV, and my wife does not want  
16 to hear anything about these guys. She's been on my  
17 case to get rid of all of them --

18 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Sure.

19 MR. CHAGHOURI: -- for five years.

20 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Oh, yeah, right.

21 MR. CHAGHOURI: And I got a soft heart. I feel  
22 bad. I see the guy, you know. He has no money. He  
23 helps me. His brother works good for me.

24 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Right.



1 MR. CHAGHOURI: So I say I help him out, you  
2 know, if he cleans up. He does like, you know, clean  
3 the snow off the roof, minor stuff.

4 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Sure.

5 MR. CHAGHOURI: -- just for his rent.

6 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Uh-huh (affirmative).

7 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Are either one of them on  
8 any type of paper lease or anything like that?

9 MR. CHAGHOURI: No. Nobody has a paper lease.

10 TROOPER CONNOLLY: It's just --

11 MR. CHAGHOURI: Yeah. It's not a legal  
12 apartment because in Reading we cannot have two. So I  
13 have the one legal one apartment rented to the fellow  
14 and another working kid. They both work for me as  
15 well. The other unit, it's just for us workers like,  
16 you know, when we're tired, when we -- you know. And  
17 then when Al needed a place after -- he came from jail  
18 about three years ago. He had a car accident when he  
19 was intoxicated, and that was in December. I'm burying  
20 my mom because she passed away. I come back here, and  
21 I found out that Anthony put his brother in that  
22 apartment. And he says to me, you know, he's going to  
23 be good. He's going to help us, blah, blah, blah. I  
24 was really against it because I know from record that

1 he was not stable.

2 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Right.

3 MR. CHAGHOURI: And you know, he can go crazy.  
4 He can destroy thing. But for Anthony's relation, I  
5 allowed him to stay, and that was about two years ago  
6 now.

7 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Two or three?

8 MR. CHAGHOURI: I believe two.

9 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Two years.

10 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: My mom passed away  
11 December 14 two years ago. Yes. That's when he moved  
12 in I believe. I said three. I'm sorry.

13 TROOPER CONNOLLY: No, no problem.

14 MR. CHAGHOURI: It's two I think.

15 TROOPER CONNOLLY: That's okay.

16 MR. CHAGHOURI: He couldn't work on the gas too  
17 much because he always had an issue, you know. He was  
18 always angry, and you know, he would say this customer  
19 did this to me. This customer did that.

20 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Bad for customer  
21 service?

22 MR. CHAGHOURI: Yeah. He was not -- you know,  
23 he had a good heart, but he had a lot of issues.

24 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: A lot of mental problems

1 you mean?

2 MR. CHAGHOURI: Yeah. A lot of issues, abuse  
3 between alcohol and Klonopin, that stuff. I mean, I  
4 know the stuff just from being close to him for so many  
5 years now. About eight years he's been in my life  
6 almost.

7 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Did you tell -- last night,  
8 did you tell Anthony about this?

9 MR. CHAGHOURI: Yes. I did text Anthony, as a  
10 matter of fact, and I told him contact your brother.  
11 There's a problem in the house. And Anthony responds  
12 to me -- let's see what happened here. I say, "Check  
13 on your brother. He is raging and breaking stuff in  
14 the house. Devin seems to think he is on something."  
15 So Tony, "Please do not forget to pick up Denise  
16 Maximo." Okay. So he did not respond to me in text.  
17 He calls me. He calls me, and he says, "Al did not  
18 sound that drunk to me." I said -- "Did he sound drunk  
19 to you?" I said, "He sound like he was on something."

20 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Yeah.

21 MR. CHAGHOURI: But to his brother, he did not  
22 sound like normal, like, you know, he would be more  
23 raging and more -- but I could tell that he had couple  
24 alcohol glasses or --

1 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Yeah.

2 MR. CHAGHOURI: -- from the voice.

3 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Yeah. So today, what time  
4 did you get to work?

5 MR. CHAGHOURI: Today I got there at 1:30.

6 TROOPER CONNOLLY: And what was there?

7 MR. CHAGHOURI: Anthony was there. And the  
8 mechanics were working inside. And the gas attendant  
9 was Mike Randell because he broke shift at 1 o'clock.

10 TROOPER CONNOLLY: And the gas station -- I  
11 mean the --

12 MR. CHAGHOURI: The mechanics?

13 TROOPER CONNOLLY: The mechanics are?

14 MR. CHAGHOURI: The mechanics are Marcos,  
15 Carlos, Arbor, and Punchi (phonetic). Four guys inside  
16 the garage, and Anthony Carrati (phonetic), he is the  
17 manager that organized their working.

18 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Who is the -- I'm sorry.  
19 There's four guys, the mechanics?

20 MR. CHAGHOURI: Yes. But they left -- some of  
21 them left before the incident took place.

22 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Yeah.

23 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Oh, they did? Okay.

24 MR. CHAGHOURI: Yes. Because they left

1 Saturday. They leave by 3:00.

2 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Orlando.

3 MR. CHAGHOURI: Orlando stay. Orlando is the  
4 older guy.

5 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Yeah. I just talked to him.

6 MR. CHAGHOURI: He stayed here.

7 MR. CHAGHOURI: Arbor left before the incident,  
8 Arbor (phonetic). Some kind of Armenian last name.  
9 Don't ask me for it now.

10 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Okay.

11 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Marcos and Carlos.

12 MR. CHAGHOURI: Marcos is the one you  
13 interviewed, older guy. Carlos left. He's a young  
14 guy, 42 years old. He left around 4 o'clock or 3:30  
15 maybe today.

16 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Who are the neighbors that  
17 you said, their neighbors, Alan's neighbors?

18 MR. CHAGHOURI: Oh, Devel (phonetic) --

19 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Devel.

20 MR. CHAGHOURI: -- and Driss. Devel is --  
21 Devel Range his last name.

22 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Range?

23 MR. CHAGHOURI: Range.

24 TROOPER CONNOLLY: R-a-n-g-e.

1 MR. CHAGHOURI: R-a-n-g. And another Moroccan  
2 guy. His name Driss, D-r-i-s-s. And his last name is  
3 Kouther, K-o-u-t-h-a-r.

4 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Was he home?

5 MR. CHAGHOURI: He was home knocked out  
6 sleeping from what I understood because all the  
7 commotion, he never showed up. He stayed in there.  
8 And what I understood later from Devel, his roommate,  
9 that he went to sleep after because he opens early in  
10 the morning.

11 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Where was Devel?

12 MR. CHAGHOURI: Devel was off today, and he  
13 went to visit his aunt at a hospital in Jamaica Pena  
14 (phonetic), that area.

15 TROOPER CONNOLLY: So he was not home?

16 MR. CHAGHOURI: He was not there.

17 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: And, Joe, they live on  
18 the apartment to the right, correct?

19 MR. CHAGHOURI: Yes, to the right.

20 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Okay.

21 MR. CHAGHOURI: Yeah.

22 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Yeah.

23 MR. CHAGHOURI: And the deceased lived at the  
24 one to the left.

1 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Okay. With Devin?

2 MR. CHAGHOURI: With Devin.

3 TROOPER CONNOLLY: So what -- did you see Alan,  
4 Devin, or Kim at all today?

5 MR. CHAGHOURI: I saw Alan.

6 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Okay.

7 MR. CHAGHOURI: I saw Alan after the police  
8 came. There were just couple of cruisers in the  
9 beginning, and they were talking to him through the  
10 window. Well, not right away. Right away he was  
11 hiding.

12 TROOPER CONNOLLY: So you didn't talk -- did  
13 you talk to Alan in between the text you showed me and  
14 today?

15 MR. CHAGHOURI: Yesterday he called me, Alan,  
16 after that.

17 TROOPER CONNOLLY: I'm sorry.

18 MR. CHAGHOURI: Yes. He did call me, and he  
19 did deny all the charges that Devin accused him of. He  
20 said it's the other way around.

21 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Yeah, right, right.

22 MR. CHAGHOURI: That's what --

23 TROOPER CONNOLLY: But you didn't talk to him?

24 MR. CHAGHOURI: Not today.

1 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Okay.

2 MR. CHAGHOURI: But he came out today when the  
3 police were surrounding him. He came out from inside  
4 door with a big stick and --

5 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: When you say "big  
6 stick," could you describe it for me?

7 MR. CHAGHOURI: Yeah. It's like a table --

8 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Like a table leg?

9 MR. CHAGHOURI: Yeah.

10 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Leg of a table?

11 MR. CHAGHOURI: Yeah. Like that wide maybe,  
12 you know, like rectangular.

13 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Yeah.

14 MR. CHAGHOURI: And a big piece of wood, and he  
15 came out from the side door. And he's waving at me.  
16 He was like -- you could probably see it on the  
17 surveillance later. He says, "What are you doing to  
18 me, Joe? Why you calling all the fucking cops on me?"  
19 I said, "I didn't call nobody at you." And I said,  
20 "What's wrong with you?" I said, "Don't you see all  
21 the police outside?" I said, "Get rid of the fucking  
22 stick before they shoot you." This is weapon. So he  
23 goes inside his apartment, and then I haven't seen him  
24 after that until he escaped.



1 TROOPER CONNOLLY: I'm sorry. I was writing.  
2 What kind of stick do you think it was?

3 MR. CHAGHOURI: It was leg of a table. Like  
4 you know how table has rectangular legs?

5 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Yeah.

6 MR. CHAGHOURI: Yeah. So it's a piece that  
7 long, and it's that wide about.

8 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: So about three feet long  
9 and about --

10 MR. CHAGHOURI: Three or four feet. Yes.

11 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: -- four or five inches  
12 in circumference?

13 MR. CHAGHOURI: Yes, yes. And he had it in his  
14 hand.

15 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Four feet is --

16 MR. CHAGHOURI: Not it's not, maybe three.

17 TROOPER CONNOLLY: That was a tall table?

18 MR. CHAGHOURI: Yeah, maybe three.

19 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Okay.

20 MR. CHAGHOURI: Maybe three feet. But they're  
21 all -- you could see the legs in the apartment still on  
22 the floor. They're broken.

23 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: So you thin the leg that  
24 he was holding in his hand was from the table that got

1 destroyed?

2 MR. CHAGHOURI: I'm suspecting that only  
3 because I see it now that goes in --

4 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Sure.

5 MR. CHAGHOURI: -- from one side where it looks  
6 like it's a table, you know.

7 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Yep.

8 MR. CHAGHOURI: I'm assuming that because it  
9 does look like a nice round finish.

10 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Yeah.

11 MR. CHAGHOURI: Nice wood.

12 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: So when he came -- when  
13 you saw him again, if you go in your office door there  
14 --

15 MR. CHAGHOURI: Yeah, yeah.

16 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: -- there's a door that  
17 goes to the right that goes into their apartment.

18 MR. CHAGHOURI: Yes.

19 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: When you saw him with  
20 the table leg in his hand, did he open the door, or was  
21 the door open?

22 MR. CHAGHOURI: No. He opened it. I can hear  
23 the door open.

24 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Yeah.

1 MR. CHAGHOURI: And I said is that Al? I mean,  
2 because I knew there was a good 20 minutes hold up, you  
3 know. They were waiting for him to come out, and he's  
4 not coming out.

5 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Yeah.

6 MR. CHAGHOURI: And I got surprised by him, you  
7 know, coming out, and the officers outside can see him.

8 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Yeah.

9 MR. CHAGHOURI: Can see him. The tall guy that  
10 was there on the scene can see him.

11 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: So you think the  
12 officers were able to see him with the --

13 MR. CHAGHOURI: Yeah. When he came at me, I  
14 think they saw the stick.

15 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Okay.

16 MR. CHAGHOURI: For sure. For sure they must.

17 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Did you think he was going  
18 to hit you?

19 MR. CHAGHOURI: I really was afraid in the  
20 beginning because he was -- he was not himself.

21 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Yeah.

22 MR. CHAGHOURI: You could see that his eyes  
23 were going all direction. He was kind of threatening,  
24 but he didn't really come too close to me to the

1 counter. Like you know, he stopped like maybe four feet  
2 away.

3 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Uh-huh (affirmative).

4 MR. CHAGHOURI: But I really don't know.

5 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: And what did he say to  
6 you again?

7 MR. CHAGHOURI: He says to me, "Joe, why you do  
8 this to me? Why did you call the cops on me, man? I  
9 just want to watch the Super Bowl tomorrow."

10 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: So once he said that to  
11 you, and you said he had the stick raised in the air?

12 MR. CHAGHOURI: Yeah.

13 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Okay. Where were the  
14 officers?

15 MR. CHAGHOURI: The officers were outside  
16 across of the door of the apartment.

17 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Yeah.

18 MR. CHAGHOURI: They had a little angle from  
19 that waiting room window.

20 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Sure.

21 MR. CHAGHOURI: And I think they saw him, and  
22 his brother saw him too. Then when he went back  
23 inside, he must have not -- forgot to lock the door.

24 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Forgot to lock the door?

1 MR. CHAGHOURI: Yes.

2 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Okay.

3 MR. CHAGHOURI: Because -- because Anthony  
4 comes in about five minutes later, and he says to me,  
5 "The door is open." I said, "Great, bring the  
6 officers. Let them go in." He said, "Dude, I don't  
7 want to do that right now because I'm afraid, you know.  
8 He doesn't want to come out. Just let me -- let me  
9 wait it out. Let me see what we can do." And I guess  
10 he was looking for his brother. When he went inside,  
11 he didn't find him.

12 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: When Anthony went inside  
13 to try to look for Alan, were there any police officers  
14 that went inside with him?

15 MR. CHAGHOURI: No, no.

16 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: No?

17 MR. CHAGHOURI: No. He went by himself --

18 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Okay.

19 MR. CHAGHOURI: -- because the officers were  
20 still at the other side outside. They were, you know,  
21 at the main door area. They were not -- they probably  
22 did not have clue that Al walked in for that 10 seconds  
23 waving that stick and then went back in there.

24 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Okay.

1 MR. CHAGHOURI: But I think one officer seen  
2 him, the tall guy.

3 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: The tall guy.

4 MR. CHAGHOURI: Tall guy. I think he seen him.  
5 The one -- one of the first ones that were on the site.

6 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Okay. You think he saw  
7 Alan with the stick?

8 MR. CHAGHOURI: Yeah. Probably he did.  
9 Probably he did. And I did mention that to them too.

10 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Uh-huh (affirmative).

11 MR. CHAGHOURI: I did mention that he came at  
12 me with a stick.

13 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: You told the officers  
14 that?

15 MR. CHAGHOURI: Either -- either the officer or  
16 Anthony was next to me. I don't know if he heard that.

17 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Okay.

18 MR. CHAGHOURI: But it's all on the  
19 surveillance. Once you pull it, you'll be able to see  
20 that.

21 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Okay. So who got -- who  
22 alerted the police to come into the house?

23 MR. CHAGHOURI: I reckon it was Devin, his  
24 roommate maybe, but we didn't know. To be honest with

1 you, we thought there's a warrant because Anthony says,  
2 "The cops are here. They got a warrant on my brother."  
3 So I say, "Warrant is simple. Just let him go with it,  
4 and we'll bail him out, no problem." But he was, you  
5 know, in psychic situation where he did not want to go  
6 with nobody. Plus he opened the window, and he was  
7 telling the officer, "Fuck you." He was talking bad  
8 language.

9 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Alan was?

10 MR. CHAGHOURI: Yeah.

11 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: What window did he open,  
12 upstairs or downstairs?

13 MR. CHAGHOURI: Downstairs, downstairs. And  
14 him and the officer were outside like almost the screen  
15 between them, and then he -- he closed the window glass  
16 again after he told him, "Fuck you. You're not going  
17 to get in here. This is my house," blah, blah, blah.

18 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: So Alan opened the  
19 downstairs window?

20 MR. CHAGHOURI: Yes. To communicate with the  
21 officers.

22 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Yeah.

23 MR. CHAGHOURI: Tell him, why you here? What  
24 do you want from me? Blah, blah, blah.

1           DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Was he yelling, or was  
2 he just talking?

3           MR. CHAGHOURI: He was -- he was yelling and  
4 using foul language and --

5           DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: And again, if you could  
6 just repeat, to the best of your recollection as to  
7 what Alan was yelling at them.

8           MR. CHAGHOURI: Alan was telling him, "Fuck  
9 you. You ain't going to take me. You want to take me,  
10 you come into my house. You come in and arrest me."  
11 And then the officer told him, "If I come in here, you  
12 going to have some broken jaws and broken ribs and  
13 stuff, so you don't want me to come in. You got to get  
14 out." Because he did say that. I could -- I could  
15 hear him, and Anthony heard that too as well.

16           DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: And after that  
17 conversation that they had, they're going back and  
18 forth --

19           MR. CHAGHOURI: Yeah.

20           DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: -- and Alan is yelling  
21 "fuck you," you know --

22           MR. CHAGHOURI: Yeah.

23           DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: -- you're not taking me.

24           MR. CHAGHOURI: Yeah.



1           DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: And the officer says you  
2 don't want me to come in there.

3           MR. CHAGHOURI: Yeah.

4           DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Alan closed the window  
5 at that time?

6           MR. CHAGHOURI: Yes. Alan closed the window,  
7 and I was assuming that the door was locked between me  
8 and him, you know, the office.

9           DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Yeah.

10          MR. CHAGHOURI: But Anthony comes and he says  
11 to me, "He left the door open." I said, "Bring the  
12 cops in there, and let's get it" --

13          DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Right, right.

14          MR. CHAGHOURI: You know, let's get it -- he  
15 says to me, "I can't do that to him. Let me see. Let  
16 me go in and talk to him."

17          DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Uh-huh (affirmative).

18          MR. CHAGHOURI: He goes inside, and he doesn't  
19 find his brother. He calls, "Al, Al, Al," and then he  
20 comes out. He says, "Al is not here." He said, "He  
21 must have split from the window, from the rear window."  
22 I did ask him. I say, "Was there no police behind on  
23 the back?" He says to me, "I didn't see anybody  
24 waiting behind."

1 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Okay.

2 MR. CHAGHOURI: So -- and then Anthony walks  
3 out. I'm still inside the office, sir. So I'm doing  
4 -- I'm counting my cash and stuff for the shift. And  
5 an officer comes in late on the scene, little heavy  
6 weight --

7 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Uh-huh (affirmative).

8 MR. CHAGHOURI: -- bald, and he comes running  
9 out of his car. He parked his car all the way at the  
10 end, and he's running. And he's going in the direction  
11 where the Hummer is.

12 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Where the Hummer is?

13 MR. CHAGHOURI: As if he knew that this guy is  
14 going to be in that direction.

15 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Yeah.

16 MR. CHAGHOURI: And he was running, and he asks  
17 me, "How's this guy looks like?" I said, "Tall and  
18 skinny."

19 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Yep.

20 MR. CHAGHOURI: And then I go back inside for  
21 not even 40 seconds. I come back outside. I see  
22 Anthony running, screaming, "Oh, they killed my  
23 brother. They killed my brother." So I was inside. I  
24 didn't even hear the shots.

1           DETECTIVE FITZGERALD:  Didn't even hear any  
2 shots?

3           MR. CHAGHOURI:  I didn't even hear the shots,  
4 sir.  I was just inside.  And I came outside to see if  
5 they got him or they found him, and then I see Anthony  
6 running from that direction screaming and, you know,  
7 crying.  I was crying too when I heard that.

8           DETECTIVE FITZGERALD:  Uh-huh (affirmative).

9           MR. CHAGHOURI:  He says, "A big pool of blood,  
10 Joe," blah, blah, blah, sad.

11          DETECTIVE FITZGERALD:  So did the police ever  
12 come in through that unlocked door?

13          MR. CHAGHOURI:  Never, never did.

14          TROOPER CONNOLLY:  Because you were in the  
15 office that whole time; you would have known, right?

16          MR. CHAGHOURI:  I was in the office.  
17 Absolutely, absolutely.

18          DETECTIVE FITZGERALD:  So they did not go in  
19 Alan's apartment?

20          MR. CHAGHOURI:  They could not go, sir, because  
21 he didn't give them access.  They did not know that  
22 this door on the inside was open when he came out at  
23 me.

24          DETECTIVE FITZGERALD:  Right.  Just Anthony

1 went inside?

2 MR. CHAGHOURI: Just Anthony was the only one  
3 that figured that out.

4 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Yeah.

5 MR. CHAGHOURI: And he came out, and he told  
6 me, "It's open, and nobody is there." I said, "Bring  
7 the police in there."

8 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Uh-huh (affirmative).

9 MR. CHAGHOURI: I said, "This is the time to  
10 fucking end it, you know."

11 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Right.

12 MR. CHAGHOURI: I wish eh listened to me, man.  
13 I wish -- I really wish. I wish he listened to me.

14 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: I know. It's  
15 unfortunate. Where was Anthony at the time of the  
16 incident when you said you saw the bald-headed officer  
17 come over and yell? What's he look like?

18 MR. CHAGHOURI: He was on the left side of the  
19 building.

20 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Anthony was?

21 MR. CHAGHOURI: Yes.

22 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Okay.

23 MR. CHAGHOURI: He was still talking to that  
24 tall officer and a lot of other officers with -- I'm

1 sorry. Just one second.

2 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Yeah. Go ahead.

3 MR. CHAGHOURI: (On phone) I'm almost done,  
4 daddy, okay. Yeah. Maybe 10 more minutes. Don't  
5 worry. Don't worry about nothing. I'll come home  
6 soon, okay. What time now? I don't know. It's 10:37.  
7 I have two officers with me. I cannot talk now. Tell  
8 mommy everything is fine, okay. Bye, bye. (Off phone)

9 Sorry, guys.

10 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: No. No problem at all.

11 So Anthony was outside near the two bays?

12 MR. CHAGHOURI: Yes, yes, yes. Near the two  
13 bays, and he was going back and forth to the office  
14 and, you know, trying to -- he was calling his cousin  
15 also, Macauley (phonetic) was a North Reading Police.

16 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Uh-huh (affirmative).

17 MR. CHAGHOURI: He was on the phone with him.  
18 I heard him telling him, you know, blah, blah, blah.  
19 And just happened so fast. I see the officer, and then  
20 I see the lady cop pulling her gun out when I walk  
21 outside. I didn't even hear the shots, but I see the  
22 beautiful young lady with a gun in her hand and running  
23 toward that direction. And then I see another officer  
24 with a gun, so they must have heard the gunshots --

1 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Right, right.

2 MR. CHAGHOURI: -- and went right away to the  
3 scene where the guy was.

4 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Okay.

5 TROOPER CONNOLLY: So after that officer ran by  
6 the -- the bald officer runs by you, you tell him he's  
7 tall and skinny --

8 MR. CHAGHOURI: Tall and skinny, yeah.

9 TROOPER CONNOLLY: -- you go back to just  
10 counting out --

11 MR. CHAGHOURI: Yes.

12 TROOPER CONNOLLY: -- your cash?

13 MR. CHAGHOURI: I go back inside. Yes.  
14 Because was a little bit cold, and I didn't have my  
15 jacket on.

16 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Yeah.

17 MR. CHAGHOURI: And there was really too much  
18 commotion out there, sir, and didn't find it the right  
19 place for me to be out there.

20 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Uh-huh (affirmative). So  
21 Anthony is by the bay by the officers?

22 MR. CHAGHOURI: Yeah.

23 TROOPER CONNOLLY: And he's the first person  
24 you noticed something was wrong?

1 MR. CHAGHOURI: Yes. Because he was running.  
2 He was -- well, the first thing I noticed, the -- the  
3 lady cop had her gun up, and she was running when I  
4 came out, right. I seen that scene, and then I seen  
5 another officer behind her also with the gun drawn.  
6 And then within two seconds Anthony was running facing  
7 those officer that running in that direction. He was  
8 running, and he must have -- he must have followed that  
9 officer when he was going to the Hummer. And he says  
10 he seen his brother go down and went like this in a  
11 pool of blood. He says was like -- like not even four  
12 yards range he shot him, according to Anthony.

13 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Yeah.

14 MR. CHAGHOURI: I wasn't there.

15 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: So Anthony basically  
16 stated that he was right on scene when it happened,  
17 right near where the incident happened?

18 MR. CHAGHOURI: I believe so, sir, because he's  
19 the only one that knew what was going on, you know.  
20 The other guys thought backfire from a car or a truck.

21 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Yeah, right, right.

22 TROOPER CONNOLLY: So Anthony was running away  
23 from --

24 MR. CHAGHOURI: Away, yeah. He was running

1 like this and, you know, crying and saying, "They shot  
2 my brother twice, not once, twice, twice." I said -- I  
3 said, "Anthony, take it easy. Is he okay?" He said,  
4 "Joe, blood everywhere," he says. He said, "I don't  
5 think he's going to make it," when he seen the blood  
6 that much.

7 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Joe, when you saw -- I  
8 think you already stated this, but I just want to back  
9 up to when you saw Alan earlier. Again, when he had  
10 the table leg in his hand.

11 MR. CHAGHOURI: Yeah.

12 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: -- did you think he was  
13 on something?

14 MR. CHAGHOURI: Yes.

15 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Yes.

16 MR. CHAGHOURI: Yes, I did.

17 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: What -- if -- from your  
18 past run-ins --

19 MR. CHAGHOURI: Klonopin, I think. Anthony  
20 says to me, "He's maybe on Klonopin and alcohol mixed  
21 together."

22 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Okay. Did you see that  
23 though? Like could you tell that --

24 MR. CHAGHOURI: I'm not really -- I could not



1 tell what kind of pills he's on.

2 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Yeah. But you could  
3 tell that he was --

4 MR. CHAGHOURI: Absolutely.

5 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: -- under the influence  
6 of something?

7 MR. CHAGHOURI: When he's -- when he's normal,  
8 man, he's such a great guy.

9 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Okay.

10 MR. CHAGHOURI: He was at the rehab two months  
11 ago in Georgetown. I picked him up.

12 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Yeah.

13 MR. CHAGHOURI: The people at the rehab loved  
14 him. He was there for two months.

15 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Yeah.

16 MR. CHAGHOURI: When he's sober, they loved  
17 him. He's such a great guy.

18 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Right, right.

19 MR. CHAGHOURI: As soon as he drinks --

20 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Yeah.

21 MR. CHAGHOURI: -- everything changed totally.

22 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: So you think he was on  
23 alcohol and pain killers or --

24 MR. CHAGHOURI: I really -- is should not be

1 saying that because I cannot be sure.

2 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: No, no. I know. You've  
3 seen him around when he's been messed up before?

4 MR. CHAGHOURI: Yeah. Anthony thinks that  
5 maybe he's taking Klonopin because his friend died, and  
6 he was at the funeral home or --

7 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Okay.

8 MR. CHAGHOURI: -- something like that.

9 TROOPER CONNOLLY: So you never went to the  
10 site of the --

11 MR. CHAGHOURI: No. I never went to the --

12 TROOPER CONNOLLY: -- and see him?

13 MR. CHAGHOURI: -- side, no. I never seen  
14 anything or, you know, how he -- what he did, how he  
15 got killed. No idea, sir. I was completely inside  
16 isolated, and all I see is just the officer running in  
17 that direction to about maybe 30, 40 seconds before.

18 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Yeah.

19 MR. CHAGHOURI: Then I go back inside. I come  
20 out a minute later. Anthony is running out.

21 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Okay. Did you talk to  
22 anybody about this? Like did you talk to Devin or --

23 MR. CHAGHOURI: No, no. Devin is nowhere to be  
24 found, I guess. I didn't call him because I was pissed

1 at him for causing all this, to be honest with you.  
2 Because I feel he must have called today and probably  
3 caused that guy to get killed, you know, indirectly.  
4 But I'm really mad. I think I want to kick him out,  
5 you know. Not -- not, you know, because, you know, he  
6 caused Alan to die. It's not for that reason. He  
7 really is not a good guy. He doesn't pay the rent. He  
8 destroy when he drinks. They smoke bad stuff, him and  
9 his girl. They get violent. They break the walls. If  
10 you go to the apartment, you'll see all the walls  
11 punctured. They're bad apples, you know. They're bad  
12 apples. So I don't want to deal with them. I feel,  
13 Al, with all his problems, he was a better person than  
14 this guy.

15 TROOPER CONNOLLY: Yeah. Uh-huh (affirmative).

16 MR. CHAGHOURI: So I'm really mad at him. I  
17 don't even fucking --

18 TROOPER CONNOLLY: All right. Well, we don't  
19 want to keep you too long, and I think you've answered  
20 everything that we need you to answer.

21 MR. CHAGHOURI: Okay.

22 TROOPER CONNOLLY: So do you have a ride, or do  
23 you need a ride?

24 MR. CHAGHOURI: No. I got Uber.

1           DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: No, no. We'll have to  
2 -- you have to go back up to the gas station?

3           MR. CHAGHOURI: Well, then --

4           DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Yeah. We'll drive you.

5           MR. CHAGHOURI: All right.

6           DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: We'll drive you. Yeah.

7           MR. CHAGHOURI: You'll take me to my car?

8           DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Not going to make you --  
9 yes, yes.

10          MR. CHAGHOURI: Okay.

11          DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Yeah. We're not going  
12 to make you take an Uber. Of course, we're not.

13          MR. CHAGHOURI: No worries. If I have to, I  
14 do. No worries. I hope I was helpful.

15          DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: No, absolutely. And if  
16 it's okay, we may reach out to you --

17          MR. CHAGHOURI: Yeah, yeah.

18          DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: -- in the future in the  
19 next day or so --

20          MR. CHAGHOURI: Absolutely.

21          DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: -- to ask you some more  
22 questions if we think of any.

23          MR. CHAGHOURI: Absolutely.

24          DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: But, Joe, if you need

1 anything, my name is Detective Mike Fitzgerald.

2 MR. CHAGHOURI: Oh, I know you for years. Yes.

3 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: I get gas every now and  
4 then.

5 MR. CHAGHOURI: You're (indiscernible). Tony  
6 loves you too.

7 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: Yes, yes. No, Anthony.

8 MR. CHAGHOURI: You used to arrest him when he  
9 was a bad boy. He loves you.

10 DETECTIVE FITZGERALD: No. He's good.

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