

## Mike Ross Interrogation Transcript

**Officer R [REDACTED]:** Okay, uh... Mike, right?

**Mike Ross:** That's right. Why am I here? I have been waiting in this damn room for 4 hours.

**Officer R [REDACTED]:** Yes, we are going to get there. But first, I need to ask you some questions, okay?

**Mike Ross:** Sure, fine, whatever.

**Officer R [REDACTED]:** Alright, um... I talked to your boss Darren earlier in here. Do you know Darren?

**Mike Ross:** What kind of a question is that? Of course, I know Darren, you just said he is my boss.

**Officer R [REDACTED]:** Alright Mike, this is just a formality, okay? I just need some simple answers.

**Mike Ross:** Okay, sure.

**Officer R [REDACTED]:** This website, the ETCS website? Did you make this?

**Mike Ross:** Yes, I made it a year ago or something. It's all built on vintage radio signals. Except it's been going haywire ever since... [pause] a few days ago.

**Officer R [REDACTED]:** How many days ago exactly?

**Mike Ross:** [pause] 3? Maybe more, I don't know.

**Officer R [REDACTED]:** Did something happen that could have caused this?

**Mike Ross:** Alright Officer... Rhodes? That's what your nametag says. If you are trying to implicate me in something, I didn't do anything.

**Officer R [REDACTED]:** That isn't what I asked, Mike. I asked if something happened quote "a few days ago" that might have caused this issue.

**Mike Ross:** No! Nothing. Nothing happened. Nothing ever happens when you're in this line of work.

**Officer R [REDACTED]:** Really? Nothing? Well, your boss said here that exactly 4 days ago, you suggested an experiment with radio waves. How did you get the idea for the experiment?

**Mike Ross:** [pause] Oh... right. Uh, yeah, I guess we did do that a few days ago. The idea was from some online forum. They said that if people on Earth sent radio waves out into space, something might be able to intercept the signal and send something back... Or something like that...

**Officer R [REDACTED]:** Right, okay. And during this experiment, did you get any responses?

**Mike Ross:** No, of course not. We never get anything.

**Officer R [REDACTED]:** And after the experiment, did you go home at the same time as the others?

**Mike Ross:** Um, yes.

**Officer R [REDACTED]:** No, you didn't. Did you?

**Mike Ross:** No.

**Officer R [REDACTED]:** Right. You stayed behind. Said you had some things to finish up with the experiment?

**Mike Ross:** Yes... how do you know this...?

**Officer R [REDACTED]:** We have our ways. Anyhow, what happened when you stayed behind?

**Mike Ross:** I, uh... I don't think I should answer that without a lawyer.

**Officer R [REDACTED]:** Oh, Mike. You're not getting a lawyer. So, you either comply and answer now, or we will have to get it out of you another way. Like we did with Terry. Now, I will not ask a third time, what happened when you stayed behind?

**Mike Ross:** I got a response. Something really far away answered the message. I got so freaked out that I spilled my coffee on the radio and fried it.

**Officer R [REDACTED]:** Who answered Mike?

**Mike Ross:** Aliens.

**Officer R [REDACTED]:** And have you told anyone this?

**Mike Ross:** Only Emily. I tell her everything. God, I hope she's okay.

**Officer R [REDACTED]:** She is fine. And you will be fine too.

**Mike Ross:** Hey, what is that? Don't come any closer! Stop! [END TAPE]