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Law Avoidance 101: Interview with NYSP Trooper Ruffas
Ruffas : OH MY GOD...
        IS THAT EVIDENCE RIGHT THERE...?
        Why, yes it is.
Ruffas : Ohhhhhhh boy.
         Look buddy, you cant be surprising me to death with shit like that...~!
          ...it's just a bunch of pictures...
Ruffas : *hands up* Look buddy, I'm not even allowed to pretend like I almost saw that shit right there...
       : Why not...?
Ruffas : Cause, we just don't look at stuff like that around these parts.
         It's too dangerous...
       : You look like you're sweating bullets...
Ruffas : I am~!
         Nearly just shit my pants just now when I realized you were tryin' to show me some evidence.
         For fucks sake buddy...~!
         Take it easv...~!
       : But, these are pictures of a couple dudes that were following me about 12 hours AFTER I recorded a
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         video of the NYS Troopers leaving their vehicles running unattended at the Clifton Park Public Safety
         building, May 25th, 2020...
Ruffas : *gives me a hard stare* Whaddya tryin' to say there buddy, that some cop you recorded on video had
         somethin' to do with these two guys...?
        Why, yes.
Me
         That is actually, the point I've been making since May 26th, 2020.
Ruffas : That sounds like conspiracy talk...
        Alright, do you leave your cruiser running at your job for like a half hour or more...?
Ruffas : Nah, my boss would get mad about that.
        Yeah...?
Me
         What if I told you that the (2) dudes that tried to kill me on May 26th, 2020, may have actually had
         something to do with the ransomware attack that occurred at Computer Answers, on January 15th, 2019...?
Ruffas : I dunno bro.
         Computer crimes aren't our thing...
         You'd have to call the FBI or somethin'.
        I have actually done that numerous times.
Me
Ruffas : Yeah well, I don't know what to tell ya.
        I mean, the question I'm asking YOU, is..
         What if these HACKERS work at the FBI, or the State Police...?
         And THEY'RE the ones that tried to kill me 12 hours after I recorded a SECOND video of 3-4 trooper
         vehicles running unattended, and in that video, I kept saying that I knew someone was surveiling me.
Ruffas : What do you mean, someone was surveilling you...?
       : Well, I don't want to CONFUSE you or anything, BUT-
Me
         What if, SOMEONE that has a BADGE, was ABUSING their AUTHORITY, AND was using the SOFTWARE and
         SURVEILLANCE tools I had TALKED ABOUT in a VIDEO that I RECORDED EARLIER that very DAY...?
         Like, PRISM...?
         What if someone had my device remotely broadcasting the content I was recording...?
Ruffas : That's impossible, there's no way anybody could do that.
        Yeah actually, there is...
         People in the "Central Intelligence Agency" DO have access to stuff like that...~!
         Remember. .
         YOU work for the New York State Troopers, so don't tell me what's possible and what isn't...
         I have a LOT MORE EXPERIENCE than YOU DO with DIGITAL SECURITY.
Ruffas : Yeah...?
         Well, IDK man.
         Maybe SOMEBODY with a BADGE got PISSED OFF at what you were DOIN'.
         Maybe they DID try to kill ya, IDFK...
         I've got BOSTON CREAM DONUTS to eat at a fuckin' U-TURN, pal...
         Not sure what you want from ME.
        So like, who would I contact in the case of a fucking emergency, if they like...
         ...tried to do it again...?
Ruffas : Just, call 911, buddy, they'll help ya out.
        Yeah.
Me
         That's a COOL SUGGESTION, cause I like, DID THAT, way back on May 26th, 2020.
Ruffas : And...?
        Oh, you didn't understand...?
         The hackers interrupted my ability to contact 911.
         That's why I think BRUCE TANSKI is a FUCKING MORON.
         Because, if I try to TELL PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY about this DANGEROUS PROGRAM...?
         BRUCE TANSKI is gonna have his buddy named JOHN rip all of my posts off of the doors.
         Because, hey- someone doesn't LIKE what I WRITE for some reason...
Ruffas : That's a computer crime though, right...?
       : The hackers were ALSO, about 25 meters away from me on foot for over 90 minutes.
         I could say that to BRUCE TANSKI about 1,000 fucking times, right...?
         The man will roll his eyes and tell me that's fucking ridiculous.
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So, I'm just gonna keep MAKING FUN OF HIS ASS.

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Ruffas : I dunno what to tell ya buddy, you'd have to contact the FBI for something like that.
      : So, if 2 dudes are like, not that far away from me on foot...
         ...and they're like, prowling me...
          ..making every indication that they're about to attack me...
         What I have to do, is call the COMPUTER CRIMES DIVISION...
         ...that's what you're tellin' me...?
Ruffas : I mean if they're physically about to attack you, that's a different story.
       : Ah.
Me
         Ok.
         So, you get it now, don't ya...?
         This is basically the thing I told a number of other guys in YOUR DEPARTMENT.
Ruffas :
         ...and...?
         Well, apparently they had trouble understanding what I was saying.
         Maybe because all of the police have a MENTAL HANDICAP whenever it involves...
          ..police officers committing criminal activities like DEREK CHAUVIN.
Ruffas : Look buddy..
         ...nobody's perfect.
       : No, I know...
Me
         I get it.
         Everybody makes mistakes and stuff.
         But, why is DEREK CHAUVIN in PRISON...?
         ...DEREK CHAUVIN was a SICK BASTARD that KILLED AN INNOCENT DUDE named GEORGE FLOYD.
        That's right.
         He must've only killed like (1) guy though, right...?
Ruffas: That's right.
         Only (1) guy.
        So, not like HUNDREDS, right...?
Ruffas : Buddy... he did NOT kill HUNDREDS of guys...
         I mean, I think that EVERY POLICE OFFICER has KILLED A LOT OF PEOPLE...
Ruffas : BUDDY.
         THAT'S CRAZY TALK...
       : But I mean, I have to start MAKING THESE ASSUMPTIONS because there's a lot of police
         officers who like to LIE ALL THE TIME ON DUTY. Like, for instance, TROOPER RUFFAS.
         TROOPER MESSINES. TROOPER BOSCO. TROOPER DERUSSO. I've literally CAUGHT ALL (4) of
         these people, COMMITTING AN ILLEGAL ARREST.
Ruffas : That's... gotta be rare, buddy.
         I don't think it is, anymore.
         Sometimes, I can't help but think there MIGHT be a number of individuals that just don't
         have enough intelligence at your organization... and I have communication issues with them.
         Not just communication issues with THEM, but a lot of people who work for Saratoga County as well.
Ruffas: What kind of communication issues...?
        Like, it might be an alright conversation up until I tell them about some of my RESEARCH or FINDINGS.
         Or like, when I try to HAND A POLICE OFFICER EVIDENCE and SUDDENLY THEIR ARMS AND HANDS GO LIMP.
         SOMETIMES THEY'LL IMMEDIATELY ARREST ME FOR HAVING EVIDENCE.
Ruffas : Wow, I've NEVER heard of that..
        Probably because you're BUSY EATING BOSTON CREME DONUTS AT A FUCKING U-TURN.
         Evidence like a conversation I had with (3) SCSO officers on March 1st, 2022 in my bedroom...
         ...who could've seen the VIDEOS that I had on YouTube...
         ...of Facebook AND YouTube AGGRESSIVELY DOWNSAMPLING MY CONTENT...
         ...and LIMITING THE EXPOSURE OF MY VIDEOS.
          ..and having a hacker issue a BLUE SCREEN OF DEATH...
Ruffas : Oh yeah...?
         You know that counts as evidence, right?
         I'm not gonna bother looking at ANY of that...
       : Yeah, I've come to expect that, actually.
         I truly think that most of you guys must think I sit around all the time, coming up with some brand
         new way to say the same fucking thing I've said HUNDREDS of times now, but- the truth is...?
         The reason I continue to say the SAME STORY OVER AND OVER AGAIN, isn't because I'm PSYCHOTIC or
         DELUSIONAL.
         It's cause the SAME THING KEEPS BOTHERING ME, since it hasn't been RESOLVED.
Ruffas : So, what are you trying to say?
        I mean, I still think about purchasing a firearm to carry around with me everywhere I go. So I can just SHOOT PEOPLE THAT TRY TO ATTACK or KILL ME.
         Because of how much more safe I would feel, if I had one.
Ruffas : Yeah...?
       : Yeah, because I truly think that if I were to have one on hand...
         ...and then I started saying words to people..
         ...maybe someone will SEE the firearm I decide to carry around, right...?
         And, once they SEE the firearm, they'll realize that I might develop a habit of...
          ..PUTTING MY HAND OVER IT when I FEEL like PEOPLE are IGNORING me..
         OR, when I see BRUCE TANSKI RIPPING MY NOTICES OFF OF BUSINESSES DOORS.
Ruffas : Look buddy, I would rather you carry around your own firearm for your own safety...
         ...than to take a look at any of that evidence you've got...
       : Oh, I know.
Ruffas : Alright.
         As long as we're on the same page here...
       : Oh, most definitely.
Ruffas : Good.
         Glad to hear it.
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       : Me too man~!
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*points back and forth* We just had a cool moment talkin to one another...
Ruffas : Heh.
         Yeh man.
         We did, lol.
        Ah man.
         Hey, how often do you guys have to avoid collecting evidence and looking at pictures and stuff...?
Ruffas : Oh... god.
         Like, many times a day, EVERY day.
        Seriously...?
Ruffas :
        *makes a whistly noise* Yeh man.
         WAY too dangerous to LOOK at stuff like that...
        Yeah.
Me
         I figured you'd say something like that.
Ruffas : Yeh man.
         Once upon a time when I first joined the force.
         I did actually LOOK at some dude's evidence ONCE.
         Real quick, not too long.
         2 minutes later...?
         I'm getting attacked from all angles by a bunch of kids...
Me
        Wow, kids you say...?
Ruffas : Yep.
         *adjusts his belt* A bunch of kids from elementary school just decided to give me a hard time...
       : Oh, wow.
         That sounds like it was very intense...
Ruffas : Yeh, *holds forehead for a second* but- I survived.
        Well, I'm glad you survived your run in with a bunch of elementary school kids a couple minutes after
         you looked at some dude's evidence once upon a time... sounds like it was a fucking harrowing ordeal.
Ruffas : Yeah man, NEVER AGAIN will I make THAT mistake...
         Jeez..
Me
         Didn't realize how DANGEROUS it is for you guys to LOOK at EVIDENCE...
Ruffas : It's one of the most DANGEROUS aspects of being a cop, pal...
         It's not something I say lightly, either.
       : I mean, you'd think that some raving lunatic with a LOADED WEAPON would be MORE DANGEROUS than just
         looking at a few documents... no?
Ruffas : Hell no, buddy.
         While raving lunatics ARE pretty bad...?
         *taps chest* We know how to handle them guys.
         Looking at EVIDENCE is a LOT more dangerous...
         Oh yeh...?
Me
Ruffas:
        Yeh.
         Very dangerous, indeed.
       : How do you guys actually do your job though...?
Ruffas : What do you mean...?
         I mean, if someone calls to report a crime, how do you guys make arrests without any evidence...?
Ruffas :
         What, is that like a sick joke or something...?
         No, I'm curious, how do you determine that you can arrest somebody...?
Мe
Ruffas : Buddy, you've been watching too much CSI or something.
         We just arrest whoever we feel like, and that's how we get it done.
         ...really?
Ruffas : Yeh.
         C'mon. *sneers* You really think we arrest the right people sometimes...?
       : Uh..
Me
Ruffas : What?
        So, how do you guys figure it out, like, do you flip a coin...?
         And if it lands heads up, whoever you feel like arresting, they get arrested...?
Ruffas : Buddy..
         ...you're makin' it sound a LOT more difficult than it really is..
       : So I could literally point at some person right now who's done nothing wrong...
Me
         ...say "That dude just came over onto my property shouting obscenities in front of my granddaughter..."
         ...and you'll arrest that person...?
Ruffas : Damn straight.
       That's how it's done, son.
: I really hope you're kidding me right now...
Me
Ruffas: Nah, you know what your problem is...?
         ...what?
Ruffas : *shaking his head* You're thinking about it too much.
         That's your problem.
         If I put in as much thought into my job, as you're doing right now...?
         I'd never get anything done.
       : So, you could be arresting innocent people and ignoring actual crimes,...?
Ruffas : Hey buddy, everybody's got an opinion.
         It's a good thing the world doesn't run on opinions...
Me
       : So, just so we're clear, do you knowingly arrest innocent people all the time...?
          ...or just... MOST of the time?
Ruffas : Eh...
         I try not to think about who's innocent or guilty.
         You never really know who's guilty of what these days...
Me
       : So, what about somebody's grandmother who's just in the garden, minding her own damn business...
Ruffas : *chuckles* This sounds like it COULD be good buddy...
      : ...lady stands up, says "Ah, my knees are killing me..."
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Ruffas : I could arrest her for sayin' that right there.
      : How so...?
Ruffas : *chuckles* Lady just said her knees were killin' her, she just threatened to kill herself.
         That's an easy one.
         She was complaining about her knees hurting...
Ruffas : Yeah...?
         I heard her say that her knees were killing her.
         I don't have to worry about taking things literally or metaphorically.
         If somebody says words that sound bad...?
         I have to keep the peace.
       : Yeah, but then it sounds like you could just arrest anybody for cracking a joke.
Ruffas :
         *makes a straight face* Why, you got a funny joke or sumthin'...?
         Nah...
Мe
Ruffas :
         *breaks the hard stare* I'm just messin' with ya buddy, LOL.
         Oh... wow.
         Really, I thought you were serious that whole time...
Ruffas : Well, no, I was just kiddin about arresting YOU for a joke.
         I could TOTALLY arrest somebody else for tellin' a joke, or saying that their knees are killin' em.
Me
       : *shakes head* Look buddy.
         I feel pretty relieved.
Ruffas : Oh yeah...?
         Why's that...?
       : Well, I quess I just didn't understand that you fellas just march to the beat of your own drum...
Ruffas : Damn straight, buddy.
         You nailed it right on the head...
Me
       : You see, the whole time I thought you guys were covering something up...
          ...by not looking at any of my pictures, documents, or videos...
Ruffas : Ah, nah.
         We have a pretty strict "Don't look at any of that shit" policy...
         Standard procedure.
Me
       : I mean, it just makes total sense.
         I thought some of your buddies were just morons or lazy and didn't feel like doing their job...
         Well, now you know don't ya?
        Yeah.
         I had some nerve to think they were ignorant or lazy...
          ..when in reality, that was just my flawed perspective.
Ruffas : That's right.
         It was just ALLLLL in your head...
Man, I feel bad now, cause I must've called a number of officers you work with every fuckin' name in
Me
         the book...
Ruffas : Heh.
         Now you feel guilty about it, don't ya?
Me
       : Yeh man..
         ...what an asshole "I" must be...
Ruffas : You don't have to beat yourself up over it buddy...
       : Nah, I do though..
         I feel OBLIGATED to beat myself up over it.
         The last 2 years, I really did just think you guys had a bunch of morons on hand.
         Now I realize you guys all just do whatever the hell you feel like.
         THAT'S why it seemed like I was dealing with a bunch of MORONS...
Ruffas : Hey, easy there..
         ...we don't like being called names over and over...
         Nah I get it, nobody likes being called a fucking moron over and over...
         Especially when they can literally say whatever the hell they feel like saying, and call that
         LAW ENFORCEMENT.
Ruffas : Bet you wish you had a job like this, huh...?
       : Nah, not at all.
Ruffas :
         ...really?
         That's the first time I've EVER heard anybody say that..
       : Nah, that's cause I have INTEGRITY, and I care about HONESTY.
         I didn't realize the POLICE don't fucking care about that shit...
Ruffas : Heh.
         You probably think you still have CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS and shit, huh...?
         *chuckles* Lol.
       : Yeah man.
         I actually DID think that.
         Now I realize that being a cop is a lot like when somebody randomly assaults someone else.
         Instead of that person being assaulted, returning the favor...
          ...that person goes and assaults some totally different person, instead...
Ruffas : That is basically what being a cop is ALL about, buddy.
         See, my whole life I just thought that meant that someone was an idiot.
Ruffas : That's what you get for thinkin', buddy...
        Yeah.
         I mean, do you ever know for sure you're arresting the RIGHT person...?
         ...or, is it like a COIN FLIP each and every time...?
         You know, like (HARVEY DENT/TWO-FACE) from the fictional BATMAN universe...?
Ruffas : ...*sigh* man.
         Nobody's asked me that in such a long time.
         I try not to think about it...
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Cause, let's face it...

Do I arrest innocent people...?

 ${\tt Obviously}.$

But, do I give a shit...?

Nah.

Just, can't let stuff like that bother ya.

: I could see how that would probably make sense to someone stupid... Мe

Ruffas : Yeah.

Look buddy, I want you to think about everything I said to you today, alright...?

: Oh, trust me, I will.

For sure.

Ruffas : Good.

Don't think of it all in terms of RIGHT and WRONG... ...cause you'll STRESS YOURSELF OUT REAL EASY that way.

Мe : No, that part is perfectly clear to me...

Whatever happens...?

Do the thing that makes the LEAST sense. Ruffas : *snaps his fingers and points his index finger* Exactly.

See . . . ?

You're catchin' on pretty quickly there, pal.

: I have a feeling you haven't detected any of my sarcasm...

Have you...?

Ruffas : LOL Buddy, you're a real riot~!

I'm takin' off.

Take it easy pal.