Interview of Joshua Ryne Goldberg on 9/ l 0/2015

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Alright, we're good. Sorry about that. Alright, so it's about 7:53 in the morning, okay, on, uh, Thursday the 101\ and Jim Berry, Lindsay Campbell, Joshua, it's

Goldberg? Okay, you doing okay? Yeah

Okay, you sure?

Yes

Okay, tell me a little bit about, um, I mean yourself, you, you know, what I want to know first really is, uh, you mentioned, right away that, you were on some medication when we walked up.

They asked me about it. Okay, alright. Say that again.

They asked me about the medicine first.

Okay, alright. Uh, actually what I should do first, before we get too far is, um, let you know that, right now we're just sort of detaining you while they do a, uh, search of the residence, we have a search warrant for the residence, okay? Uh, so I'm obligated to give you your Miranda warnings, are you familiar with those?

Miranda? Yes.

Okay, you're, you've seen it on TV? Uh, yeah,

Okay, so what I want you to do, is uh, basically you have to understand is that we would like to talk to you, but you do have the right to remain silent, uh, so what I want you to do is, do you read and write in English?

Yes.

Okay, can you read those for me?

Before we ask you any questions you must understand your rights: you have the right to remain silent, anything you say can be used against you in court, you have the right to talk to a lawyer for advice before we ask you any questions, you

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have the right to have a lawyer with you during questioning, if you cannot afford a lawyer one will be appointed for you before any questioning if you wish, if you decide to answer questions now without a lawyer present you have the right to stop answering at any time. I read this statement of my rights, I understand what my rights are, at this time I am willing to answer questions without a lawyer present.

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Do you have any questions about those? No? Do you wish to talk to us? Yes, I would like to know what's going on.

Okay, you'd like to talk to us? If you want to talk to us then we're going to have you sign this fonn... that you're willing to speak with us, okay? Okay, that's it and I'll fill the rest out. Alright, and this, the residence here is, uh, 3119, is that correct?

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Yes.

Okay, um, so the other thing that's, you know, if you're willing to talk to us, the other thing is that we appreciate it and It will help clear some things up, but it's also important that while you're talking to us, that you tell the truth, I'm not

suggesting that you would lie to us, okay, but I just want to make it clear that, you know, a lot of people get themselves in trouble, because they say they want to talk but then they tell us lies and you can actually get in trouble for that, you know, alone, just by telling a lie, okay? Do you understand that?

Yes.

Okay and I'm not suggesting that you would not be honest with you, with us, alright?

Uh-huh.

Alright, so tell me, what I'd like to know is, first off, what you know, again you mentioned your medical condition, you said the officers asked about that, so tell me what's going on there.

I was taking med-; I'm taking medicine, Fetzima for depression, and Clonodine for insomnia and then non-prescription is melatonin for insomnia and Prevacid for my stomach problems.

Okay and have you been taking those for a while? Yes, well, uh, uh, some ofthem for longer than others.

Okay and you currently are, you know, are you up to date? You're not behind on your medications or anything like that?

Um, um, no, I'm not, I'm not behind. You're not behind, so you're good?

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Yes.

Just relax, it's gonna be fine, okay? Um, so do you, do you work? No, I'm a student.

Okay, where are you a student?

Florida State Community College at Jacksonville. Excellent, which, which campus?

Kent campus.

Kent campus, do you actuaHy go to the campus? For some classes.

For some classes?

Yes. I have in the past, not at the moment. Not at the moment?

No.

What kind of classes were you taking? What do you mean?

Like what were you going to school for?

Which c1asses? At the moment I am taking music appreciation, um, world religions, and.. .I'm sorry, I'm having a hard time thinking, I haven't gotten much sleep, but, I was

That's okay,just relax, we're just going having an easy conversation.

l had recently dropped a math class because I had missed something and I wanted to be able to make up for it and there was another class that was going start up soon, but I don't remember at the moment what it was.

So you're currently taking music appreciation and world religions, and you dropped a math class? Is that what you said?

What? I'm sorry.

You said you're currently taking a music appreciation class? Yes.

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And a wor)d religion cJass? That hasn't started yet.

That has not started yet, okay. When does that start? What?

When does it start? When does what start? The world religion class.

When does what start? Oh, the world religions? I don't remember, I think it was a few weeks.

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Okay, how long have you been up, today? Since, 6:30 in the morning, yesterday.

6:30 yesterday morning? Yes.

Is that normal?

What?

Is it normal for you to be up all night? You said you've been up since 6:30 yesterday?

Um, wait, rm sorry, what? Is it normal for me to? Do you stay up an night?

I usuaJly stay up all night and sleep all day. But I had to go to a doctor's appointment yesterday.

Okay, what, what kind of doctor? A psychiatrist.

Okay, so, do you stay up, so you stay up normally all night? Yes.

Okay, what, what do you do when you're up? My classes and watch TV.

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Classes and TV? Anything else? Surf the internet.

Internet?

Yeah.

What do you look at on the internet?

Go on Twitter, Facebook, and Wikipedia, mainly. Okay, Twitter and Facebook?

Yeah

Anything else?

Not much.

Not much?

I used to go on 4chan, but I don't really anymore, except to read it, I don't post there anymore.

You've posted on 4chan before? Yeah.

What have you posted on there before?

I would go on the pol board and talk about, uh, political stuff, it was mostly, uh, uh, I would just post random stuff to get a reaction a lot of the times.

What kind of stuff would you post?

I'm trying to think, if this post ends in repeating integers, this will happen. Or a random event like end of the world, or uh, an economic collapse will happen, and so, it's a board thing, like if this post ends in repeating digits, because every post has a digit number, so I'd post stuff like this. I had an hola, you know what hola is?

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I don't.

Well I had uninstalled it because, it's a proxy thing, but I'd uninstalled it because I found out that what it does it lets anyone connect to your IP address, so I, I, I, we11 I hadn't actually uninstalled it, I, I think I had just disabled it on the chrome, but yeah, I, I, I mean I didn't want my IP address being part of some global thing.

Why would you think your IP address would be part of some global thing?

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Hola, that's how hola works, it lets, it, once, once you put it on your computer you can connect to IP addresses all over the world but it turns your IP address into an IP address that other people can connect to.

Okay. Excuse me.

You're pretty good on the computer?

I, I'm not an expert or anything like that.

I mean I'm not good on the computer so you sound like you know a lot of stuff about things online.

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Uh,yeah.

Sorry about that. I'm sorry where were you? Technical, computer stuff.

Oh, okay. Um, so you said you were concerned about people putting, using your...

**Yeah,** that's why I got rid of hola.

So you don't have, you don't have it anymore?

I, I can't remember if I completely deleted it or if I just disabled it on chrome, I'm not sure if just disabling it works. So, I, I, I can't exactly remember ifl deleted it or not.

Okay, so it sounds like you're on the computer a lot, which is fine, I'm on the computer a lot too. What computers, do you have computers in the house that are yours?

They're all shared.

They're all shared?

Well there's, uh, uh, there's a bunch of different computers, I'm trying, I'm sorry. The, the laptop is mine.

The laptop is yours?

Yes.

Are you the only one that uses the laptop?

**Yes.**

Okay, uh, I think there's an iPad out there I saw?

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That's my mom's.

You don't use it?

Not really, I just play games on the iPad. So, but you use it?

I haven't recently that much. Okay, what else?

Um, a phone, a windows phone. Sorry what was that?

A windows phone.

Windows phone?

Yeah.

Okay, where's the phone? In my room.

In your room? Which, which is your room? Where's it in the house? Upstairs.

Upstairs, okay. Uh, laptop, iPod, phone, what else, what other devices? Computers?

Um, others, there's a few other devices, a kindle and another iPad, I think, and then I think there might be another kindle.

Okay, who's, the, the iPad, who's is the other iPad?

I, I think it was also my mom's, but I think my little brother's mostly use it, or maybe it was a broken one. I'm not sure.

So in your room, what devices do you have in your room? You have the phone and what else?

That's, that's it.

Okay you don't have a computer in your room? No.

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Okay. The laptop, does it have a password or a code or anything to get into it? No.

How about the iPod that's out here, does it have a pin or a password? Yeah.

Would, would you give that to me so we can look at it? I don't remember what it was. God.

It's okay, just relax... What do you think it is? Are you sure?

I'm trying to think. I remember sometimes you have to enter or sometimes you don't, I think it... l feel like I'm going to throw up.

Do you need more water? Will that help you? Uh, can I have some more water?

You need more water?

Well I don't want to have to pee or anything. I'm sorry what was that?

I don't want to have to pee or anything. So you don't want more water?

Well, I, I, I do, but I don't want to have to pee.

Okay, well you, listen, you know, whatever you need,just tell us, if you need water, tell us, if you need to go to the restroom, tell us. You know, we're not, we'll let you go to the restroom. So, and it will be fine if you need to go to the restroom.

Goldberg: Berry:

Okay.

Alright, so, we'Jl get back to the, to the iPad. Um, so, let's get off of that for, for, just a minute, um, and talk about, you know, your computer, you know, that you, you know, you talked about being on the computer a lot.

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Goldberg:

Yeah.

And you talked about Twitter, you talked about Facebook, um, and then you talked about bola, any other, you know, social media stuff that you use or you might, that you're on?

Not really.

Berry: Okay. Now talk to me more about these, uh, you said that you, you would post stuff to get, you know, sort of a rise out of other people. Uh, on the, I think you said it was 4, 4chan.

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Yeah.

Okay, do you still do that? Um, no I don't anymore. You don't anymore?

No, I just read it. You just read it? Yeah.

So when you say not anymore, when would that be approximately? Uh, I think the last time I posted was several weeks ago.

Several weeks ago?

Yeah.

Okay, uh, I mean, you think it's odd, I mean, why do you think, you know, all this happened this morning?

I'm trying to think.

And why do you think I'm asking questions about your online activities?

I don't know, I guess something to do with someone connecting to my IP address.

And why would you think that? Uh, cause I had hola.

Uh huh, and what, so I mean, what do you, talk to me more about that, educate me, I mean, what might somebody be saying that you're concerned?

They could, I, I, that's what I, I don't know, they could do anything. Uh huh

So I don't know.

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Okay. Now you're sure about that? You're sure you're not doing anything still to incite people? Or to do things on the internet?

No I'm not. Not anymore.

Not anymore... and what were you doing before? I told you.

Oh, you said exciting people but that was really about it.

Well, I, I, I was, I would just post random stuff just to see what the reaction would be.

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Like? Be more specific.

Like what was the last thing you posted? Can you tell us about it?

The last thing I posted wasn't anything to do with that, it was about TV I think, but the kind of stuff I was talking about was like, if this post ends in, uh, dubs, which means two of the same numbers, then there will be an economic collapse in September, stuff like that.

What other, so that was the last one, what else? What do you mean, like?

What other things would post to get an excitement or a reaction out of people?

I think that, that was the sort of stuff, like; it was, there, people would post threads about certain things and then I would respond with if dubs, that'll happen.

Okay. I, you know, I'll tell you what I think is that, you know, you're nervous, I understand that, you're nervous about what's going on, and I appreciate that as we11, um, but, I also think that you're not being completely honest about all your online activity. I think you're posting more things in that, you know, to excite people than you're telling us about and you've done it more recently than you're being honest about.

Well like what, can you tell me what you, what you're accusing me of, please? No, you tel1 me, I mean-

I don't, I don't know what you're accusing me of. Are you sure?

Yes, I'm sure.

Berry: Okay. Have you, uh, let me ask you this, do you have any connection to Australia?

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No... no, I don't have any connection to Australia, I was born here. Okay, any postings back and forth? On the internet?

Like what do you mean?

Have you posted anything about Australia at a11?

I wrote some articles for a site talking about Australia. What site was it?

Thought catalogue.

Thought catalogue? What is thought catalogue?

It's a place where people submit articles to be published. Okay and what kind of article did you publish?

It was talking about freedom of speech in Australia. Okay.

But I also talked about freedom of speech in other countries too. Anything else? Any other postings, any other websites?

Huh?

Any other postings to sites like that, any other open sites that you've posted to, articles?

Uh, articles? I know I'd been turned down from some. I'm sorry say that again.

I know I had been turned down from some. What do you mean?

Like they didn't want to publish them. Oh, why?

They didn't really give much of an explanation.

We11, so what was it about?

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The same sort of stuff. Well, explain that more?

Freedom of speech related articles. And that's it?

Yeah.

Okay. Um, I'm just gonna show you something rea1 quick, okay? Okay.

What do you think about that?

It's talking about Kansas City; I don't live in Kansas City. Mmhmm. Is that you?

Is that me, who?

Writing that on the internet. Be honest man, just be honest, the best thing you can is be honest, remember, I said if you lie, then you're going to get in, then you're really going get in trouble, okay? So, you just, tell us what you're doing,just tell us, so really, explain to me so I can understand what a11 of that is about and then maybe, you know, so we can work through this. That's really all that this is about, explain to me what you're doing, please, so we can figure it all out, do we have a problem, do we not have a problem? So te11 me about that, just tell me about it... Josh, Joshua?

Yeah?

You still with me?

Yeah.

You thinking about it? Thinking.

* So, just go ahead and say it.

It's okay to make mistakes, we all do, the, the thing is you got to own up to them. We can, you know, work with you, and keep talking if you own up to it.

The thing is, you wouldn't believe me if I told you the truth. Tel1 me the truth.

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Try us; all we're asking for is the truth.

Alright, for a long time, I've wanted to kill myself, I've been thinking of different ways to do it. I was gonna, uh, I was thinking of, uh, train could be, there's a train right there, so I thought, I was thinking, you know, 'I just, I just don't care what happens to me anymore.' So, uh, I'm gonna go onJine, l'm gonna pretend to be, uh, I dunno, ISIS, or whatever, and I'm gonna have the FBI come and shoot me or something like that, but then my other thought was at the Jast moment I'm gonna go online and talk to these people and at the last minute I'm gonna go and uh tell the ,the, I'm gonna, uh, file an anonymous police report about it and then I'm gonna write articles about it and be a real journalist.

Okay, so, that's what we're talking about, just start telling us the truth. Okay? That was great, so, um, so we'll work through that, you said a lot right there, so we'll just work through it okay?

Okay

So, you know, it concerns us that you talked about killing yourself, that's not something that is a good thing or a healthy thing, obviously, so, I mean, you still have those thoughts?

Yeah, butl don't have the guts. You don't have the guts?

Yeah, that's why I didn't; I didn't try to attack or anything. So, alright, so you don't have the guts to do it?

No.

Okay, and that is to kill yourself? Yeah.

Okay, um, so, the stuff that we're referring to, the, all the ISIS, you know...

Obviously I'm not actually a member of ISIS or have anything to do with them.

Well I don't, you, I, I realize you say obviously, but it's not obvious to us, okay? So that's what we have to work through, okay? So, you know, you may think that but, you knpw, I'm not sure who you're talking to, I'm not sure if we have a real problem out there because, you know, some of the stuff that you're putting online.

Goldberg: I didn't think, I dicln 't think any of these people were, what I was gonna do is I was actually going to, to get these people to tell me that they were gonna do stuff and then I was gonna report them to the police. And I know that you think I'm full of shit, but that is really what I was gonna do.

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Goldberg:

Okay.

I always thought I would just be some kind of vigilante.

You weren't concerned that maybe one of these people would carry out an act and hurt people before you had a chance to stop it?

Well that's why I gave them a date to do it on so that I could; I could report it before then.

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So, how many, you know, Kansas City, are there, are there others? Others what?

Are there other, I mean, are you talking to, and whatever so, however you were talking, I don't know, was it Twitter? I mean, what were you using?

It was Surespot.

Okay, so, who, I mean who were you talking to? Random people who added me.

Okay, how, how many random people?

I set up, I set up this fake Twitter account claiming to be some jihadist from Australia and told people to add me.

Okay.

And what usemame do you use when you do that Twitter? Uh, they're all banned.

I'm sorry, what's that?

It was that the Twitter accounts are banned.

But what were, what username were you using when you were doing that? It was definitely called AustraliWitness.

Okay, so it's important for us now to know, how many people, who are they, you know, when I say people, I mean you may not have met them face to face but, you know, you're conversing with somebody online, so, I mean, do you have a lot of, what would they be called, um, like, you know on Facebook you have friends, I mean, what, what are they ca11ed? Um, how many people are you talking to about acts, similar to the Kansas attack?

There weren't very many people.

Berry: Goldberg:

Okay, well...

There, there was at least one person who told me that something, there, there, I think it was the one guy who's, one guy who told me that something was gonna happen in the UK and that something else was gonna happen, but he really didn't .. give me any more details.

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Okay.

Do you remember what username that person used?

First it was JihadiUK, then he deleted that, then it was just Jihadi. Okay, who else?

What do you mean?

Are there others? So, you, JibadiUK/Jihadi, other... That was the same person.

Correct, so are there other usernames or, that you're in contact with?

There were a few but I wasn't really talking to them that much, although most of them, most of the time they would, they knew I was fake, I mean they would ask me to prove that I was real and 1 wouldn't be able to, so they would just, you know, Allah will punish you or whatever.

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Okay.

But you know, I, I've written for a few websites as a journalist and or at least as a blogger and I was gonna, I was gonna report on them, what was going on cause I didn't think there was any other way I could ever get a job unless I did something like that, became a journalist and I...you know.

So, while I'm thinking about it, and we'll get back to this but what computer are you using or are you using a variety of computers you, are you using to discuss this particular, you know, the, Is-ISIS stuff you framed it, uh, what, are you using a particular device in the house when you do that?

It was, uh, everything really. Everything?

It was on that and that computer and the laptop and the iPad.

Okay, so the, when you say that computer, is that a laptop, I mean you pointed is that a desktop, what is that?

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That computer is a desktop.

Okay, does the desktop have a password? Yes.

Yes? Will you give the password? yellow50

I'm sorry, say that again. ye1Jow50.

yellow50?

It's a11 lowercase.

All lowercase? What's the pass code to the iPad? I think it was 0824.

0824? You think or you're pretty sure? I'm pretty sure.

Alright, *the* laptop does it have a code? No.

How about the other iPad? You had two iPads.

The other one had nothing to do with anything, I don't think it had and it's my little brothers.

Do you use your phone at all when you do those things?

Uh, there's not really anything on my phone, I don't really use it at all. I'm just gonna wait for him to get back... You feeling okay?

No.

Do you need some more water?

Um, well I don't want to have to pee if I'm gonna be like locked up or something.

You're not- like my partner said, we'll, you know, we'll let you go to the bathroom if you need to go to the bathroom, you know, get some water when

you need to get water, we don't want this to be uncomfortable for you at all, so you just let us know what you need.

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*(burps)* Sorry.

It's okay. I know it must have been a little overwhelming this morning.

Sorry about that, so, so, that numbers not working, so, the, the, iPod, the iPad you said 0824?

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Uh, maybe it was 0864? 0864?

Yeah.

Would it help if you, I mean, you know, like when I look at a keypad sometimes I have to look at it, would that help?

What do you mean?

To look at the iPad, would it help you to remember? Um, I, I guess.

Well let's try 0864 real quick.

It's hard to remember passwords sometimes, isn't it? Especially when you have a lot of them.

That's it, thank you. You doing okay? You need water yet? I just said I didn't want to have to pee all day.

Okay, no worries, you just let us know, alright? Okay.

There are two, are there two desktops in, are you talking about the desktop in your parents room that you use?

Yeah, I was using that when my other laptop, well it was broken, it was in repair and I recently replaced it with that one.

Okay, so...

Or I mean when that was, my other laptop was broken so, so, I was looking for new laptops and we bought that lap-laptop and transferred data from the other laptop onto that laptop.

Okay, so, which desktop in the bedroom, or, yeah, desktop do you use?

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In the bedroom? Yeah.

Was that the one I was using?

Yeah, you, you said you were using a desktop, I thought you said in your parents' bedroom?

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Yeah, that's the only desktop. Okay, there's only one?

Yes.

There's not two in there? No, there's not two.

Okay, alright. So back to, you know, obviously with what you were, you know, putting out there, that's very concerning, right?

Yes.

Okay, uh, so really what we need to know, like I said before, is, I mean, are you doing that with other people? Are there other, you know, people that you're talking about this similar? Are, you know, plotting attacks with anybody else?

I wasn't seriously plotting attacks with, what I was telling you was, first off, I didn't even think these people were even real, I thought they were people like me, you know, and, or, or a journalist that are trying to uncover...

Mmhmm

you know, going undercover or stuff like that or, uh, FBI agents and...I told them I was going to do stuff to try to get them to believe that I was real cause you know I talked to them that I was going to attack Perth, Australia, which obviously I can't since I live here.

What were you going to do in Perth?

I was going to shoot a bunch of kuffar. Do you know what a kuffar is?

An infidel.

What else?

That's pretty much it.

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So there's no one else?

Well, there were other people who told me they were going to do stuff. Like who?

Like, Jihadi... and uh, Mohamadmo. Who is Mohamadmo?

One who claims to be in Melbourne, Australia. And so what's Mohamadmo up to?

Going on to this s-s-s-se-site, claims he's gonna go on a shooting. Shooting, shooting what?

Kuffar.

Okay.

So when these people starting talking to you online about this, what, what do you say back to them?

That I'm gonna do the same thing. I screenshot the posts that they make and I, I have at least three different screenshots on like on the laptop cause you know I wanted to be a journalist ... at one point I wanted to be an FBI agent.

Say that again.

I said at one point I wanted to be an FBI agent. So I was like practicing going undercover or whatever, trying to see if I could be really convincing but obviously I wasn't doing a very good job since most of the people didn't believe me.

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So, Mohamad, you said Mohamadmo? Yes.

So he was gonna shoot kuffar, were you helping him with that, the idea? Yeah, I was trying to coax him into saying he was gonna do all this stuff. So you were coming up with the idea.

Yeah, I was, like I said I was trying to coax these people into openly saying they were gonna commitjihad so that I could screenshot it and then report them to the police like a vigilante and I, I also set up this other fake account as this fake Australian preacher called, uh, uh, not, it's a real Australian preacher, I was

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pretending to be him called Junaid Thome and I was trying to get his followers to admit to me that they were planning jihad and I actually did and there's a story about it. Even, I, I talked to this journalist, Grant Taylor, about it, I, I got these people to admit they were jihad, it was an account and I told him about it and he wrote a story about it.

Berry: Goldberg:. Berry:

Is that important to you? What do you mean?

When, like when people write these stories about what you're doing? Does it, I mean, does it make you feel good, that it's, you know, kinda what you're doing is in the news?

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Goldberg:

I don't really, uh, feel good about anything, to be honest, I don't really experience pleasure.

I mean it must give you some little bit of satisfaction in talking to these guys too, you know, who are willing to listen to you and take your ideas and run with them and actually, you know, go blow something up because you said, said so. I mean that's, not many people can influence people like that; it's kind of a unique characteristic. That's gotta make you feel good a little bit.

Well nobody actually blew anything up because of me. I mean... and I, I was hoping nobody actually would.

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Goldberg:

Are you, well that's, that's a little, you know, that's a Jittle confusing when, um, you know, obviously, I mean you have to believe we've done some homework because we're here, right? So *we* know a little bit about you. Um, and of course, and in some open source stuff you, uh, you've taken credit, I mean, what about the Garland attacks?

Well, I, I didn't actually encourage them to do anything really, I just, I just, on the AustraliWitness account I just posted about this, this was gonna be in Garland and then these people who followed that account re-tweeted that so they gave my fake account credit for it, credit for inspiring it, but I didn't actually talk to those people and I'm not lying here, I did not actually talk to those people. They followed me and they saw that I posted about it and re-tweeted me and I think they re-tweeted a few other people too.

Okay and did you write an article about that later? What do you mean?

Did you post, you know how you said you post things? Did, did you post an article on the internet about the Garland attacks and your inspiration for that?

Did I post as AustraliWitness or as anyone? Uh, were you talking about that I posted as AustraliWitness that I that it was like I, that was what I would tell people, 0th-other jihadist people to try to convince them that I was real, but they still didn't believe it.

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Okay what about the justpasteit article?

Yeah, I did, I, I, at the beginning I said I think that you might know me for inspiring the, the thing is I really don't actually think I inspired that.

My, my point is that that was a real attack and I know you're saying that you didn't think any, any of this was gonna happen, but here we have a real attack and you're taking credit for that. That doesn't jive with what you're telling-

I'm only taking credit for it because other, because people gave that AustraliWitness credit for it. See the thing is, is that I didn't actually talk to these people or encourage them to attack, I dido't even, I didn't even say on Twitter to go attack this, I just said there's going to be a kuffar going to hold a, a draw the Prophet competition in, uh, Garland, Texas and then they re-tweeted that and then later tried to attack and got shot.

Okay, so you put that out there before the attack.

I said kuffar are going to be holding this contest but a whole bunch of other accounts were posting that too, so they had to have known about it.

Okay. And you don't feel any responsibility for that?

Well no, because I don't think that I actually had anything to do with it because they already knew about the attack, they re-tweeted other, other posts about it.

Okay. Now what about, so let's talk more about, you know, Mohamadmo for a minute, um, when he was gonna shoot some kuffar, you said, uh, I mean, when is that supposed to happen?

I told him I was going to attack with him, I told him I was going to attack in Perth and he was going to attack in Melbourne on September 13th and I, I was going to report it to the police at the last minute.

And, and you don't see that as a, as a problem? What if the police can't find him? First off, I don't think this guy is actually gonna do anything.

That's a pretty big risk.

He was obviously not really up for it, I was trying to coax him and he was saying all this different stuff, but he was, he was sort of like constantly backing out.

So what would you do when he was backing out? I would tell him to be a true mujahid or whatever. So you'd just encourage him more?

Goldberg:

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Yeah, but the thing is, is that I was, I was, see I told you, I was trying to get these people to say they were going to do this so I could screen cap, but...

But if they didn't really want anything to do with it, why would you continue to try to convince them to do it?

Cause !just wanted to speak with them really, or just mess with them anyways. I mean it just doesn't make a lot of sense.

I wanted these people to tell me that they were gonna do this stuff and I wanted to get them explicitly agreeing to do explicit stuff so that I could screen cap that stuff.

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What is screen, I mean, what, what do you mean when you say that? Screenshot.

Okay and then and you were gonna do what with that?

I was gonna send that stuff to the police or at least to wherever they were planning to attack so that they would get shot like, the Garland guys did.

So you're setting this up for potentially somebody to get killed? For potentially a jihadist to maybe get killed by police.

Okay, let's talk about Kansas City for a minute, this one. What's what's going on there, what do we have to worry about?

This guy said he wanted to carry out this attack so I said, uh, make a bomb and he asked what kind of bomb and I suggested a pipe bomb, a pressure cooker bomb, I think the pressure cooker bomb might have been his idea, but I, sent him instructions on how to make one and he sent me pictures of the bomb, which I screen capped and those are on my computer. I screen capped the stuff he sent me and getting him admitting to this.

So, you, you sent the instructions to him to make the bomb? Yeah.

You did? Okay. Um, where did you find those? On the internet.

On internet, did you know how to make a bomb? No, well obviously I just googled it.

You googled it?

Campbell: Goldberg: Berry:

Have you ever tried to make a bomb? No.

Did you send, like a bunch of instructions, one set, you know? Do you remember?

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Berry:

I think it was a few that I got from Google. Links regarding making bombs. Links regarding making bombs?

Yeah, they're very easily available,just searching.

And then, I'm sorry, so, and then, so what did he do? You said, so did he make it you said?

He was trying to and sent me pictures of his work in progress. And did you respond to that?

Yeah.

What'd you say?

That he was doing a good job.

When, so when is this attack supposed to happen? September 13th.

\Vb.ere is this supposed to happen? Kansas City.

Where?

In Kansas City, Kansas City Stair Climb. Stair climb? What is that?

The Kansas City Stair Climb. Is that an event?

Yeah, it's this 9/11 memorial thing. He suggested attacking on it, well first off, at the very beginning I asked him if there were going to be any attacks on 9/11 and he said "no, but you should carry one out," so I said, so I encouraged him to do that and tried to coax him into sending me all this admissions that he was going to carry a bombing out.

Okay.

Goldberg:

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And other than that I thought, I thought this thing was on 09/11, but I found out it was on September 13th.

So you, so what happened then, you just moved it? Yes.

It's getting pretty close to September 13•h.

*Phone Ringing*

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Excuse me.

You see how that can be kind of a problem for us, sitting on this side? You know, you've been talking to somebody who's now gonna try to carry out an attack and now we have to try to stop it.

I was going to try to stop it from actually being carried out by sending the information to the police.

And when were you gonna do that?

Like at the last minute and I thought the details that I'd posted about it online were really accessible to the police so I figured they were already gonna stop it. Cause if I actually wanted this stuff to happen, keep in mind, if I actually wanted this stuff to happen, I would not have made so many posts explicitly telling what exactly was going to happen. I would have kept it a secret. But the thing is, I wanted these people to get caught, which is why I made so many posts giving away their usemame and what their plans were, if I wanted this stuff to happen, I would not have posted any of that.

It still doesn't, I mean, it just doesn't make sense to me, you know, I mean you're starting these things, you're encouraging people, you're coming up with ideas, you're providing the instructions and even if you posted, you're hoping that they get caught or killed.

Yes.

But you're hoping, what if law enforcement, what ifwe can't find the bomb? Well I figured there was no way you wouldn't be able to find a bomb.

I mean-

If I told you exactly where it was going to happen and everything.

And what happens if he kills law enforcement before law enforcement may kill him?

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Well, I figured there would be a bunch of law enforcement. He said people had encouraged him to carry out a gun attack but he wanted to do something else.

So maybe part of you wanted to see if you could get somebody to actually do it and make it happen, just to see?

I, I didn't really want this stuff to happen, what, my, my scenario was that this guy, these guys get shot by police... and that there's this big raid on them and it's in all the papers, that this terror plot was foiled.

And you wanted to be able to take credit for the terror plot being foiled?

Well hopefully, so I could be a real journalist cause I don't have any kind of job really, my mom wants me to get jobs and she suggested journalism. I figured this was the only way I could really be a journalist right now is to go undercover online cause, you know, it's not the only kind of thing I was posing as online.

Tell me about that.

I have all sorts of different fake personalities on the internet. Tell us about them.

Okay, uh, one person Tonya Cohen, she is this radical, uh, left-wing, uh social justice activist from Australia who moved to the U.S. Ryoko Tamanda is a Japanese woman involved in Libertarian politics who lives in Tokyo, Michael Slay is a neo-Nazi who I, that was one of my most convincing ones because I actually managed to get accepted onto a real bunch of, the most read neo-Nazi site, the Daily Stonner, as Michael Slay and, uh, he really believed I was real. But eventually, he kicked me off because, because to create a story I posed as another person from Australia, Josh Bornstein, and uh, posted something on the Times of Israel calling for Palestinians to be killed and then posted about that on the Daily Stormer as Michael Slay and he didn't want to get in trouble or get sued or anything so he kicked me out, he kicked Michael Slay off. I mean, and that's not even half the personalities I created online.

Now are these, some of these are real people though, right?

The only real people I impersonated was Junaid Thome, the radical Australian Islamic preacher and Josh Bornstein, this Australian lawyer that I basically just picked out at random.

So Michael Slay and you said Tonya Cohen? Yes and Amina Washington.

What was it?

Amina Washington is one. Amino?

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Amina.

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Washington.

Okay.

And there's some on places like Reddit and other sites too. There's so many. Do you ever post as yourself?

I don't really use my real name except on Facebook. *(Burps)* Excuse me, I'm sorry.

Um, so what other, so when all of these other various names, I mean, what are you posting? Like the Daily Stormer isn't that sort of a, uh.

Oh sorry.

Um, I mean, what, what is that? Tell me about that.

The Daily Stormer is this ridiculous, it's like this very trollish, neo-Nazi website that's gained infamy as like the most read neo-Nazi web forum, so I knew I gotta infiltrate this to stir up trouble. So I was posing as this, this neo-Nazi whose usemame on it was European88 and there were a whole bunch of other accounts on Reddit too, but that was it, the main Michael Slay account and I noticed the Daily Stormer was, I, I emailed the, the guy from the Daily Stormer asking if I could be on that site because I was European88 and he said yes and let me on the site so I was trying to write all this stuff for Daily Stormer that would stir up all sorts of chaos on the internet.

Seems to be kind of a common theme.

Seeing people react with, obviously none of this stuff was sincere.

Any other, or what other biogs that you're on or whatever they're cal1ed, so Daily Stormer, what else?

Blazing Cat Fur What is that?

It's this Canadian, neo-colony-ish website, blog sort of thing. Talking about radical Islam and stuff like that.

Okay, what else? You still with us?

Yeah, but what do you mean like what else?

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So Daily Stormer and you talked about this, what was it, uh, Blazing Cat Fur.

Blazing site, what, any other sites or biogs or groups or whatever you want to call them which you're in, taJking to, exciting, trying to stir up trouble.

Tanya Cohen was published by a bunch of sites. Tanya Cohen was?

Yes.

And what was Tanya Cohen, what was the, what was that person about? What were they talking about?

I told you that was this, this radical, left-wing, social-justice feminist type person who would post on Thought Catalogue, Daily Kos, the Australian Independent Union Network and Feministing.

Okay.

Why do you tie things to Australia? rm not really sure.

Yeah, I mean why? You seem to have most of your, a lot of your stuff has a connection to Australia... Australia?

I don't really know.

Okay.

There is one person on Reddit that I was pretending to be that was claiming to be born in America Samoa and had moved to Anchorage, Alaska, that person's usemame was EmilyAmericana.

And who is that? Is that your, is that one of yours? Yes

And what was it? EmilyAmericana?

Yes and this person would post news articles that had this hatred of all things European. And then I would also post as this, I would fight, I would have these two accounts fight, have different accounts fight with each other, like European88 would fight with EmilyAmericana.

Okay-some odd stuff.

Tell me what you blog about.

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Um, mostly freedom of speech related stuff. You mean on Thought Catalogue? I mean on anything.

As who?

You tell me.

Tanya Cohen would blog about, you know, like I told you, the radical social justice stuff. And, uh, oh, that's right; I did use my real name on Thought Catalogue.

What did you talk about on there? Freedom of speech, civil liberties.

Do you, so through your different online personas, personalities, I mean, do you target a wide range of audiences, I mean do you, is there or is there a particular group that you're trying to stir up trouble with?

I was trying to stir up trouble with everyone? Everyone?

I was trying to tum everyone against everyone just because I could; it wasn't always negative stuff though.

So you're turning everyone against everyone because you can. Yes

I mean why would you do that?

To see how people would respond to different things, I guess. I would sometimes also post encouraging stuff to people, as different personas. I was just seeing how people would respond to different things.

Yeah, I mean it seems that-

I don't, I don't ever leave the house, so I mean, I guess I would just create all these fake different people in this different world.

So, so you don't go out much, so you stay here and this is what you do, is create all these people.

Yeah and AustraliWitness was just one of them.

Um, how long have you had AustraliWitness since you brought him back up? Like, how long has that been going on? When did you start AustraliWitness?

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Uh, a little earlier this year.

You remember about what timeframe? What month? Approximately, it doesn't have to be specific; I'm just curious how long this has been.

March or April maybe.

Okay, so, and it's AustraliWitness who was providing somebody with the instructions to make a bomb for this Kansas City, is that correct?

Yes. Yes? Yes.

Who is that somebody? Wilayahks.

Can you?

W-I-L-A-Y-A-H-K-S, they had a different name on Twitter. What was the different name?

Well their Twitter said Surespot Wilayahks and I think that they might have changed it to "die in your rage kuffar" or something like that to Surespot "die in your rage kuffar'' but they had a lion as their profile picture, I think they had their location listed as the Mid-West, but I can't exactly remember what their Twitter usemame was- I'm sure you can find it. This, no... I'm sorry; I really can't remember what it was. But it was following the Aus-, AustraliWitness account, AusSecret.

AusSecret is another screen name? Is that would it would be called for AustraliWitness?

Yes.

Okay. So those screen names th.at you were using were the ones sending, as you said, the instructions that you found to wily or wiley.

Yes.

Um, to do the attack in Kansas City? Yes.

And, um, did you, so, when you sent the attacks did you, or sent, I'm sorry, when you sent the, um, the links, or the instructions, um, did you have follow-up

conversations about additional stuff, like, um, additional encouragement, additional things to do with the bomb?

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Yeah.

And what was that?

He would ask me all these different questions that I didn't know the answers to. Like what kind of shrapnel should I use.

What'd you tell him?

Uh, I think I told him to use nails... which I don't actually think would be very effective.

Were you any more specific with the nai1s? Like something to do with the nails?

Oh yeah, I told him to put rat poison on them, but I don't actually think that would work with a bomb, would it?

I don't know, I've never built, I've never built one.

l was, I was tcying to make it like deliberately dangerous so it would blow up in his face. That obviously didn't happen.

You were trying to make it deliberately dangerous so it would blow up in his face?

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Goldberg:

Yeah.

Okay.

Cause, you know, if you try to put rat poison in a bomb, I'm assuming it would blowup.

Okay, now, you have AustraliWitness, um, I think you said AusSecret? Yes.

Okay, any others in that? You know any variations of that, any other variations of people, personas that you're online encouraging attacks? We need, so, like I keep saying, we need to know what threats are out there, you know, what do we need to stop? We don't need attacks happening on 9/l 1, 9/13, or anytime. I need to know what you have going and where the potential attacks are.

Those two are the only ones that I have any kind of real details off of though jihadi told me that there was going to be something in the UK and he told me that he had something planned for another someone, another person he knew for

September 131\ since that was supposedly going to be the date that the other

thing happened.

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Goldberg:

And no others?

No.

Okay, so the one Kansas City was gonna happen at, you said a stair cJimb event. Yeah.

The one in Australia is gonna happen where? At a synagogue.

Okay and who picked the synagogue? I mean how did the synagogue come into play? Did you tell him where to go, did he decide?

I figured that would be a place ajihadist would want to attack, so I suggested to go attack a synagogue.

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l figured that would be a place ajihadist would attack, so I, would want to attack, so I suggested that he should attack a synagogue so I could get him to agree to that and screen cap it.

Okay, any synagogue or a specific synagogue?

I told him I was going to attack one in, I think I told him two different ones because I couldn't what it was the first time, but he didn't even notice that it was two different ones. And um, it was, Kehilat Nitz.am was the one he was going to attack.

ls that a synagogue?

Yes.

What's the name of it? Kehilat Nitzam.

Common spelling?

Are you gonna spell that?

K-E-H-1-L-A-T N-1-T-Z-A-M.

Thank you.

Pretty good. I would have had no idea. Impressive. What else do we need to worry about?

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That was it that I know, that I have any real details on. Like I said, the guy told me there was gonna be other stuff but he didn't give me any real details.

Okay, are you sure?

I am sure.

Okay. So, um, one of the things that would help us, and you know, looking further into these attacks and further into who you were talking to, uh, is that if we, if you voluntarily let us into your accounts and took over those accounts.

Goldberg: Berry: Goldberg: Berry:

Yeah

Do you understand what I'm saying? Yeah.

So basically we would, you would give us the passwords and we would take those over. Does that make sense to you?

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Yeah.

Is that something you would be willing to do? Yes, of course.

Okay, which means you would have to tell us all the information about what kind of account it is, you know, whether it's Facebook and what the password is and all of that kind of stuff and then you would have to stay off of it.

Yeah.

Is that something you're going be able to do? Yes, absolutely.

Okay, cause, I mean, you know, you mentioned earlier, you know, you don't go outside, this is, I think, this, I mean, this is kind of your contact with the outside world, right?

Yes.

Okay, so, I mean are you going be able to kind of not do these things? Yes.

So what're you gonna do instead?

I don't know. I thought,just, my life is over obviously, so... I mean, I don't know that it is.

Goldberg: Berry:

Well, how is it not?

Well we're not gonna hann you or anything like that, so your life is going to continue.

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Well other people are obviously in jail.

We're not to that point yet, so, okay? Alright, and cooperation, you know, helps with that, you know, you being honest with us, okay? Alright, this is really important, I just wanna, and I know I keep asking the same question over and over again, no other attacks, that you're planning with someone else?

No

No? That's it? Not now or in the past that we may have to worry about somebody that you've excited but they didn't do it or whatever?

Oh, yes, there was one other guy. Yeah, there was. Asem Elmenshawi. Can you spell that?

A-S-E-M E-L-M-E-N-S-H-A-W-I.

And who is that?

*(Burps)* Excuse me. A guy in Los Angeles who contacted me and wanted to carry out an attack in Los Angeles with a gun but then backed out of it.

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Were, so, I'm sorry.

But what type of attack did he want to carry out with a gun? He wanted to shoot some kuffar.

Did you encourage that? Is that another instance where you encouraged it. Yeah.

How did you encourage it?

I basically just told him to, but. You told him to do it?

Yeah.

On a, I guess, on a specific day?

No, it wasn't on a specific day or anything.

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Goldberg:

So, he was just gonna do it but not on a specific day?

No, he wasn't, he didn't act-, I was trying to get him to say he was gonna do it, but he sort of, he like, backed out of it, I didn't actually, he was talking about like, he was, trying to remember, this was a while ago. I was trying to get him to set a date, so I could screen cap that, but he never did and I backed out of that.

Okay, any others?

Um,no.

Okay, just keep thinking about it because, you know, you thought of that one, so, um, not saying that you're forgetting purposely.

There's a guy who also suspected me of being a fake. Who did?

Goldberg: Asem Elmenshawi. He wanted me to prove I was in Australia. And he told me to send him a picture of my gun, so I send him a picture of something I found off of the reddit r/guns community but he said he told me 'you got that out of Google images.'

Berry: Alright, Jet's talk about your accounts for a minute. So basicalJy, you know, if you're willing, we have a form that you fill out saying that, you know, you are willing to authoriz.e us to take over these accounts and you provide the account name and the password and then, you know, you sign it, okay? And then you stay off those accounts. Does that make sense?

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Yes.

Okay, so I'm gonna, I'm gonna fill this in and then you can sign it, okay? Okay. I have to go to the bathroom.

Get Vaughn?

Yeah, if you would. We're gonna get somebody who can take you to the restroom. I'm going tum this recorder off for a minute and then tum it back on when you, when we come back, okay?

Goldberg: Berry: *Recording Ends* Berry:

Goldberg:

Okay.

Alright.

So, we took about a five minute break so you could use the restroom and now we' re just gonna start back up. You okay?

No.

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Berry:

You good to continue? Yes.

Okay, you sure?

You have to remember I haven't gone to sleep in a long time so my mind is not going to be focused.

Okay. Alright, [ just wanna make sure you're good to go. Alright, are we good to talk still?

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Yes.

Okay, alright, we were doing really good before so I just wanna make sure, we just took a little, break to use the restroom and get you some water. Um, so let's go back a little bit, okay?

Are you recording? lam.

Okay.

And it's a requirement, so, um, like I said, that's good for you, that's good for me, so, uh, so let's talk again about AustraliWitness, okay? And so, again, you know, again that's, I know you said you talk to, put a lot of stuff online and different personas, trying to get people excited but it's, it's these attacks that we're realJy concerned about and seeing, trying to stop these attacks and, uh, try to determine the issue that we have, right? Which is right now, you know, you stated earlier that, you know, you were in contact with a gentleman who you, uh, were working with to conduct an attack on 09/13 in Kansas City.

Well, I was hoping he would get caught because then I thought that first I gave him instructions I believed would lead to the bomb exploding in his face, like add rat poison and I also thoughtthat ifI could get him to actually try to build a bomb then once the police got UI, you know much more trouble than if he just talked about building a bomb.

Okay, so, so obviously you're talking about him building the bomb and him getting caught by the police, so, you have some belief that who you're talking to is a bad person, who wants to do bad things?

Yes, obviously.

Obviously, I mean if anybody wants to build a bomb is a bad person. Yes.

Yes and you believe that?

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# Yes.

Okay so you believe that you were talking to someone who was bad who is wily­ Wilayahks.

Wilayahks.

Yes, these people are, they're horrible people. Horrible people.

Scum of the earth.

Scum of the earth. Bad people.

Just like the neo-Nazis I was pretending-

They're gonna blow somebody up and you provided the instructions.

Yeah, but I told them to add rat poison which I believed would, would make it blow up in his face.

Okay. Um, the instructions that you provided you believed that those instructions could be followed to make a real bomb?

Yes.

Yes, so you have a bad guy who you provided real instructions to make a real bomb.

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Yes.

And gave you pictures of him building this real bomb, right? What?

You viewed pictures of him you said earlier he sent pictures to you so you could see?

I snapshotted those pictures.

So, as this process was going along, I mean, you were able to see that he was taking those instructions, that you gave him, and putting those to use to build the bomb that you had talked about.

The one that he sent me just recently that he showed me pictures of him having actually built the bomb was sent just a few hours ago.

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Okay, so he hadn't built the bomb until just a few hours ago but I didn't think he actually was going to be successful at building it, I stil1 don't know if he actually was, but just a few hours ago he sent me pictures of what looked like it completed.

Okay.

I guess he didn't, didn't try to add rat poison or didn't have the money or whatever.

Was money an issue? With him, yes.

How was it an issue?

He told me he was a college student. Mm-hmm?

And he didn't really have any money, he spent it all on the bomb, the materials for the bomb and had pawned his TV to buy a ticket from, I think it was greyhound or some online site for a bus to Kansas City.

Oh, okay. Did, um, I mean, did you provide any encouragement there or instruction on how he could get the money?

Well first, I told him some crap about, I gave him this, I told him some crap like I'd try to get a card he could use from a brother in the states, which I didn't obviously, then I suggested he seJI something, so he said he'd sell his TV.

Okay, so, you have a real bad guy, right? Making a real bomb from instructions that you provided, that's currently made, as of a few hours ago, you believe. I mean you see the problem? Even so, I understand you said earlier that, you know, you, you may have provided the infonnation, some infonnation, what would you have provided?

What, what're you talking about?

You were, you said something about helping the, reporting it to the reporters or police or something like that, was that your plan?

It was my plan.

Okay and what were you gonna tell them?

That there was someone was going to attack, to bomb the Kansas City stair climb on September I3th and that someone was going to carry out an attack in Australia in September, in Me)boi.Jrne, Australia, I think at Kehilat Nitz.am synagogue on September 13th as well at 6.

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Okay, do you, but do you understand, or did you understand that, you know, real bad guy, real bomb, from the instructions you provided, you know, if he doesn't get caught, real people die.

I guess I just thought it was so difficult to build a bomb that there's no way he could build a successful bomb.

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I'm sorry, there's no way he could-

I guess I thought it was so difficult to build a bomb that there's no way that he could build a successful bomb since he's just some college student, cause I don't know anything about bombs. I didn't even read the instructions I sent him, I just picked some random links off Google.

Why did you decide on the, the, I think you had said earlier something about that, you know, you had sent him some links but then decided on the pressure cooker.

I think he, I can't remember exactly how that came up, cause I wanted to have it blow up in his face or for him to build the bomb and then get caught with a bomb. I figured there's no way he'd actually be able to successfully plant the bomb in the middle of Kansas City during a 9/11 memorial event without getting caught.

It's a pretty big risk to take.

Well I didn't even think it would get that far, it sort of got out of control.

As it was getting out of control you were still encouraging him to move forward with the plan?

I sort of started to just, just tell him that you'll be a martyr whatever, I stopped providing serious encouragement, more and more Allah.

Are you sure about that?

I mean I stopped; I didn't give him anymore instructions. But you encouraged him, yes?

I had to keep up my, I had to keep making him think I was real. You know, I couldn't say 'you shouldn't do this.'

So your statement is inaccurate, you still encouraged him.

Well, I, I still did encourage him but not to the same extent, I didn't provide him with links on how to do stuff or whatever, but, I still did, yes I did encourage him because I had to keep up the personality I had created I couldn't suddenly break character.

And how was he gonna get there?

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A bus.

Did you provide any instructions on how he was gonna get there?

No, I didn't do that, he just decided on a bus and decided it was going to be a $40 Greyhound bus ticket.

Did he know where to go?

I had provided him with a map. You provided him with a map? Yes.

I mean, it's a pretty dangerous, you know, assumption that this guy is gonna get caught.

I guess I just thought there's no way he could UI, especially since I was planning to post on Schan exactly what he was going to do. I never got to do it, obviously, but I had something written out. But I didn't post it.

But even if you did post something like that, you know, there was gonna be an attack in Kansas City, it really doesn't give anybody any inclination of how exactly or who it is, I mean you had to know that there was some chance that based on that, those instructions that you gave him and the bomb that he built that he was gonna show up there and reality was he could have easily blown up a lot of people there, right? You knew there was that chance.

I guess I just didn't think he would be successful.

But you knew there was that chance. Tell us, for real, accurately, what you're thinking or what you were thinking. You had, I mean.

I wasn't thinking.

So what do you mean, you just weren't thinking about the consequences? I mean, what weren't you thinking, when you say you weren't thinking.

It was stupid, impulsive thinking.

I mean it wasn't really impulsive though, you'd been doing it for a while- in some ways a thought out plan, right?

Yeah. It was a thoughtless thing to do. What was that?

I guess a thoughtless thing to do.

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I mean would it, it would bother you, if, I mean, what would, what would it, you know, let's say we don't find this and it; it goes off, what are your thoughts about that?

What a horrible person I would be, I should never have thought I could do this. I should've never messed around with these people because it's not a game.

It's not a game.

And I'm not some vigilante or journalist or certainly not a future FBI agent who goes undercover. I should never have done it.

Why did you really do it?

I told you, because I thought I could be a real journalist.

I mean, from what I can tell you're a pretty smart guy, I think you would have had to know a little better that this was not the way that you were going to become a real journalist.

I just, I thought I could break through; it could be a big break through story I could write that would immediately elevate me to real journalist status.

By creating a terrorist event?

Not necessarily a successful one by-

But that's what, I mean, really, I mean, right? That's what you've done.

By screen capping and tipping off the police, or I guess I wouldn't have been able to do that without them.

You wouldn't have been able to do that without what?

What I mean is that I would have tipped off the police and then written a story about it about the case with, with like, investigation that was really from me being AustraliWitness. Like, I would have written that I found the guys Facebook account because he sent it to AustraliWitness, I found all these details about this guy who was planning this attack.

With AustraliWitness?

I found the details by being AustraliWitness, yeah, but obviously I wouldn't have written that.

Well that's what I'm saying your story would not have said that you were AustralisWitness. *(knock)* Yes?

Jim, can I see you for just a quick second? Yes.

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So you said that you had already written something up about the attack?

I was prepared to, I was prepared to post on Schan about what was going to happen because I had already posted about the Melbourne thing on Schan and had the guy•s screenshot of it with the guy's usemame and everything.

So what, what did you prepare?

And I had linked on, on Schan to the video that the guy made of, of him shooting a rifle and I thought for sure that they would be able to trace him from that cause he posted, he made that video on the TinyPic and I linked to it in that thread.

He made the video on what?

He made the video on TinyPic, I think, I, I linked to it on that thread and I thought for sure they would be able to trace it cause if I really wanted the attack to happen I would not have made that Schan post where I posted a screen cap with this guy's discussing what he's gonna do with his usemame and posting a link to the video he made, I thought they would trace it from that and they would track him down.

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So, you know, real bad guy, instructions you provided to an event with real people, I mean I hate to keep going back to that, but, I mean, that's, that's a problem. And, and,just the hopes that the fact that you might say there's an attack, it might get foiled so that you could then become famous by writing a story about it, is that kind of, is that accurate?

Yes, just incredibly stupid.

So, you know, those were my words, I want to make sure that's accurate, that's, that's a summary of what we've talked about in the last few minutes, is that, did I say that correctly? If you'd rather put in your words, go head.

I thought I could get this guy to build a bomb and admit that he was going to do this so that I could then report that to the police and they would foil it and I would write a story about it, yes.

Okay, alright, um, anything else on that? Let's do this account stuff real quick. Sorry.

Are you okay?

I have an upset stomach.

Alright, so what, what accounts do you have? AustraliWitness.

I had deleted the Facebook account but it should, if you login, you should be able to reactivate it.

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Okay.

That was an AustraliWitness account; it was, the usemame you would enter, [AusWitness@yahoo.com](mailto:AusWitness@yahoo.com) with password-

Alright, slow down for me, I'm not, I think you're smarter than I am. AusWitness?

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With Facebook go to [auswitness@yahoo.com](mailto:auswitness@yahoo.com) witness@yahoo

That would be all lowercase.

.com and that's Facebook?

And then, yes, and password, m-a-r All lowercase?

Yes, i-a-m i-a-m

b-e-i

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a-d-e-h. Okay. So that's Facebook using the, uh, email account to open it up, okay? What else?

Twitter, there was usemame capital A, lowercase u, lowercase s, capital S, lowercase egret. Or actually I don't think it matters if it's lowercase or what not.

Is it AusSecret?

AusSecret and same password. That's Twitter, same password?

Yes.

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Who is that person?

An Australian.

What's next?

Um, Surespot was gonna be already on there. Surespot would already be on there.

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Surespot, I'm sorry.

Surespot would already, already; usemame would already be on there as AusWitness.

I need to step out just for a minute and Agent Campbell is going to continue. Alright, tell me the Surespot again.

Surespot when you go on it, uh, I don't, do you know, are you familiar with Surespot?

Not at all.

Okay well when you go on, it's already, usemames already there and you enter the password which is the same and the username would be AusWitness but you can only log into it from the i-Pad.

From the i-Pad?

From that i-Pad.

Okay, and its AusWitness, it should already come up? Yes, that's the same password.

Okay what other accounts do you have? Um, [auswitness@yahoo.com](mailto:auswitness@yahoo.com)

Are those capitals? Lowercase. Same password. auswitness@

yahoo.com. Same password.

And that's for the, just your regular email, on yahoo for that account? Yes.

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Okay, what other accounts do you have? K-I-K.

And what is that one?

You enter [auswitness@yahoo.com](mailto:auswitness@yahoo.com) and then you enter the same password. Okay, what else?

That was it.

No other social media sites any other emails, chatting apps or anything like that? No that's it.

This person you used for the password, is that a real person? Yes.

Who is it? I mean why did you pick that? Just curious. This Australian Muslim lady.

Is it somebody that you like or idolize, is that why you picked it? No, I hate this bitch.

You hate that person? Is that why you kind of tie everything back to Australia?

Um, uh, I guess that's part of it. It's this person that like campaigns for blasphemy laws and stuff so, I'd have one of their supporters be a fanatic because it would ruin their reputation.

And you're sure there's no other accounts?

Not that aren't banned. There were a bunch of banned Twitter accounts but that won't be of any use to you.

You know which one of Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young was born in Florida? What's out there?

You just have to wait for him to come back so he can sign those papers. You doing okay?

Obviously not, I mean, my life is over. This is it.

Did you not think about this? I mean, when you were doing all this stuff, you were doing it for a while, you didn't think there might be a negative consequence

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to the stuff that you were doing? I mean, these are bad guys you' re making with and you're helping them. I mean I know you're a smart guy, you had to have put that together that you could get into trouble for what you were doing.

Goldberg:

First I thought the guys were just trolls, I guess I thought if the FBI or whatever came I would pretend I had a guy and that was how I would die cause I've always, like I said, I've always wanted to kill myself, but I've never d the guts to do it and I still don't. So when you came, I just got on the floor like he said and I, I wouldn't want to hurt my family even though, obviously I already have, a great deal.

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I mean you're a smart young guy, you shouldn't want to cause any harm to yourself, you have a full life to live, you know, people make mistakes and you just have to accept the consequences and, you know, you'll pick yourself back up afterwards and life will go on.

The thing is I, I couldn't imagine myself ever having a real functioning life, I always imagined I would kill myself in the near future.

Is that why you were like not bothered by maybe bad things happening to other people, because you wouldn't be here to see them or you wouldn't really have to deal with them so it wouldn't really matter?

I didn't think those things were gonna actually happen.

One other thing I was just a little bit curious, just for my own knowledge, is, do you-

From what?

Just for my own knowledge, since I'm curious personally about you, um, do you follow Islam? At all?

Goldberg: No, I'm, I'm an atheist, I've read a lot about radical Islam and how dangerous it is.

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So you don't agree with it, any of its principles? Not at all, very against it.

Is there anything else that you think you wanna tell me today? Anything else I should know about, anything online, anything you've been into? Anything you think the FBI should potentially know about?

Like what?

Anything. Bad people you've come across, other people you've talked to. There was this one guy in Canada who asked me how he could go to the Islamic

State in Syria or whatever and I told him to just carry out jihad in Canada and he

said if he couldn't get to the Islamic State then he would do jihad in Canada so I

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guess, I think I told him to go talk to some other brothers about how he could get to the Islamic State because obviously I wasn't a real Islamic State person and I didn't know.

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How do these guys find you, I mean what makes them pick you to talk to online?

I was pretending to be this Islamic State person on Twitter and following Islamic State accounts, so a bunch of people thought I was in.

Did you like that they thought you were real?

No, it's sort of experimenting, a lot of people thought I was fake too.

Was there something else you wanted to say? Real quick you-wanted to say something?

No,just thinking about what I'm gonna do. My family doesn't have a lot of money to be able to afford a good Jawyer. ltjust doesn't feel real. I guess I never really see things as real, this whole world always felt like, like it's a dream or something. It's hard to describe, I'm the only real person, everyone else is just like a figment of my imagination. It's something I think about all the time.

Well, I mean, obviously it is real and unfortunately, you know, your actions bring real consequences that could be rea11y bad for other people.

You hanging out or you good? No, I'm good.

Uh

I'm Good. Okay

I didn't have him sign.

Okay. Alright, that's fine, that's it? That's it, yeah.

Okay, that's fine, alright, so we'll need you to sign, well we'll sign first. Okay.

Or actually, I guess it's better if you sign. So, you see right here? So signature and then and then, uh, print.

Wait, did you, did you get the other accounts? Yes, sir, right there.

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Where do I?

So, you see, your signature and then your printed. Date is, 9, 10?

It's the I0th.

I have to go to the bathroom again. Okay, did you sign both of them?

Both of what? Oh, yeah, I'm sorry.

It's okay. Okay, thank you, I'll take the folder too, please. Thank you. Are you throwing the pen away?

It's dying.

This helps you with capturing the man? Well,

We hope so.

We certainly hope so.

What happens if you don't capture them?

We really don't want to think about that, cause obviously they have built a bomb. Okay, anything else? I'm going turn the recorder off; we're pretty much done unless you have something else to say.

I told her about it, there was this guy in Canada, or with this guy in Canada who asked me how he could get to the lsJamic State in Iraq or Syria or whatever. I told him he should do jihad in Canada and he said if he couldn't get to the Islamic State then he would, so I told him for help getting to the Islamic State he should talk to some other brothers because obviously I didn't know cause I'm not a real jihadist.

Okay and I guess the last thing is, you're, there's no one else you've been in contact with, talking about jihad or anything like that? You gave me, uh, basically three people.

Yes and I told her I'm not Muslim, I'm an atheist,just like I'm obviously not a neo-Nazi or well my last name is Goldberg so that should be obvious, and uh,

Do you like the United States, you like America?

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Yes, I've always said in my articles. Okay, anything else?

What else do you want me to say?

No, I'm just giving you the opportunity if there's anything e]se you want to say about this activity that you've been involved in with, basically, you know, as you told us, where you have been, in your words, at least, exciting people and encouraging them to conduct attacks either here and e]sewhere in the United States and other places, I mean, is there anything else we need to know about your activities in relation to that?

Before I took the AustraliWitness name there were some other names, it was IslamicStateENG, there was Islamal, oh wait, no.

Are those your names or other people's names?

Those are, IslamicStateENG is one of the names I used with one of my fake Twitter accounts.

So you're saying lslamicState? E-N-G.

E-N-G.

With one of my fake Twitter accounts, which I think, I think this was before I took the name AustraliWitness.

Were you doing the same type of activities with this name?

No, not really, um, but what I would also do is, is I would, on my main Twitter account and on some ofmy others Twitters, at least on the Amina blackberry account I would post about stuff that AustraliWitness was up to and I would send it to people so they could re-tweet and raise awareness about AustraliWitness, what a menace he was and everything.

So you wanted people to see you as a bad guy.

I wanted, I created this character I guess, that, I, I didn't really want these attacks to happen, I just-

But it somehow made you feel good and Jike, powerful? Is that a good word for people to follow you and you know, respect you online like that?

I guess I just didn't think that I could have that kind of power. I really didn't want that kind of stuff to happen.

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Well maybe even if you really didn't want it to happen, was there maybe a piece of you that maybe kind of wanted to see it happen to see what kind of power you could really generate with your writing and pretending to be that person?

I would never be able to get that off my conscience if that happened.

But was there a part of you that kind of wanted to see it happen? Just to see if you could do it?

What do you mean?

I mean was there some piece of you that wanted to see this persona you created on the internet that was so powerful that you, Josh, created all these people are talking to you and respecting you for the bad things that they think you're doing. Was there some piece of you that kind of wanted to see some of these acts carried out? Just to see if you could do it?

I guess there was some kind of sick, morbid curiosity that would, what would happen if this did, if this was carried out and I know I didn't want it to happen but I didn't think about what if it happened and I guess I thought if this did happen then I would, I would retire AustraliWitness for good.

If one of the attacks happened you would retire? Yeah, I would never, never be AustraliWitness again. Okay.

Cause it's not worth it.

So there was just a little bit of curiosity or What?

I said there was a little bit of curiosity there if something happened.

Well not wanting it to happen but like thinking what if it happened, I would create these scenarios in my head like what happens if this guy, I was thinking about possible outcomes like I figured he would, I figured the guy with the pressure cooker bomb would instantly get caught cause there's no way you can carry around a pressure cooker bomb on a bus or for like an hour without people getting suspicious and he outright told me that there was, that when he walked around it made nail sounds and I guess I thought there's, there's just no way that this guy is going to be successful because he came across as pretty stupid too.

But people were able to get backpacks for the Boston bombing, you had to have known about that, right?

What?

Backpacks, you know, and they accomplished their goals there right?

Goldberg: Well the thing is, is that since then security for that kind of thing and awareness in pressure cooker bomb is been ramped up significantly so I don't think they would be able to get away with it again today and now it's much more crowded anyway so they wouldn't really stand out if there were a whole bunch of people with backpacks, whereas I doubt there would be in Kansas City at this. And they had the whole thing planned out very elaborately whereas this guy was just gonna buy a bus ticket and take this bomb there and then do whatever and the thing is, is with a detonator, I, I thought there's no way the detonator is gonna work because I told him to use a cell phone detonator cause I know those aren't very effective so I figure he would blow himself up or it wouldn't go off because those are the only two possible outcomes other than him getting caught. I was trying to get him to use some cheap, cheap, uh, remote control or something that wouldn't work but I ,I think I told him to, he couldn't afford that or something, so...

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That was a dangerous game.

Wasn't a game, I shouldn't have treated it like one.

Well you said it very well then, it wasn't a game. It's real life, there's somebody on the other end that you were talking to, that was building stuff that you provided them, instructions that you gave them, a place to put it, and a time to put it there, with a device that would cause causalities.

The thing is, this guy was already planning to carry out an attack and I figured if I did not provide him with these instructions and then report him at the last minute then he would be successful because he would carry out a gun attack or something and he would talk to actual realjihadists about how to carry it out.

So why didn't you report it when you first came across him?.You knew he was going to carry something out before you even went down that road with him, why didn't you call the FBI, tell somebody about it, report it to the police?

Because at the time there wasn't like a serious, like, it was like he was talking sort of vaguely, like, like ifl provided an anonymous tip saying this guy's says on Surespot that he's talking about, uh, talking about all the vague stuff he was saying, I don't think they would take it seriously, but if actually went out and, and built some kind of bomb, then I think they would take it seriously and he would be in a lot, a lot more trouble than if he just made some vague comments about carrying out jihad.

The problem is though, I mean, when you keep, whether it was with him or the other gentleman that you mentioned, Mohamadmo, uh, you know, and the third person, that, you know, sometimes these individuals reconsider or back out and you're the one that encourages them to continue. I mean, you seem to even get upset when they're backing out.

Because I figured, if the last thing that they said was that, was something that sounded like they were backing out then they would be in less trouble than if the last thing they said was "okay rm gonna do this."

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It's kind of what you're doing now. What do you mean?

You' re kind of saying that you were gonna back out and have them stopped at the last minute.

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I, I was gonna, you know, I did everything I could to try to get, did you see the post I made on Schan?

What was that about?

It was from AustraliWitness, I posted exactly what was gonna happen in Melbourne, the guy said was gonna happen, I posted a screenshot of him saying what he planned to do with his username. I posted a link to the video he made of himself shooting a gun which I thought for sure would lead to him getting caught and then I talked to journalists online, and showed them the Mohamadmo guys Twitter and Facebook accounts and I thought for sure that they would have this guy tracked down, but apparently not.

I guess I'm just a little confused why you wouldn't just, I mean, why, why repost those somewhere? Why not just give it to the police? It doesn't make much sense, it's almost like you're drawing more attention to them, which may potentially give them more encouragement to do more things instead of the opposite.

What do you mean? Like, the, uh-

I mean you're putting this guy's information out there for other bad guys to see, right? Essentially that's what's happening.

Well, the, the Islamic State board on Schan is entirely trolls, there are no real Islamic State people on it.

And you know that?

Because look at it, I mean, people spam porn on there all day and like, you know, like, the drawings of Muhammad having sex with pigs on there and stuff like that, it's not real Islamic State people on it. They wouldn't post on a place like that to begin with, so, this is going out to an audience of trolls and right-wing and neo-Nazi types and the journalists and police officers who will see the posts.

Okay

Cause if you look at the replies in the thread there was not one reply from someone who supported it or encouraged it, it was all like 'go die, pig fucker' and stuff like that. And people saying that they had reported it to the police, which was what I hoped they would do, cause you know ifl report it to the police, I was hoping I could get other people to report it to the police cause ifI

did there was some chance the police would come to me and discover that I had...

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You hoped that they'd come to you?

No, I had hoped that other people would report what was gonna happen to the police so that the police would stop, would capture the guy and they would, then the police would not come to me and discover that I had been AustraliWitness.

So you knew, you know, what you were doing was wrong as Austra]iWitness, right? I mean, if you didn't want the police to come talk to you.

Yes.

I mean, right, that's a good point, I mean, you knew you shouldn't have been doing that. You knew you could get in trouble for that.

And you knew that something really bad could have happened.

Yeah but I dido't think it would, I thought the chances of it happening were incredibly small, especially with me going out of my way to post all the information on the internet and send it to journalist and stuff. And that was one of the reasons that actually the jihadists thought I was fake because a real jihadist wouldn't have posted all that information about what they were gonna do and wouldn't have posted the guys username and everything and where it was gonna happen and when it was.

And you weren't sending this stuff to the journalist to maybe like, raise your, I guess, street cred on the internet? You knew about this stuff going on; maybe make yourself a little more important on there?

It was that too, like I told you, I want to be, you know, a big journalist. It could have been my breaking story that I found these details with my research. There was also the thought in the back of my mind that if I wrote a story about it that the police would suspect something, that I was involved.

So, I mean that doesn't' make sense either, if you couldn't VvTite a story about it because the police would figure it out-

Well I was thinking I was gonna write a story about it but I was also kind of afraid, like I had to word it specially and leave out certain details to make sure I wasn't sounding too suspicious.

I think we are good. I'm gonna turn the recorder off and we're not gonna ask you anymore questions, okay?

Okay, can I go to the bathroom? Yeah, okay, can you-

What's gonna happen now?

Berry: Well we're gonna make a phone call and then we'11 have another, you know, discussion about, you know, what's gonna happen with you, okay? Alright. It is 10:40.