

**ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED INTERVIEW OF ALEK MINASSIAN  
BY DETECTIVE ROBERT THOMAS (3917) OF THE SEX CRIMES UNIT POLYGRAPH UNIT  
ON MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2018, AT 2246 HOURS**

Detective

Robert THOMAS:

Alright for the record my name is Detective Rob Thomas. My badge number is 3917, I'm attached to the Toronto Police Sex Crimes Unit ah Polygraph. Today's date is ah Monday uhm April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018. The time by my clock is approximately 10:46 in the evening. I'm presently at 32 Division on Eglinton ah ah Drive I believe ah ah second floor, soft interview room. This the only soft interview in the building. My purpose for being here today is to interview a gentleman by the name if Alek Minassian. Ah Alek spelled A-L-E-X last name M-I-N-A-S-S-I-A-N. Date of birth November the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1992 with respect to an incident that occurred earlier today on Yonge Street between Sheppard and Finch. It is my understanding that Mr. Minassian ah was arrested ah later this afternoon initially on nine counts of first degree murder that's been subsequently upgraded to ten counts of first degree murder and fifteen counts of attempt murder. He's presently in custody here at 32 Division and any conversation that I had with Mr. Minassian today is by no means meant to offend the individuals involved in this ah in this investigation, the families, the victims ah or for that matter ah ah Mr. Minassian himself or his family. My only purpose for conducting this interview today is to come to some understanding of his involvement in, in this ah in this incident.

Detective Constable

Richard DI NINO:

Right into this room here.

FEMALE MEMBER:

There's somebody in there.

DI NINO:

And you can just have a seat in the corner right over there okay.

Alek MINASSIAN:

Okay.

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DI NINO: Just have a seat right there please. Thanks very much.

THOMAS: Alek.

MINASSIAN: Uh.

THOMAS: Hi how are you?

MINASSIAN: Doing good, how are you?

THOMAS: Good good, do you drink water?

MINASSIAN: Sure.

THOMAS: Thanks, thank you very much, thanks so much how are you feeling?

MINASSIAN: I'm good.

THOMAS: You're feeling okay? My name's Rob Thomas.

MINASSIAN: Nice to meet ---

THOMAS: How are you – how are you? You doing okay?

MINASSIAN: I am.

THOMAS: Yeah you probably had better days than this I guess eh?

MINASSIAN: Yeah.

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THOMAS: Yeah.

MINASSIAN: Well I am a little shaken to be honest ---

THOMAS: You're a little shaken.

MINASSIAN: --- it's not like it's not my usual day obviously.

THOMAS: Yeah yeah no I can appreciate that yeah yeah. Uhm Alek, do you mind if I call you Alek?

MINASSIAN: Yeah sure.

THOMAS: Is that – what do your friends normally call you?

MINASSIAN: Alek.

THOMAS: Alek. Alek, my name is Rob Thomas ah I want you to call me Rob from here on end okay.

MINASSIAN: Okay.

THOMAS: Is that okay?

MINASSIAN: Okay.

THOMAS: Okay. Alek I want you to understand something I'm ah senior Detective with the Toronto Police, do you understand what that means?

MINASSIAN: Ah yes.

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THOMAS: You know I'm a police officer?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay. I don't wear ah a uniform ah I wear ah ah a suit and tie because of the type of work that I do but although I'm in a suit and tie I'm an actual police officer okay. Uhm and I'm the one of the senior investigators on this case okay. I got called in for this, this, this specific case because of what's happened and the involvement and everything else that's been going on okay. Ah before we get started I want you to know that we're being videotaped and audio taped ---

MINASSIAN: Uhuh.

THOMAS: Okay.

MINASSIAN: Okay.

THOMAS: Do you know what I mean by that?

MINASSIAN: Yes everything I say and do is being captured.

THOMAS: Exactly yeah on on audio and video okay. Now ah here's what I want to do ah Alek, uhm I want to talk to you okay. Uhm we're going to spend a, a, a good deal of time together okay.

MINASSIAN: Okay.

THOMAS: Uhm it's important that I talk to you, alright. Uhm I'm going to ask you questions, okay. I'm going to ask you questions about

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ah your background, your education, uhm your relationships with your family and friends uhm work, travel and I'm going to ask you questions about what happened today, okay. Uhm, you don't have to answer those questions if you don't want to okay. Do you understand that?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Uhm but if you do decide to an – answer my questions okay, ah I just ask that you do two things for me, okay. First thing is I ask that ah you treat me with respect okay, ah I promise to treat you with respect throughout the entire night okay, all I ask is you do the same for me is that okay?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay ah and ah the other thing I ask Alek, and I I've been doing this a long time okay, ah and I typically never have any problems with people or anything like that – I don't expect to have a problem with you today but, uhm if you do decide to answer my questions would you do me the favour and and just speak from the heart okay and just be truthful that's all I ask. Does that sound fair?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Is that okay. Okay. Uhm now my understanding is uhm earlier today uhm there was an incident and you ultimately got arrested by a police officer. Do you remember that?

MINASSIAN: I do remember getting arrested.

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THOMAS: Okay. Ah do you remember ah it was a uniform police officer who arrested you so in other words he was a police officer in ah in a uniform.

MINASSIAN: Yes I remember he had a uniform.

THOMAS: Yeah okay and I know there was a bit of an altercation, we'll get into that, but basically I just want to kind of ah cover off a few points before we get started. My understanding is that ah, that incident, the time that you got arrested, you were on or near the area of Yonge Street earlier today, is that right? Ah and a police officer told you that you were going to be placed under arrested and he placed you under arrest. Do you remember that?

MINASSIAN: I remember that.

THOMAS: Okay do you remember what he arrested you for?

MINASSIAN: I believe I may have been arrested for something similar to murder.

THOMAS: Okay. Uh, uh okay. I uhm I believe it was originally you were arrested for attempted murder and subsequent to that ah the officer placed you in handcuffs, is that right?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Yeah and then he ah uhm he placed you into the back of his car, correct?

MINASSIAN: Correct.

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THOMAS: Ah and then ah you were transported and you were you were delivered here in a police car to 5 – to 32 Division.

MINASSIAN: Correct.

THOMAS: Do you remember that? And following that you ah were taken into the building and you spoke to ah I believe it was ah a gentleman ah and he's known as a Staff Sergeant, he would have had three stripes on his on his shoulder with a crown, he would have asked you questions about your – your medical ah history, whether or not you were suicidal, ah whether or not you understood why you were being placed under arrest?

MINASSIAN: I remember that.

THOMAS: Okay. When you were placed under arrest did the officer read – read anything to you?

MINASSIAN: I remember being read a ah si – the signs on the ah left hand wall ah stating uhm my rights.

THOMAS: Okay. Okay so you would have been read either at the time you were arrested or certainly when you got into the police station you were provided your rights to counsel is that right? So it would have been something like this, you're going to be arrested for ah Attempted Murder, it's my duty to inform you that you have the right to retain and instruct counsel without delay, you have the right to telephone any lawyer you wish ---

MINASSIAN: Uh.

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THOMAS: --- you also have the right to ---

MINASSIAN: Yeah now – yeah now it’s starting to come back, yeah I remember.

THOMAS: Okay let me just finish here because it’s important you understand this. Ah you have the right to telephone any lawyer you wish. You also have the right to free advice from a legal aid lawyer. If you’re charged with an offence you may apply to the Ontario Legal Aid Plan for assistance 1-800-265-0451 is a toll free number that will put you in contact with a Legal Aid Duty Counsel lawyer for free legal advice right now. Do you remember that?

MINASSIAN: Yeah now I remember that.

THOMAS: Do you remember the officer reading you that?

MINASSIAN: To be honest uhm I encountered ah very – I encountered various police officers I don’t remember which one read me that.

THOMAS: Okay alright ah but nevertheless you were read – you were read, we call that a Caution, you were read that Caution.

MINASSIAN: Yes. Actually now that you mention the word caution I do remember hearing the words of Primary Caution and Secondary Caution.

THOMAS: Okay great. Okay great. Okay that’s that’s int - because not a lot of people can rem – remember those words. Okay so that’s – what I read you is what we refer to as a Primary Caution. So you



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don't – let me just get this straight you're not sure if you remember the police officer reading you those rights or if you were read those - ah that Primary Caution in the building is that right?

MINASSIAN: Ah actually I'm I'm pretty sure I was read the the the Caution inside that room within the building ---

THOMAS: Okay.

MINASSIAN: --- with the ah the camera and the desk.

THOMAS: Right. Right. So we call that the Booking Hall.

MINASSIAN: Uhuh.

THOMAS: Okay ah do you know what – do do do you know what it is that that I just read you? What what what was read to you ah when you were inside the Booking Hall? Do you know what – what that means?

MINASSIAN: I believe to my best understanding it it means as you said before uhm the rights that I have uhm my right to counsel.

THOMAS: Right. Do you know what counsel – do you what counsel means?

MINASSIAN: Ah, a lawyer or an attorney.

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THOMAS: Perfect. Exactly yeah. So what that means is actually a couple of things. It means that you can call a lawyer – one one means at the time you were placed under arrest, you're being placed under arrest for Attempted Murder, ah what that Primary Caution means that you ah you can speak to a lawyer okay. ah or we call them counsel. Ah, ah, if you don't have a lawyer or counsel of choice, ah it means that you can call ah a free lawyer and we call that Duty Counsel or ah Legal Aid. Okay. Uhm and the 1-800-265-0451 is a toll free number that you can call to speak to Duty Counsel or Legal Aid for free legal advice. Do you understand? Do you understand what that means?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: So it basically means you can call a lawyer. If you don't have a lawyer you can speak to a free lawyer, right. What it also means is that if you are charged with an offence, so if you're charged by the police for a crime ah and you can't afford a lawyer okay, you can ah you can apply to the the government to pay for your lawyer. Does that make sense?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and ah we call that Legal Aid okay. Ahm now my understanding is uhm the officers that provided you with Secondary Caution ---

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: --- okay would have been something like this. Ah you're going to be charged with Attempted Murder. You're not obliged to say

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anything unless you wish to do so, but whatever you do say may be given in evidence. Do you understand what that means?

MINASSIAN: Ah, yes. It means that I'm not required to speak but anything I say can – will be used against me.

THOMAS: Yeah well that's the sort of the American version of the Miranda Rights in Canada ---

MINASSIAN: Yeah I watch too much TV.

THOMAS: --- you watch – so do I, so do I. Ah what – you watch a lot of TV like TV programs like crime drama programs on TV?

MINASSIAN: Ah ju – it's one of the I, I used to watch a lot of CSI.

THOMAS: Oh you did. I, I love that show. But uhm yeah so in the States they call that the Miranda anything you say can and will be used against you in a court of law. In Canada we're a little bit different than the United States. I like to think we're a lot different actually than the United States. What we have up in Canada is is is a different kind type of Caution. Anything that you say can be entered into evidence so anything that you say to me today ah, because we're being videotaped and audio taped a Judge can watch that okay and he can listen to what it is you're saying. Okay. Alright. Uhm, now ah did the officers read you any other Cautions?

MINASSIAN: I don't remember being read any other Cautions to be honest.

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THOMAS: Okay. I want to read one more to you and ah, it goes like this. If you've spoken to any police officer or to any one in authority or if any such person has spoken to you in connection with this case, I want it clearly understood that I do not want it to influence you in making a statement.

MINASSIAN: Yes actually I do remember being ah read that.

THOMAS: You do eh okay. When do you remember being read that?

MINASSIAN: Ah while I was in my cell by ---

THOMAS: Okay.

MINASSIAN: --- a uhm by a non-uniformed officer. He was ah dressed ah formally ---

THOMAS: Okay was he ---

MINASSIAN: --- similar to you.

THOMAS: Oh I see in a suit and tie?

MINASSIAN: Yes I believe ---

THOMAS: Oh ---

MINASSIAN: --- he may have been a Detective.

THOMAS: Uhuh uhuh okay well that makes sense. Uhm do do you understand what that means?

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MINASSIAN: Ah yes it means that uhm any any statement whenever I'm making a statement it shouldn't be affected by something that one cop said to me. It should just be simply whatever I feel is the best as my defence.

THOMAS: You, you're absolutely right. You know what, you hit it right on the head. You know what uhm ah and I thank you for that that's that's very important yeah. Basically what it means is that uhm if you've spoken to any police officer and I – you may not have spoken to a lot of police officers but I know a lot of police officers have spoken to you today. Everything from the uniform officer who arrested you right through to the booking officers who ah uhm ah, ah collected your information when you came into the station, right up to the officers who came down ah into the cells and and advised you of of further charges that were going to be laid. You've spoken to a lot of police officers today. Am, am I right?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: How many in total do you think you've spoken to?

MINASSIAN: I would say at least five.

THOMAS: At least five okay. Ah what I – what, what that means, that Caution that I I gave you, what that means is that if anybody – if any of those officers or anybody else for that matter have said to you that you have to talk to me, okay, that's incorrect. Is – do you understand that?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

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THOMAS: Okay uhm ah you don't have to talk to me okay. So if anybody ah has ah told you that you have to speak to me, I don't want you to listen to what they they, they said alright. Ah I'm assuming nobody's threatened you or made you any kind of promise?

MINASSIAN: Ah no.

THOMAS: Nobody's threatened you?

MINASSIAN: No.

THOMAS: No. Nobody's promised made – made made promises ---

MINASSIAN: No.

THOMAS: --- for you okay. Uhm we call those inducements. So nobody's nobody's ah ah offered you any type of inducement I hope or anything like that?

MINASSIAN: Ah no.

THOMAS: Okay. So basically what it means is that uhm you don't have to listen to ah what the police have said to you previously, prior to you meeting me here today uhm and then if you do decide to talk to me that it just be like I said from the heart and it and it be truthful. We call that being voluntary. Does that make sense?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: That makes a lot of sense okay. Uhm now in addition to that I just want to – I just want to clarify one more thing uhm did you –

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did you speak to the police and and tell them what happened today?

MINASSIAN: Sorry I'm just – I need I need a minute to think about that. Are you asking if I in any way confessed?

THOMAS: Well I'm I'm asking you if you ah yes if you confessed or if you ah make a statement at all to any other police officer.

MINASSIAN: I never made any significant statement about any events that occurred before I was arrested.

THOMAS: Right right okay so if you did have any conversation with any police officer prior to being brought into this room alright and that includes ah making a statement or a confession okay ah I want you to ignore what you've said okay and ah I don't want you to ah refer back to that conversation okay. What I mean by referring back – I don't want you to tell me ah about any conversations you've had with any other police officers ---

MINASSIAN: Okay.

THOMAS: --- okay. Ah what I'd like to do is start fresh we call this a clean slate.

MINASSIAN: Okay.

THOMAS: So from here on in okay I want this to be a fresh start.

MINASSIAN: Okay.

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THOMAS: Does that make sense?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Pretty – pretty straight forward eh. Uhm okay now ah when the officer arrested you did ah ah he put handcuffs on you ---

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: --- right uhm and ah my understanding is the handcuffs were behind your back?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay ah ah uhm he – did he he patted you down? Did he – what I mean by that did he search you?

MINASSIAN: I remember – I remember being searched I I actually I remember later on as oth –other officers ah came in ---

THOMAS: Uhuh.

MINASSIAN: --- I was ah stood up, brought ah to the cruiser and as I was leaning on the car I remember at that point I was being searched.

THOMAS: Okay alright and so ah as far as the search is concerned what ah what – to what extent were you searched? In other words, what did they search what did the officers do?

MINASSIAN: For ah it was ah pat down of the entire body to make sure there was no weapons or anything like that on me.



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THOMAS: Okay and how do you know that they ah they were searching for weapons and things like that?

MINASSIAN: Because they ah I remember they were searching my pockets, they were feeling my chest and my back and my legs ah so that would be an indication that they feel ah felt I had weapons on me.

THOMAS: Okay. Did the officers say anything to you while they were doing this?

MINASSIAN: I don't remember ah exactly what they said ---

THOMAS: Okay.

MINASSIAN: --- oth – other than just ah stand still ...

THOMAS: Okay.

MINASSIAN: ... along the lines of that.

THOMAS: Alright did anybody tell you that they were searching for weapons?

MINASSIAN: I do remember – although I don't remember the exact words, I do remember there was a mention of being ah searched for weapons and th – they may not have been speaking directly to me but they may have been speaking to each other.

THOMAS: Okay did they take your clothes off?

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MINASSIAN: No.

THOMAS: Did ah any part of your clothing come off?

MINASSIAN: No.

THOMAS: Okay and so from there you were placed in the car?

MINASSIAN: Correct.

THOMAS: Okay alright. And ah uhm how many police officers were in the car while you were being driven to the station?

MINASSIAN: Two.

THOMAS: Two. Okay and ah I'm presuming they were both in the front?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and did you have any conversation with the police officers?

MINASSIAN: No.

THOMAS: Okay and then you arrived here at the station?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and how long of a – how long of a ri – a drive was that?

MINASSIAN: About ten minutes.

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THOMAS: About ten minutes okay. And uhm ah did it appear to be a direct route?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: In other words they didn't stop for coffee or anything like that or?

MINASSIAN: No.

THOMAS: Okay alright and uhm and then ah you came into ah a garage?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay we call that the sally port that's what we refer to that is and ah uhm you were I, I understand you were taken out of the back seat of the car?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: And then you were lead to ah a desk?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: And there was ah an officer and of ah ah a senior – a senior officer a higher ranking officer was behind that desk – you probably didn't know that but we we call that officer the Officer in Charge of the station. Do you understand that?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

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THOMAS: And ah, ah he would have asked you some questions?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and uhm my understanding is those questions ah dealt specifically with ah any medical issues ah ---

MINASSIAN: Yup.

THOMAS: --- right and uhm whether or not you understood why you were being placed under arrest?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: And ah and whether or not you understood your rights to counsel or the right – your right to call a lawyer?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and then uhm from there my understanding is you were taken to the cell area?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and you were ah placed in a cell and ah ah my understanding is that cell has a bathroom - it has a toilet.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: It has a toilet and a sink.

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MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: And ah and then following that now there were a couple of other events that are important ah one was uhm my understanding is that you were given an opportunity to speak to a lawyer?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and you ah, you indicated to the officers that you didn't have a lawyer ---

MINASSIAN: Correct.

THOMAS: --- and that you didn't know who to call.

MINASSIAN: Correct.

THOMAS: And so the officers offered you an opportunity to speak to Duty Counsel which is that free legal service I talked about.

MINASSIAN: Correct.

THOMAS: Okay and my understanding is you spoke to to Duty Counsel.

MINASSIAN: Correct.

THOMAS: Okay uhm and you did that in private is that right?

MINASSIAN: Correct.

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THOMAS: In other words there wasn't anybody listening to your conversation?

MINASSIAN: Correct.

THOMAS: Okay now I don't want you to tell me what the lawyer said but did you understand what the lawyer was telling you?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay are you satisfied with the information that he told you?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay uhm now ah following that my understanding is and I might – might have gotten the sequence of events ah mixed up so correct me if I'm wrong. Uhm there's been a lot going on today and I've been very busy but ah my understanding is at some point ah if I'm not mistaken a police officer in a suit came down and he told you that – he he updated you with respect to the charges that were going to be laid.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and did – do you remember what he said to you?

MINASSIAN: Yes so in – initial – originally the charges were nine counts of first degree murder.

THOMAS: Right.

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MINASSIAN: Then later on it got updated to 10 Counts of first degree murder plus ah fifteen counts of Attempted Murder.

THOMAS: Exactly yes that's my understanding. So my understanding is uhm as the night progressed and as we were learning more information ah it, it came to our attention that ah uhm seven people have have, have died – sorry nine people have died I apologize ah uhm as a result of an incident that occurred on Yonge Street and ah so subsequent to that ah my understanding is the officers came down, they spoke to you to advise you that you wou – the charges would be upgraded to nine counts of first degree murder. Do you understand what first degree murder is?

MINASSIAN: It's ah preme – premeditated murder and completely intentional and considered to be what's known as in cold blood.

THOMAS: Well yeah yeah that's a fairly ah a fairly ah ah ah ah precise way of ah of describing it. What we – we call it premeditated. It means premeditated – do you understand what premeditated means?

MINASSIAN: Yes it means – it would mean that someone planned for that murder in advance.

THOMAS: Right, planning and deliberation. In other words you you uhm if somebody committed first degree murder they would have ah took the time out to think about what they were going to do ah sit down and ah ah deliberate over the plans. So in other words they would sit down and go over the details of the plan, figure out what it is they were going to do and how they were going to execute the plan and so on and so forth to commit a murder.

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Planned and deliberate that's what it means. So there's a lot of thought and energy that goes into planning to kill somebody that's that's what first degree murder is okay. Uhm, and so initially it was nine counts of first degree murder and ah do you remember the officer that ah that told you – that told you that?

MINASSIAN: I believe – I believe if I remember correctly it was the officer wearing the suit.

THOMAS: The officer wearing the suit who ah walked you in here today – or walked you into this room?

MINASSIAN: Ah yes.

THOMAS: Okay alright. Ah now did he tell you that you could speak to a lawyer again?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay so he gave you your rights to counsel again?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay ah and in answer to that that Caution, that first Caution, ah do you – do you understand? Did you understand what you were being arrested for?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay. Did you understand that the charges were now being upgraded to nine counts of first degree murder?



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MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: And did you understand that you could call a lawyer again?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and what did you say to the officer in response to calling a lawyer again?

MINASSIAN: I, I think I simply just acknowledged I said okay.

THOMAS: Okay. My understanding is he asked you do you want to speak to lawyer again. Do you remember what you said to him?

MINASSIAN: I believe I said no thanks.

THOMAS: Okay that's what ---

MINASSIAN: The reason I did so -- the reason I gave that response was because since I had already spoken to a lawyer very recently I felt that I wouldn't be given new information at that point.

THOMAS: Right, right that makes sense yeah that makes sense. Okay, that was my understanding and then ah subsequent to that uhm now again I might have the, the, ah the facts mixed up uhm just in terms of the chronology but ah my understanding is ah did somebody come down and take photos of you?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay was that okay well ah let's maybe touch on that ---

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MINASSIAN: It actually happened twice.

THOMAS: Okay.

MINASSIAN: Ah and it – initially the first time it happened was very at the very beginning of when I got arrested ---

THOMAS: Right.

MINASSIAN: --- uhm I sat down in a chair, I had front, left, right.

THOMAS: Right.

MINASSIAN: And then later on in admitting I again had uhm ah I was standing up in front of that chair and had left ah right, front and back.

THOMAS: Okay so let's talk about that. So the first time you had your photo taken front, left and right where was that done?

MINASSIAN: Inside the ah room with the ah camera and the fingerprint machine abo – ah about a few st – about ten steps away from the ah cell block I was in.

THOMAS: Okay so they took you out of the cells.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Into what we call the print room.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

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THOMAS: Yeah and so ah ah the booker would have – we call him the booker the individual that takes your photographs and takes your fingerprints ah we call him the booker. Did they take your fingerprints at all?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: They did eh okay.

MINASSIAN: It was at the same time that I initially had my ah picture taken.

THOMAS: Okay alright okay and ah and then from there you were returned to the cell?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and then you were ah you were ah ah your photographs were taken once again or you were photographed once again after that so you were photographed a second time.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and where did that take place?

MINASSIAN: In the same ah room.

THOMAS: In the same room.

MINASSIAN: Print room.

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THOMAS: Okay was it by the same officer?

MINASSIAN: No.

THOMAS: It was by another officer?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and ah ah this time you were standing you said?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay ah the first time you were sitting ---

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: --- when you were photographed. The second time you were photographed you were standing.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and ah the officer who took the second set of photos what was he wearing?

MINASSIAN: He was ah uniformed.

THOMAS: In a uniform okay uhm and ah was he the individual who took you out of the cell?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

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THOMAS: Okay and then my understanding is you were returned to the cell.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay ah and then at some point you also turned over your clothing.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay ah when did that happen?

MINASSIAN: That happened at the very beginning when I got – when I was ah brought to the police station.

THOMAS: Okay alright that happened ah at the very beginning so ah at what point was it ---

MINASSIAN: That was initially before I was ah put into my cell I was in some other ah holding room ---

THOMAS: Right.

MINASSIAN: --- ah that just had some chair there. At that point I had all my clothes ah taken off uhm just to be seized as evidence.

THOMAS: Okay.

MINASSIAN: And and then then I was given my underwear back I put it back on and then I was given an orange jumpsuit and then two minutes later I I was taken out of the orange jumpsuit and then I was given just this a white bodysuit.

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THOMAS: Okay and that was before you went into the cell?

MINASSIAN: Correct.

THOMAS: Okay and ah so let's talk about that for a minute. So when they took your clothes off ah you were put in a room you said?

MINASSIAN: Correct.

THOMAS: Okay and uhm ah did the officers explain to you why they were taking your clothes?

MINASSIAN: Ah as evidence.

THOMAS: As evidence okay and ah ---

MINASSIAN: Also just because ah ah of concerns that I might have something within the clothes.

THOMAS: Okay so you were we call that a Level 3 Search.

MINASSIAN: Yeah actually now that you mention it I remember that exact term being used.

THOMAS: A Level 3 Search ---

MINASSIAN: Level 3 Search yeah.

THOMAS: --- yeah yeah so we we do that in cases where we're dealing with individuals that we don't know because we don't know you uhm

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who were involved in relatively serious events which ah unfortunately you are uhm and so we do it for ah our safety as well as your safety, as well as to ensure that we're collecting you know all the evidence we possibly can right because the idea at the end of day is we, we just – we want to come to the truth as to what's going on. That's, that's the bottom line right so we have to do these things and sometimes they're intrusive but ah we try and do it in a manner that ah is, is uhm dignified as possible. So ah when you – when you had your clothes taken off ah were you completely naked?

MINASSIAN: I was only completely naked for about ten seconds.

THOMAS: Okay alright and ah did you have some privacy in this room that you were ---

MINASSIAN: This room?

THOMAS: No, no the room you had that they, they took your clothes off.

MINASSIAN: Actually to be honest I don't remember – I think they might have been some officers there.

THOMAS: Okay.

MINASSIAN: Yeah because my my my ah face was towards the wall the entire time.

THOMAS: Okay alright how many officers were there?

MINASSIAN: I think about four.

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THOMAS: About four?

MINASSIAN: I don't remember the exact number to be honest.

THOMAS: Okay were there any female officers?

MINASSIAN: I don't believe so.

THOMAS: Okay alright was anything being videotaped?

MINASSIAN: I don't remember seeing a ah camera in that room.

THOMAS: Okay alright okay uhm but nevertheless you were only ah completely naked for about ten seconds.

MINASSIAN: Correct.

THOMAS: Okay and then they gave you ah, ah an orange jump suit?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and then you were ah – then you were brought to the cells, you spoke to a lawyer, you're photographed ---

MINASSIAN: Well actually uhm I was ah switched into this ah white bodysuit before being taken into ---

THOMAS: Oh.

MINASSIAN: --- my ah a cell because that- I was only in that orange jumpsuit for about two minutes.



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THOMAS: Oh okay, okay and ah the reason behind putting you into a white jumpsuit did they tell you?

MINASSIAN: I believe if, if they did tell me I don't remember the reason.

THOMAS: Okay, okay uhm the, the reason would have been to keep your – your feet protected right because I don't think you had ah you had the, the boots on the orange jumpsuit.

MINASSIAN: Oh yeah I remember they said something about the there wasn't any footwear.

THOMAS: Right, right yeah okay. Ah okay so from there you, you went into the white jumpsuit then you were placed in the cells you spoke to your lawyer?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: And then you were ah photographed twice?

MINASSIAN: Correct.

THOMAS: Okay ah in addition the officer came down to advise you that ah you'll be charged with nine counts of first degree murder right?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and my understanding is ah I believe it was the same officer at some point in time he then came down to advise you that you were now going to be charged with ten counts of first degree murder and fifteen counts of attempted murder.

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MINASSIAN: Correct.

THOMAS: Okay and during the sequence of events at what point did that officer come down and tell you that?

MINASSIAN: The upgraded charge was ah after I ah spoke to the ah – my lawyer.

THOMAS: Okay how many times did you speak to a lawyer?

MINASSIAN: Once.

THOMAS: Okay so it would have come after the, the, the first time you spoke to the lawyer it would have come after the, the, the, the officers telling you, you were being upgraded – the counts would be upgraded to nine counts of murder so it would have been – it would have been ah uhm it would have been some time after you spoke to your lawyer that they told you that ah you were now being charged with ten counts of murder, first degree murder and fifteen counts of attempt murder right?

MINASSIAN: Correct.

THOMAS: Okay did the officers explain to you again ah the the ah your rights as far as calling a lawyer?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and what did you say to them in response to that?

MINASSIAN: I simply said okay.

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THOMAS: Okay, okay and anything else?

MINASSIAN: Ah no.

THOMAS: My understanding is the officers asked you ah do you wish to call a lawyer.

MINASSIAN: Ah yes they did ah the, the second time I said no thanks and the reason ah as I said before the reason I gave that answer is just because I had very recently spoken to a lawyer so I thought that I wouldn't be given any additional information at that point.

THOMAS: Okay alright okay alright well ah here – here's here's what I'm telling you here today and it's important that you understand what I'm saying okay uhm you you're going to be charged with ten counts of first degree murder okay as well as fifteen counts of attempted murder ah I've read you your rights to counsel, you're Caution – Secondary Caution and so forth ah do you wish to speak to a lawyer? The choice is yours.

MINASSIAN: Yes I will speak to a lawyer.

THOMAS: You want to speak to a lawyer?

MINASSIAN: Yes please.

THOMAS: Okay ah do you have a lawyer or did you want to speak to Duty Counsel?

MINASSIAN: I'd like to speak to Duty Counsel please.

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THOMAS: Okay no problem so can you just hold on just can you sit tight for one second.

MINASSIAN: Sure.

THOMAS: I'm just going to just exit the room here for one minute okay uhm if you can just sit tight I'll be right back and then I'll take you down and I'll be right back.

THOMAS LEAVES ROOM AT 39:42 ON VIDEO PLAYER COUNTER

THOMAS RE-ENTERS ROOM AT 41:46 ON VIDEO PLAYER OCUNTER

THOMAS: Okay this is just an audio recorder here I'm going to take this with me okay.

MINASSIAN: Okay.

THOMAS: Ah I'm not going to have any trouble with you right?

MINASSIAN: No.

THOMAS: Do you promise me that?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay I appreciate that. Now I'm just going to take you down the hall we'll just put you in a room ---

MINASSIAN: Okay.

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THOMAS: --- and ah from there I'm going to make a phone call to ah Duty Counsel for you once more okay.

MINASSIAN: Okay.

BOTH LEAVE ROOM AT 42:07 ON VIDEO PLAYER COUNTER

THOMAS: Just here, just turn left here okay just have a seat and I'll be right back okay.

MINASSIAN: Okay.

DI NINO: I've got the time.

THOMAS: I'm going to put the recorder back in. Okay Alex has been placed in Major Crime Unit Number One and we're going to call Duty Counsel. Phone call has been made to Duty Counsel and ah we're just waiting for a call back. Uh, how you making out?

MINASSIAN: Well ---

THOMAS: You okay?

MINASSIAN: Yup.

THOMAS: Ah I just want you to know we placed two calls now so we're -- we're just waiting back from ah to hear from Duty Counsel.

MINASSIAN: Ah oh you mean two calls to Duty Counsel.

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THOMAS: Yeah we made yeah so what – what happens is we have to make a phone call to and we leave a message on, on a recorded ah tell them what what’s going on and then they call us back so well we’ve called them twice now and we’re still waiting for them to call back. It’s not like we’re – we ---

MINASSIAN: Oh they haven’t picked up.

THOMAS: Yeah, yeah they haven’t for sure called back.

MINASSIAN: Oh.

THOMAS: Okay.

MINASSIAN: Alright.

THOMAS: Do you need to go to the washroom or anything like that?

MINASSIAN: Oh no I’m good.

THOMAS: You sure okay alright. Hang tight. (phone ringing in background) Rob Thomas, yup yup, can I just get your name yeah ah I’ve got a gentleman by the name of Alek Minassian, 25 years old under arrest for ten counts of first degree murder and fifteen counts of attempted murder ah he’s spoken to Duty Counsel previously ah when he was advised that ah he was going to be charged with attempt murder ah the ah charges have now been upgraded to to what I just said so he wants to speak to Duty Counsel. Ah I believe he’s going to uhm no no ah (IA:01) ---

MALE MEMBER: Yeah.

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THOMAS: --- is it is he going to Old City Hall or 1000 Finch?

MALE MEMBER: He'll go to 1000 Finch.

THOMAS: 1000 Finch, yeah, yeah he's ready right now one second okay  
the (IA:01) okay well (IA:01) ---

MALE MEMBER: Yes sir.

THOMAS: You done?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Alright great. How are you feeling?

MINASSIAN: Feeling okay.

THOMAS: Okay why don't you just come with me. How are you doing as  
far as the bathroom?

MINASSIAN: I'm feeling okay.

THOMAS: You sure?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay I'll just open the door for you.

BOTH RE-ENTER ROOM 2:00:00 ON VIDEO PLAYER COUNTER

THOMAS: Just give me a sec Alek.

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MINASSIAN: Sure

THOMAS LEAVES ROOM AT 2:00:06 ON VIDEO PLAYER COUNTER

THOMAS RETURNS AT 2:00:22 ON VIDEO PLAYER COUNTER

THOMAS: Okay so before we go any further just tell me what happened from the time we left this room until the time we came back. What took place?

MINASSIAN: My lawyer told me not to answer.

THOMAS: Okay. Ah I understand that okay and, and I'm glad you told me that ah you know why because that that tells me you understand what your rights are okay uhm but I – you need to understand something okay uhm we the police have, have a job to do okay and that job includes ah collecting evidence, speaking to people uhm trying to understand and uncover what's happened, what took place ah and asking questions and ah we're obligated to, to sit down and speak to people like yourself who are in this position and ask you questions alright. Ah your lawyer is right, you don't have to answer any questions okay, but you need to understand something Alek okay, uhm, I still have to ask you questions, okay. Ah and I'm going to ask you questions, alright, and I'm going to talk, okay. And it's not – I'm not I'm not doing that to, to, to make you feel intimidated or to, to make you scared or to say things that you don't want to hear okay but the bottom line is uhm we have a very difficult job to do okay and, and this is a very, very important matter that we're, we're dealing with here today, alright. So I'm going to ask you questions ah if you



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don't want to answer them you can tell me you don't want to answer them ah or you don't have to say anything at all. I, I totally understand that but as long as we can still maintain that respect that we talked about at the beginning, is that cool?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Is that cool? You're not going to offend me okay uhm ah you're, you're not going to make me upset or, or, or insult me if you say Rob I don't want to answer that question okay ah if you're kicking over the table and screaming well that's going to that's going to cause a problem okay but I'm not going to be offended okay and I understand okay. But you also need to understand that I I have I have a job to do, I have to ask questions okay. Uhm if you don't want to tell me what we did from the time we left to the time we came back uhm is it fair to say that ah while we were out you spoke to a lawyer?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and I'm going to suggest that uhm the only person you had any contact with was, was, was with me, is that right?

MINASSIAN: What do you mean?

THOMAS: Well – you, you didn't speak to any other police officers.

MINASSIAN: Correct.

THOMAS: Right, so I'm the only police officer ah that was in your custody from the time we left this room until the time we came back. Ah

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I took you down the hall to a room, placed you into ah, ah a small room with ah seat ah we – I made a phone call or had ah an officer make a phone call to Duty Counsel uhm we originally placed ah one call, we had to wait we couldn't hear ah, ah we didn't hear back so we placed a second call, we still didn't hear back I came in and I actually opened the door and I informed you that we were still waiting to call, do you remember that?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay uhm I think I asked you if you wanted to go to the washroom as well, do you remember that?

MINASSIAN: I remember.

THOMAS: Yeah and you said ah what did you say?

MINASSIAN: I don't recall.

THOMAS: Ah you said you didn't need to go to the washroom.

MINASSIAN: Oh now I remember that.

THOMAS: Okay alright. And then finally we got Duty Counsel on the line ah, ah, we put the ah Counsel the lawyer ah ah ov – we handed the phone over to you ah my understanding is his name was ah Mr. Rodriquez, did he tell you what his name was?

MINASSIAN: I ah don't recall his name.

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THOMAS: Okay he identified himself as Mr. Rodriquez to me. I don't want you to tell me the conversation you had ah it's what we call private but ah I I want to ask you did you understand the conversation that you had with Mr. Rodriguez?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Did you understand what he said to you?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Are you satisfied with the information that he's provided you?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay great. Uhm and then from there ah you had a lengthy conversation ah I only know that because ah from the time I handed you the phone until the time you knocked on the door it was quite some time. I'm guessing it was over ten minutes at least ---

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: --- at least over ten minutes yeah. And then ah I came to the door and ah, ah I asked you if things were okay, you knocked on the door so I opened it you told me that you'd finished your conversation with the lawyer, I asked you if ah how are you feeling ah if things were okay you said yes, I asked you if you wanted to go to the washroom again remember that?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

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THOMAS: And you said no and then we walked back right – right in here is that right?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: And did anybody else talk to you?

MINASSIAN: No.

THOMAS: Did you talk to anybody else?

MINASSIAN: No.

THOMAS: Is there anything I'm missing?

MINASSIAN: No.

THOMAS: That's pretty, pretty straight forward eh yeah yeah ---

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: --- okay. Ah and then ah ah so my understanding is ah that's, that's essentially what took place from the time you were arrested right up until the time you were brought into this room we've covered off basically everything haven't we?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay did I miss anything?

MINASSIAN: No.

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THOMAS: Anything of importance? Uhm if I'm not mistaken the officers  
ah fed you is that right?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Ah downstairs in the cells?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: What did they feed you?

MINASSIAN: Sandwich and juice.

THOMAS: A sandwich and a juice okay. And when was that that was ah –  
when was that?

MINASSIAN: I didn't have ah access to the time at the the time I was ah fed.

THOMAS: Okay ah are you hungry?

MINASSIAN: No.

THOMAS: Okay did you have anything else to eat today?

MINASSIAN: I eat before ah I was arrested.

THOMAS: Okay and, and what, what time was that?

MINASSIAN: I don't recall.

THOMAS: Okay do you remember what you ate?

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MINASSIAN: I don't recall.

THOMAS: Okay alright ah if, if you're hungry at all at any point in time you just let me know, okay. If you need to borrow the washroom you just let me know, okay. I'm going to leave that up to you to tell me okay because I'm not going to know if you're hungry or not I'm not going to know if you need to go to the washroom so I'm going to rely on you to tell me that. Is that cool?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Alright uhm how much sleep did you have last night?

MINASSIAN: About eight hours.

THOMAS: About eight hours and, and how did you sleep?

MINASSIAN: I slept well.

THOMAS: You slept well and, and where, where did you sleep? Was it your home?

MINASSIAN: I ah I decline I do not wish to answer that.

THOMAS: Okay, alright. Ah nevertheless you slept well okay uhm I want to ask you something Alek and this is important ah are you on any kind of medication right now?

MINASSIAN: No.

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THOMAS: Okay so do you take any – ah what I mean by medication do you take anything, anything prescribed for any physical injuries or ailments of any type?

MINASSIAN: I don't wish to answer that.

THOMAS: Okay ah what about medication for psychological issues?

MINASSIAN: I don't wish to answer that.

THOMAS: Okay uhm has a doctor ah uhm have you seen a doctor ah recently with respect to any medical issues that I should be concerned about?

MINASSIAN: I don't wish to answer that.

THOMAS: Okay what about psychological issues?

MINASSIAN: I don't wish to answer that.

THOMAS: Okay, Alek can I ask you this, uhm because it's important and, and I'm saying this because uhm I think I know the answer but ah am I wrong to understand that ah in high school you were ah identified as someone with special needs?

MINASSIAN: I don't wish to answer that.

THOMAS: Okay but you did go to Thornlea Secondary didn't you?

MINASSIAN: Correct.

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THOMAS: Yeah okay and you graduated from Thornlea is that right?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and then following that my understanding is you went to Seneca.

MINASSIAN: Correct.

THOMAS: And you were um ah you're just finishing up if I'm not mistaken. You're just finishing up your, your course.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Yeah and that's ah, ah the Centre for Development of Open Technology. CDOT.

MINASSIAN: No it's ah Seneca at York.

THOMAS: Yeah I realize that but your program the program you're taking isn't it called Centre for ah ---

MINASSIAN: No that was ah actually something else.

THOMAS: Oh, okay alright what are you taking – what are you taking at Seneca?

MINASSIAN: Bachelor of ah Software Development Program.

THOMAS: Oh, oh, so you're taking a degree.



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MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: So Seneca offers ah a degree in software programming?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: And, and that's something that you ah were inspiring to do I understand you wanted to become ah, ah compu – a software developer or designer or software developer am I right?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Yeah yeah, yeah and a team leader is that not right?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Is that the, that's, that's what you were aspiring to, to, to, to do?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and uhm and as far as work ah my understanding is you're not working right now.

MINASSIAN: I don't wish to answer that.

THOMAS: Okay alright. Uhm is it fair to say that you, you had some employment lined up with a company called Ceridan – Ceridan Computers?

MINASSIAN: I don't wish to answer that.

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THOMAS: Oh okay alright uhm I, I, I un – I do know that you live at home though and I do know that you have ah a mom and a dad right uhm I believe your dad and, and correct me if I'm wrong cuz ah I probably am I'm not pronouncing it right but his name is Vahe?

MINASSIAN: I don't wish to answer that.

THOMAS: Okay uhm and your mom's Sona and your, you've got an older brother named Haig and ah I think he's what probably twenty eight if I'm not mistaken, Haig.

MINASSIAN: I don't wish to answer that.

THOMAS: Okay alright how, how is ah how are things at home?

MINASSIAN: Good.

THOMAS: With you and your family you, you close ---

MINASSIAN: Yes ---

THOMAS: --- to your mom and dad?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Yeah, yeah and what about your relationship with your brother?

MINASSIAN: It's good.

THOMAS: Good uhm I understand you were born in Canada.

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MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Yeah you're ah your parents immigrated to Canada uhm some time ago uhm and they're originally from Iraq is that right?

MINASSIAN: I do not wish to ah confirm or deny that.

THOMAS: Okay, alright, okay. I just say that because uhm I've spoken to your dad and uhm, uhm he's worried about you I'll tell you that okay uhm and I ask you these questions and, and I'm not trying to intimidate you, I'm not trying to scare you okay uhm the reason why I ask these questions is because it's important that I get to know you better alright. Uhm we just met for the very first time and ah you don't know me, am I right?

MINASSIAN: Correct.

THOMAS: Right and ah, ah I've never met you before but I kne – I do know a great a great deal about you and uhm it's important I get to know you better and the reason why I saw that is because uhm this is an important issue that that brings you here today okay, it's very serious and uhm I think I would be neglectful if I didn't at least try and understand who you are, that's all I'm trying to do. Do you understand?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Does that make sense?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

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THOMAS: Okay. Do you feel intimidated right now are you scared or anything like that?

MINASSIAN: No.

THOMAS: Okay ah will you let me know if, if that ever happens.

MINASSIAN: I will let you know.

THOMAS: Okay alright. If there's anything I say that is ah is offensive or that you find offensive or if you know if there's anything I say that that you don't like will you let me know.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay ah the reason I say that is because I don't want to offend you that's now why I'm here, okay. Uhm I do know this, my understanding is uhm you were in ah, ah a special needs class in high school okay ah it was a small ah classroom ah specifically designed for ah people with uhm special needs. Uhm my understanding is ah that there were a number of students in that class who excelled very well in certain areas ah and didn't do very well or, or, or, ah or uhm they performed poorly in other areas. So there were, you know and yet there was ah a mixture of individuals in the class and uhm and ah the idea behind being placed in the special needs class was to focus on, on the areas where they, they didn't perform as well. Uhm and ah in my in my conversation with you and my experience with ah with people with special needs ah because I've been doing this a long time and I have actually family members who ah you know have ah special needs ah because of a variety of different reason uhm I

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can recognize ah, ah people who uhm you know who ah who have special needs and ah so I – the reason why I’m saying that is because I want to make sure you understand what I’m saying okay uhm I don’t want to be saying something that is going to confuse you or make you feel uncomfortable ah or or make you feel scared. Does that make sense?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay uhm now my understanding is your dad’s not working, he use to work for Rogers but he’s, he’s, he’s out of work right now but he’s, he’s looking for – he’s looking for work ah is that right?

MINASSIAN: I ah do not wish to confirm or deny that.

THOMAS: Okay ah your mom works for ah Compugen it’s a computer – computer company. Is that ---

MINASSIAN: I ah do not wish to answer that.

THOMAS: Okay, alright. Are you are you in any kind of relationship right now with uhm with a with an intimate partner ah do you have a girlfriend or ah ---?

MINASSIAN: I do not wish to answer that.

THOMAS: No okay, alright. Uhm what about friends do you have ah ah a group of friends that you typically hang around?

MINASSIAN: I do not wish to answer that.

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THOMAS: You don't wish to answer that either. If were to say Jeffrey Wan would you know who I'm talking about?

MINASSIAN: I don't recall that name.

THOMAS: Jeffrey Wan, W-A-N?

MINASSIAN: I don't recall.

THOMAS: You don't okay what about ah ah a friend ah La – ah ah Levine?

MINASSIAN: I don't recall.

THOMAS: Okay, alright. Uhm do you know a fellow by the name of uhm Michael White?

MINASSIAN: I do not wish to answer that.

THOMAS: Okay alright what about ah a Michael ah ah Tr – Transer sorry yeah Tanser, Michael Tanser do you know Michel Tanser?

MINASSIAN: I don't wish to answer that.

THOMAS: You don't okay. Do you have a Facebook account?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: You do eh yeah uhm is it am I correct to, to suggest the name of your account, your account profile is your name.

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MINASSIAN: What I will say that it is ah correct to assume that most people have a Facebook account with the same name as their uhm real name.

THOMAS: Right, right, right and uhm do you have any other on-line social media accounts?

MINASSIAN: That is my, ah only on-line social media account.

THOMAS: Okay so you know what I mean by social media, I'm talking about ----

MINASSIAN: Facebook ah Twitter etc.

THOMAS: Yeah Instagram uhm Snapchat uhm ah what are some of the other ones I'm trying to think of. I'm, I'm old I'm 5 - 51 years old so I I can't -- you young guys have ah ---

MINASSIAN: Know all the ---

THOMAS: --- all, all, the ah, the ah ,the ah the different technological ways of communicating. What, what are the other ones? Facebook, Instagram ah I'm just thinking about what my kids use.

MINASSIAN: Twitter.

THOMAS: Twitter yeah okay I knew that one ah Snapchat ---

MINASSIAN: Facetime.

THOMAS: Facetime. Do you need an account for that?

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MINASSIAN: I've actually never used that before.

THOMAS: Facetime it's like ah Facetime is like Skype though isn't it?

MINASSIAN: I think it's easier. More convenient ah than using Skype.

THOMAS: Right because you communicate over Facebook but it's ah it's a video form of communication correct?

MINASSIAN: I actually didn't know that.

THOMAS: Oh ---

MINASSIAN: Because I've I just heard of the name.

THOMAS: Oh okay I've -- because I've actually used it but this is going to sound strange I've used it but I don't know how I've used it. People have actually called me on Facetime and I've been on my ah my uhm I have a little IPAD and then all of a sudden I'm, I'm talking to somebody and I can see them and they can see me so. I ah -- one day you're going to get old and you're going to realize what I'm going through right now because it's hard, it's hard as a as a 51 year old guy to try and keep up with the technology and by the time you get to my age, technology is going to be out of control. But you're ah you're ah a bit of a computer guy you like computers eh, you're, you're into software ---

MINASSIAN: Yeah.



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THOMAS: --- programming and all that kind of stuff. Have you got a particular uhm area of expertise like do you do you right code or what do you do?

MINASSIAN: I don't wish to answer that.

THOMAS: You don't wish to tell me what you what you like to do and what you don't like to do as far as ---

MINASSIAN: Ah, no I don't.

THOMAS: What okay well going back to the ah social media accounts do you – I mean my understanding is you have a uhm a LinkedIn account.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Yeah okay but you're not, you're not – you're not active on LinkedIn? Do you know what I mean by active?

MINASSIAN: I, I, I don't ah sign in ah daily.

THOMAS: Right, right, right, right and the information you have on LinkedIn is fairly limited.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Yeah, yeah, yeah and ah my understanding is your Facebook account is your, your activity on Facebook is kind of sporadic sometimes you're on and then you go off and then you go back

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on and close down your account and you - then you open it back up. Why, why, why is that?

MINASSIAN: I don't wish to answer that.

THOMAS: Am I right to, to assume that you - you've closed your Facebook down - account down in the past?

MINASSIAN: I may have done it once.

THOMAS: Yeah, oh okay, alright, alright, when, when did you close it down?

MINASSIAN: Did you say when or why?

THOMAS: No when, when?

MINASSIAN: I don't remember it was quite a while ago.

THOMAS: Oh okay and how long was it closed down for?

MINASSIAN: I would say at least a year.

THOMAS: Oh okay, okay and then ah am I right to assume that you just recently opened it back up again?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Yeah okay when, when, when did you open it back up?

MINASSIAN: I think about a month or two ago.

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THOMAS: About a month or two ago okay. And uhm how many friends do you have on Facebook?

MINASSIAN: I don't remember the exact count.

THOMAS: Okay are you active on Facebook?

MINASSIAN: My ah, my rate of ah sign in is inconsistent sometimes I might sign in for a couple of days but then might not sign in again for another week or so.

THOMAS: Oh, okay is there a reason for that?

MINASSIAN: I just don't have a specific ah pattern when ah deciding to use Facebook.

THOMAS: You don't eh. I'm just thinking in terms of a routine like when I, when I – I actually use Facebook a lot I'm surprised being as old as I am, uhm but one of the reasons why I use Facebook is because it keeps me – I don't post a lot of stuff on Facebook uhm because I'm not that I'm – I'm kind of shy that why I don't like to, to tell people what I'm doing uhm but I like looking at what other people are doing and ah I have uhm – I don't have a lot of friends but I have a few and I, I kind of keep up to date with what they're doing and I watch and I, I log in so – as ah kind of as a routine I will I will – dail - I don't want to say daily maybe daily I go onto my Facebook and I check and ah but I don't post a great deal of information because I, I for some reason I don't know in my mind I just don't like to, to reveal what I'm doing. Are you – when you say you're on Facebook are, are you – what do you mean by that?

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MINASSIAN: I simply mean that I'm occasionally ah, ah signing into ah using it minimally.

THOMAS: Okay so when you say using is that are you posting stuff on, on your web on your profile?

MINASSIAN: It could be posting or it could be ah private messaging ah another individual on Facebook.

THOMAS: Oh, I see, okay and what kind of stuff to do typically post on your Facebook?

MINASSIAN: There's no specific pattern as to the type of content I post.

THOMAS: No, no it's just random stuff depending on whatever you're thinking of the day or?

MINASSIAN: You, you could think of it like that.

THOMAS: Uhuh and messaging are you – you know what kind of conversations are you typically having on, on messenger?

MINASSIAN: I don't wish to answer that.

THOMAS: Oh, okay, alright Uhm am I to understand that you've, you've had some military experience in the past?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: You have eh okay was it in Canada I'm, I'm assuming?

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MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Yeah eh and ah my dad was in the military my dad was actually in the navy he uhm he joined when he was seventeen years old and in fact he was – he wasn't eighteen so he, he actually had to have his parents sign off to ah to ah to give him permission to join the navy but ah so in the military we have the air force the, the navy and, and the army which, which, which one were you part of?

MINASSIAN: Army.

THOMAS: In the army okay alright and where did you join here in Toronto?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Oh really and what made you decide to do that?

MINASSIAN: Ah I wanted to ah try something new. I wanted to see what it was like to join an infantry.

THOMAS: Really, really have you thought about pursuing the military as a career?

MINASSIAN: I had thought of it at the time that I had ah joined.

THOMAS: Right, right, right, right okay and where you thinking about doing like enlisting or were you thinking about being an officer and going through the, the officer cadet program or what ---

MINASSIAN: I had enlisted.

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THOMAS: You enlisted oh I see. So it was in the army and what particular  
– like were you – what particular, I know there's a number of  
different is it professions or a number of different ---

MINASSIAN: Trades.

THOMAS: Trades yes what particular trade were you in?

MINASSIAN: I was infantry.

THOMAS: Oh infantry so you'd be if, if called to task you'd be the fellow  
on the front line?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Charging to the enemy and ---

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: --- just ah getting your hands dirty ---

MINASSIAN: Yeah.

THOMAS: --- at the pointy end of the stick okay is that is is ---

MINASSIAN: Yeah, yeah as per the trade description.

THOMAS: Oh okay right on right on what so – so specifically what – so  
within the infantry did you have a particular skill that you  
wanted to develop or was it just?

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MINASSIAN: I was interested in ah learning how to ah use ah weapons ---

THOMAS: Beautiful okay.

MINASSIAN: --- sp – specifically ah large guns.

THOMAS: So large guns as in in what like ah like ---

MINASSIAN: Such as ah assault rifles.

THOMAS: Oh okay so you're not talking about howitzers and, and ah cannons right you're talking about like ---

MINASSIAN: Yeah they – because those you can actually hold in your hand.

THOMAS: Right, right. So what type of weapons would the ah the military – the Canadian military be, be training their, their members in? Because you know what I play a lot of Call of Duty right have you ever played Call of Duty?

MINASSIAN: Unfortunately that game isn't realistic – uhm however ah I never unfortunately I never made it far enough in my basic training to ah use guns, ah so I don't know what type of guns the ah, ah military uses.

THOMAS: Oh okay. What makes you think you know I thought ah Call of Duty was – well I know that the scenarios aren't realistic but, but like the weapons they use are realistic aren't they and ah and the camel and the uniforms and stuff ---

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MINASSIAN: Unfortunately ah uhm the logistics of how the ah weapons are fired ---

THOMAS: Right.

MINASSIAN: --- ah are not ah realistic in real life.

THOMAS: Oh.

MINASSIAN: For example ah there's a lot of recoil when firing a, ah an assault rifle.

THOMAS: Right, right yeah, yeah I know I imagine you're not getting much recoil on your, you know, your, your computer whatever ---

MINASSIAN: Definitely not.

THOMAS: --- the little hand-held console you're using of course it vibrates a little bit but that -- do, do you play ah Call of Duty?

MINASSIAN: I played it ah in the past.

THOMAS: Yeah, yeah I enjoy that I like that and ah there's another one I ah really enjoyed was uhm uhm Honour -- Badge of Honour.

MINASSIAN: I've actually never played that to be honest.

THOMAS: That was actually better. That's better than the Call of Duty better Badge of Honor. It's made -- it's ah I think Call of Duty is, is ah Microsoft if I'm not mistaken I can't I I don't know and but this was another company but ---



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MINASSIAN: Call of Duty is made by Activision.

THOMAS: Activision okay right ah now yeah yes so Badge of Honour is something else it's, it's another company. I don't know what it is but ah do, do, do you find yourself play – do you play a lot of games a guy like you 25 years old I imagine you're ---

MINASSIAN: Yeah I actually – I actually like playing video games especially the, ah violent ones.

THOMAS: The violent ones yeah, yeah, yeah.

MINASSIAN: I just like to ah let out all my urges ---

THOMAS: That's, that's ---

MINASSIAN: --- into the TV screen.

THOMAS: --- that's why they're there right do you – what about uhm what other ones do you play?

MINASSIAN: I played Halo a lot ---

THOMAS: Yeah okay ---

MINASSIAN: --- in the past.

THOMAS: --- alright that's more of ah sci-fi kind of futuristic stuff it's not I wouldn't say Halo is terribly violent. I mean you're, you're killing Martians and things like that.

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MINASSIAN: At least you're not killing other humans.

THOMAS: Yeah, yeah, yeah do you play uhm ah Grand Theft Auto?

MINASSIAN: I played it a couple of times ah, ah on someone else's X-box. I don't actually own – I've never actually owned any copies of Grand Theft Auto.

THOMAS: Uhuh, uhuh so as far as being a gamer, how would you classify yourself are you ah like a big gamer or?

MINASSIAN: I would classify myself as a hard core gamer.

THOMAS: Hard core gamer. So in terms of hours spent during the day playing video games how often would you – how many hours would you spend?

MINASSIAN: I would say an average of ah five hours per day.

THOMAS: Yeah okay alright okay that's that seems reasonable. I'd say your age I'd probably do the same thing.

MINASSIAN: Even given – even given my course loads.

THOMAS: Okay and so that's with school?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: So okay so and you were full time.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

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THOMAS: Yeah and, and you're in a computer ---

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: --- degree program right which is I imagine intense.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Like hard work ---

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: --- right. Have you always been ah I'm in I'm saying this because I, I got a ah I've a nephew of mine who's actually ah in BC right now the University of Victoria and he's in a ah a computer engineering program so I don't know if computer engineering is the same or not.

MINASSIAN: There's an overlap but it's not the same thing as computer programming.

THOMAS: It's not okay, okay uhm but his course load is intense and it's, it's highly ah, ah mathematical. A lot of math involved, a lot of equations, a lot of problem solving ---

MINASSIAN: I ah never actually had to do that much math ---

THOMAS: Really?

MINASSIAN: --- in my program it was mostly ah coding.

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THOMAS: Coding oh you write a lot of code?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Now do you write – what ah what type of language do you write?

MINASSIAN: I've used C – C++ ---

THOMAS: C++ ---

MINASSIAN: --- java.

THOMAS: --- and java would be web based? Java is more for, for writing code ---

MINASSIAN: No ah ---

THOMAS: --- for websites?

MINASSIAN: Java is more generic.

THOMAS: Yeah okay but C++ is the - is the, the more popular coding for computer programs.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Yeah, yeah okay and ah how – what, what made you decide to get interested in that?

MINASSIAN: Well I was kind of a ah nerd in high school and I took ---

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THOMAS: So was I.

MINASSIAN: --- and I took a course ah on ah computer programming in – ah I took one course that was programming in high school and after that I decided I really liked coding and I wanted to ah, ah sign up for a uhm programming – a programming in ah college.

THOMAS: Really and then you just carried it through and you got into Seneca and, and ---

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: --- things were good. Now was it difficult getting into Seneca? You, you obviously had to apply.

MINASSIAN: I, I had to – the only difficult part was ensuring that I had high grades ---

THOMAS: Right.

MINASSIAN: --- near the end of high school.

THOMAS: Right, right, right, right. So did you finish grade twelve or did you go on to grade thirteen, I'm trying to think ---

MINASSIAN: I finished grade twelve.

THOMAS: Okay they didn't have grade thirteen when you ---

MINASSIAN: No they already they already discontinued that long ah before I started ---

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THOMAS: That's ---

MINASSIAN: --- high school.

THOMAS: That's what I thought yeah that's what I thought because ah because when I when I first, I'm from BC I grew up out west in Victoria – I don't know if you have you ever travelled the, the country?

MINASSIAN: I've never ah been to ah BC before.

THOMAS: Never been to BC, have you been anywhere else in in Canada?

MINASSIAN: I've been to ah Quebec.

THOMAS: You've been to Quebec to, to visit.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay but have you been - you travelled anywhere else?

MINASSIAN: No.

THOMAS: Okay well yeah BC is ah in BC ah what now this is back in 1984 when I graduated ah and still to this day they only have grade twelve but when I moved out here when I was nineteen, twenty years old they had is what they call it OAC which was in grade thirteen which was like ah a university prep year. So if you were going to go on to university or college you'd take ah grade thirteen but then they discontinued that but I can't remember, remember exactly when they did that so I assume that maybe

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perhaps you were still part of that. So you, you get into Seneca and that's how, how many, is it a two year program?

MINASSIAN: Four year program.

THOMAS: Four? So were you in your fourth year?

MINASSIAN: The, the - this semester was supposed to be my final semester.

THOMAS: Final semester.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: And you'd be graduating with ah a Bachelor of Science?

MINASSIAN: Bachelor of Software Development.

THOMAS: Bachelor of Software Development. Did you have – did you have tests or anything to complete or?

MINASSIAN: I've already completed everything.

THOMAS: So you – you've basically you, you finished?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: So when was your last day?

MINASSIAN: My last day of classes was ah last Wednesday.

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THOMAS: Last Wednesday and so when would your – when would you, when would you be told that you had you had you had graduated? Like when would your graduation day be?

MINASSIAN: I would have ah found out my final grades this Saturday.

THOMAS: This Saturday?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay so were you required to do anything between now and Saturday?

MINASSIAN: No.

THOMAS: So that's it you finished.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Wow congratulations.

MINASSIAN: Thank you.

THOMAS: Good for you. That's no that's quite an achievement yeah you've got ah, ah a Bachelor of Science well that's more than I got I'll tell you that. I went to university and I, I only took ah well I got a diploma in business administration that I did two years in ah taking finance but I never completed it, I never finished my university. I wish I had but I just it's a lot of work I couldn't do it it was ah it was too much. Well that's good, wow that's quite



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an achievement. Have you uhm – so but you, you hadn't lined anything up as far as a job like work ---

MINASSIAN: I don't wish to answer that.

THOMAS: Yeah okay alright I understand, I understand. Uhm my understanding is you're living at home. You don't live on your own am I right?

MINASSIAN: I don't wish to answer that.

THOMAS: Okay ah but you have a good relationship with your mom and dad.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Yeah and is your relationship always been good with your mom and dad?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and have they been supportive all throughout your life?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: And uhm were there any difficulties in your life growing up with your mom and dad?

MINASSIAN: No.

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THOMAS: No ah what about with school were there difficulties with ah with the school growing up?

MINASSIAN: No.

THOMAS: No ah and so when I talk about that I'm talking about like the school curriculum you know the you know going to school learning and, and, and ah completing your assignments and things like that, were there any issues?

MINASSIAN: No.

THOMAS: Okay what about the students?

MINASSIAN: Ah, no. I never had any issues.

THOMAS: Never had any issues with any of the students or anything like that?

MINASSIAN: No.

THOMAS: No uhm ah and I say this ah because you know some times these things are important ah how were you uhm how were you treated by the other students?

MINASSIAN: I was treated well.

THOMAS: You were treated well okay uhm did you have any difficulties with any particular group of students?

MINASSIAN: No.

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THOMAS: No ah what about difficulties with ah, ah girls in particular?

MINASSIAN: No.

THOMAS: No, no difficulties with girls at all?

MINASSIAN: No.

THOMAS: No, none at all. How do you feel about ah girls in general?

MINASSIAN: I, I'm attracted to them.

THOMAS: Oh you are okay, okay so you're heterosexual ---

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: --- would it be fair to say that okay that's, that's important. Uhm have you ever had a relationship with a, with a female?

MINASSIAN: I don't wish to answer that.

THOMAS: Okay, alright. Uhm in terms of females I mean females and women because you're 25 you're a young man alright we'll call them women ah in terms of your feelings towards women in general ah how would you describe that?

MINASSIAN: I would say that sometimes I am a bit upset that they choose to ah date ah obnoxious men instead of ah a gentleman.

THOMAS: Yeah, yeah so I, I, I am I have a uhm well I got involved in a situation I'll tell you about later but uhm I, I uhm so my

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understanding is uhm you, you have some problems with women who date obnoxious men right.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: And these guys I'm thinking you're, you're talking about the fellows who are loud ah, ah arrogant uhm ah generally ah uhm outgoing and popular with girls ---

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: --- is that what you're talking about?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay uhm and you have a problem with the women that date these fellows.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Why is it that you have a problem with, with the women?

MINASSIAN: Because I feel that ah it's illogical to be ah dating such men when they can be dating a gentleman instead.

THOMAS: Right, right, right, that make sense I mean ah and I've seen that because I've grown up and I'll tell you one of the issues that I had as a kid growing up because I was uhm this is going to sou -- you might believe me but believe -- I I wasn't a very big kid growing up, I was actually very, very small ah and it took me a

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long time to, to, to, to grown and ah so as a result ah the you know I, I was kind of ostracized. Do you know what I mean by ostracized I was kind of ---

MINASSIAN: Cast aside.

THOMAS: --- cast aside yeah, yeah and ah or ah I left out like I wouldn't get picked for teams you know or anything like that you know I was kind of always the last guy you, you ever see those ah those ah you know those television shows where you know all the kids are lined up and they're getting picked for you know the teams and there's always one guy left out at the end ---

MINASSIAN: Yeah.

THOMAS: --- that that was me, I was I was that, I was that guy and ah and I never I was never ah very popular with ah women, girls in in school and ah and that kind of actually went on through ah to early part of my, my adulthood ah until I started you know getting taller and ah maturing right but ah I understand exactly what you meant because I was -- as a kid growing up I was uhm you know I was like any other kid -- any other young, young man right you would look at ah, ah, attractive girls and I knew I was probably just as smart if not smarter than some of the clowns they were dating but because for whatever reason I didn't have what it took; they wouldn't, you know, they wouldn't date me because I think because I was short. They wouldn't date me and they ended up dating you know the tall jocks and the other you know the good looking fellows. Is that what you're talking about?

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MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Yeah then yeah you kind of resent these girls right ---

MINASSIAN: Yeah.

THOMAS: --- because you know it's kind of a superficial way of ah  
deciding you know who it is you're going to date.

MINASSIAN: Because height is an unfair and you can't control your height.

THOMAS: Right exactly right, right, right, right. What other things can't  
you control?

MINASSIAN: You can't control ah your, your looks either.

THOMAS: Exactly, exactly yeah that's a good point. Although you're not a  
bad looking guy.

MINASSIAN: Thank you.

THOMAS: No you are, you're a good looking guy you keep yourself well  
and you're good, you're fit you know you're tall, uhm what  
other things can't you control?

MINASSIAN: I'm unaware of – I'm, I'm not aware of anything else you can't  
control.

THOMAS: Ah what about uhm like phys – physical disabilities right  
obviously if you were blind or you know ---

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MINASSIAN: Unfortunately you can't control that.

THOMAS: Yeah you can't control that that's what I mean. So these are things you can't control or uhm you know other disabilities you know ah if you're mentally handicapped or if you ah you ah you're you have an amputee or ah, ah you know there's there's other, other things and I and I and so does that would would you include that in those, those issues that you can't control?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: And so ah so how long have you had this uhm this feeling towards ah women who are attracted to you know this particular type of guy?

MINASSIAN: Ever since I ah started ah college.

THOMAS: Ever since you started college okay and ah, ah did it, did it, was it was it something that occurred as a result of a single incident like it's -- was there one particular moment in your life where it sort of struck home, this was a problem or was it just ah ah ---

MINASSIAN: On Halloween of ah 2013 I was attending a house party ---

THOMAS: Uhuh.

MINASSIAN: --- and I ah walked in and attempted to ah socialize with some ah girls, ah however they all ah laughed at me and ah held the arms of the ah big guys instead.

THOMAS: Really.

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MINASSIAN: Yeah.

THOMAS: Well that's kind of rude. And how did that make you feel?

MINASSIAN: I felt, ah very angry ---

THOMAS: Yeah.

MINASSIAN: --- that they would, because I consider myself a supreme gentleman ---

THOMAS: Yeah.

MINASSIAN: --- I was angry that that they would uhm give their love and affection to obnoxious brutes.

THOMAS: Really eh, really and so it was at that particular moment and that was sort of the defining moment that make you think that you know this is this is wrong and you know these people are ---

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: --- unfairly treating you in in the way that they were.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Yeah, yeah well that makes sense I appreciate you telling me that that ah that says a lot and ah so, so from that point on what ah you know what what, what did you start doing?



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MINASSIAN: I ah started thinking that it's unfair that uhm ce – certain ah guys will not get any ah love and affection from girls.

THOMAS: Okay and, and what, wh – like what, what do you mean by certain guys?

MINASSIAN: Such as me that are ah that are very nice and ah acting gentlemanly.

THOMAS: Right, right, right are there other guys? Did you find other guys that are, are in the same ---

MINASSIAN: There – I know of several other guys over the internet who ah feel the same way but I know they are I would consider them ah too cowardly to ah act on their anger.

THOMAS: Oh, okay and so on the internet where, where are – what are you talking about in terms of?

MINASSIAN: Ah specifically ah certain boards on ah 4Chan.

THOMAS: Oh okay 4Chan, I'm familiar with 4Chan. So that's uhm ---

MINASSIAN: Such as R9K and ah Pol.

THOMAS: Okay so describe 4Chan to me, what is what, what is 4Chan specifically?

MINASSIAN: It's an image board ---

THOMAS: Right.

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MINASSIAN: --- ah where ah people ah can anonymously make any post they want.

THOMAS: Uhuh.

MINASSIAN: Ah the three boards that I have ah frequented, RB which is the random board.

THOMAS: Okay yeah.

MINASSIAN: P-O-L or pol ---

THOMAS: Right.

MINASSIAN: --- stands for politically ah incorrect.

THOMAS: Okay.

MINASSIAN: And ah R9K which ah is basically means R nine thousand it's ah in effect they're saying we're all robots anyone who ah messages on that board.

THOMAS: Okay so those are the three boards that you, you, you go to ---

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: --- to, to, ah is it fair to say you chat?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: You chat – so you chat with other similar minded people.

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MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Right so 4Chan is a website and within 4Chan there are these messaging boards.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: And they're individual boards specific to like minded people.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: And ah how many boards would there be in total on 4Chan?

MINASSIAN: There are about fifty different boards on 4Chan but most of them are actually ah unrelated to the ah to B or 9K or, or pol therefore I don't, don't bother going on them.

THOMAS: Right, right.

MINASSIAN: Because they because ah in fact if you try – if I try to talk about topics that I was talking about on those other boards my post would get deleted.

THOMAS: Oh okay alright so there's moderators?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Ah who, who monitor the conversations and they you know they kind of police the, the conversations and if you're not part of the group conversation they, they kick you out?

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MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay that makes sense. So when did you first start going onto 4Chan?

MINASSIAN: Since ah 2014.

THOMAS: Oh okay alright and how did you learn about 4Chan?

MINASSIAN: Ah I was informed about it ah by a friend at college.

THOMAS: Oh okay alright and was he on it as well or?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay what's his name?

MINASSIAN: I don't wish to answer.

THOMAS: Okay, okay I understand but nevertheless it's it's a friend who's on 4Chan. Was he in the same ah was he in the same ah chat rooms?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay alright and so you would you have conversation with him in those chat rooms?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

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THOMAS: Oh okay alright and so how many other people would be in the in these three particular chat rooms that you're talking about?

MINASSIAN: It, it doesn't actually tell you how many are in there at once because it doesn't ah, as a software it's not actually a chat room it's more like a message board ---

THOMAS: Uhuh.

MINASSIAN: --- where anyone can post at any time by simply going to the thread ---

THOMAS: Oh okay.

MINASSIAN: --- but they don't have to stay there.

THOMAS: Oh I see so it's not live – it's not live chat.

MINASSIAN: No.

THOMAS: It's a, it's a thread so when you say it's a thread it's ah ---

MINASSIAN: It's essentially like a forum.

THOMAS: Right so you make a statement and then somebody will ah answer, it's or they will reply to that your statement ---

MINASSIAN: Correct.

THOMAS: --- and you got ---

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MINASSIAN: Or they might re – reply to the original poster or what is known as OP.

THOMAS: Right okay I see okay, okay and so the, the, the, the, general content of these three forums, am I using the right word forum or or ---

MINASSIAN: Image board.

THOMAS: --- image board. So the, the, what, what's the general ah, ah, ah, the topic within these message boards?

MINASSIAN: Well on the B ah or Radom the general topic is random it's literally any random ah, ah topic ---

THOMAS: Uhuh.

MINASSIAN: --- on R9K it's, they ah they call us ah space robots.

THOMAS: Okay.

MINASSIAN: Ah the topic is usually ah frustrations that an inability to lose one's virginity specifically for young males.

THOMAS: Okay.

MINASSIAN: Ah POL which is politically incorrect ---

THOMAS: Uhuh.

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MINASSIAN: --- is the general topic is basically political discussions with an alt-right bias.

THOMAS: Political discussions with an alt-right so you're -- you're, you're ultraconservative -- or you're ---

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: --- or ah you know the American ah definition would be you'd be ultra-republican.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay so you -- what would your -- what would your political views be in the alt-right ah, ah message board?

MINASSIAN: I actually don't have any ah political views. I only ah, ah the only reason I, I talked with them was just because I enjoyed their, ah style of ah conversation.

THOMAS: Okay and what was the style of conversation?

MINASSIAN: Ah it was very ah blunt and honest.

THOMAS: So wh -- what would it be, what would it typically focus around or what would they -- what would the typ -- typical conversations contain?

MINASSIAN: Ah red pill truths about ah why ah women ah choose to date obnoxious men.

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THOMAS: Date the Chads.

MINASSIAN: Yeah.

THOMAS: The Chads of this world.

MINASSIAN: Yeah ---

THOMAS: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

MINASSIAN: Basically the Stacey's going for the Chads.

THOMAS: Exactly, the Stacey's are the yeah the yeah the dizzy dumb girls dating ah the goofy you know jocks.

MINASSIAN: Yeah.

THOMAS: Right, right, right, right so you call them Stacey's and Chads.

MINASSIAN: Yeah.

THOMAS: I've, I've heard that term before. Ah and so that's in the alt-right?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: That conversation takes place in the alt-right as well?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Ah does -- do other things take place in the alt-right ah forum ---



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MINASSIAN: Uhm ---

THOMAS: --- or red pill.

MINASSIAN: Ah some, some, some ah uhm alt-right members consider them to do – those cells to be ah red pill.

THOMAS: What does that mean is that like a matrix ah reference?

MINASSIAN: Actually it is in fact – that term was actually in fact uhm ah came up as a reference to matrix ---

THOMAS: Right.

MINASSIAN: --- taking the red – you can either take the red pill or you can take the blue pill.

THOMAS: Right.

MINASSIAN: And some of the – some alt-right members even consider them to be supposed to be ah black pill which in ess – in in essence means they are ah MGTOW, “Men Going Their Own Way.”

THOMAS: Oh okay, alright okay, alright okay. You alright?

MINASSIAN: Yup.

THOMAS: Okay so it’s so the conversations are surrounding ah – so in those three message boards they’re all basically the s – or maybe not I shouldn’t say all three but in the two message boards the alt-right and the ---

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MINASSIAN: R9K.

THOMAS: R9K there ---

MINASSIAN: And we call ourselves the space robots there.

THOMAS: Space robots, but the conversations tend to be focussed around  
uhm ah fellows who have ah been unable to lose their virginity  
due to the Stacey's of this world with Chads.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Right and ah I I've done a little bit of uhm ah reading and I know  
a little about uhm involuntary ah ---

MINASSIAN: Celibacy.

THOMAS: --- cel – celibacy, right being celibate ---

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: --- involuntary celibate. What does that mean?

MINASSIAN: That means in – celibacy means ah, ah someone who had never  
before has sexual intercourse.

THOMAS: Right.

MINASSIAN: Ah involuntary celibacy means this wasn't your choice who ---

THOMAS: I see.

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MINASSIAN: --- essentially are ah, have been thrown into true force loneliness and you're unable to lose your virginity.

THOMAS: Right.

MINASSIAN: This is especially ah painful for ah young males.

THOMAS: Right, right, right that make sense and there are other – are there not other web sites that cater to this group of people as well ForeverAlone, have you ever heard of that?

MINASSIAN: I have heard of the ah ForeverAlone ah Subreddit.

THOMAS: And Subreddit, Subreddit have you - you've heard of those?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay, okay and wa – is it fair to say ForeverAlone is ah is ah forum within Subreddit?

MINASSIAN: It is a Subreddit that's ---

THOMAS: It ---

MINASSIAN: --- the definition of Subreddit is ah basically a section of Reddit.

THOMAS: Right, right, right yes exactly right so it would be like the 4Chan that they ---

MINASSIAN: Kind of in a way.

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THOMAS: --- the yeah okay alright. Are you on ForeverAlone?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: You're on that as well?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and what other – what other sites are you on?

MINASSIAN: I don't – I can't ah recall other sites off the bat at the moment.

THOMAS: What's your – what's your user name in ah ForeverAlone?

MINASSIAN: I don't wish to answer that.

THOMAS: Okay well what about 4Chan?

MINASSIAN: There is no user name because they're always anonymous you don't register on 4Chan.

THOMAS: Oh and that's what makes 4Chan popular.

MINASSIAN: Yeah because it makes it very easy and you can ah hide behind a computer screen.

THOMAS: Right, right, right okay. And so when you're on the internet where are you typically when you're when you're accessing these websites? Are you at home?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

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THOMAS: Yeah okay and do you have a computer at home – you – obviously you do.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay uhm ah do you ever access them with any other type of device?

MINASSIAN: Yes I have access to them ah from school before ---

THOMAS: Uhuh.

MINASSIAN: --- from school computers.

THOMAS: And where where's that at Seneca?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: And, and what department?

MINASSIAN: Uhm in in within the school library ---

THOMAS: Oh.

MINASSIAN: --- that's common to all the students.

THOMAS: Oh I see. Do you have one particular computer that you go to?

MINASSIAN: I al – I've always gone to the computer at the ah, northeast corner of the library just ah as a because I'm a person of habit.

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THOMAS: Right, right, okay and ah, ah is there a number on that computer or anything like that?

MINASSIAN: No but I'm always ah gravitated to the exact same spot ---

THOMAS: Okay.

MINASSIAN: --- I I'm able to -- I just instinctually know ah this is exactly where I've always sat every time.

THOMAS: Right, right, right what type of computer is that?

MINASSIAN: Ah Windows 10.

THOMAS: No I mean in terms of the ah the hardware what is the make of the hardware?

MINASSIAN: Ah I'm not sure to be honest. I know it's a workstation.

THOMAS: It's a workstation so it's not a laptop.

MINASSIAN: Correct.

THOMAS: It's, it's like ah it's a box and ah and ah and a flat screen.

MINASSIAN: Correct.

THOMAS: Okay and it's at the northeast corner you said?

MINASSIAN: Correct.

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THOMAS: Northeast corner so if, if I was walk into the library ah where, where would the doors be to the front entrance of the library?

MINASSIAN: They would be uhm very ah close to the uhm southeast entrance of the ah S Building of Seneca at York.

THOMAS: Okay and the S Building contains the library?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and ah the southeast entrance and then you'd walk in ---

MINASSIAN: Then you -- then you would, as soon as you enter you would turn left and then when you walk then you'll see the entrance to the library on the left hand side.

THOMAS: Oh I see okay. Draw me a picture of what the library looks like. Here, have a seat there, have a seat.

MINASSIAN: Of the library?

THOMAS: Yeah or where the computer is.

MINASSIAN: That's essentially the uhm the main layout.

THOMAS: So, so, so looking at this, that's north. The top of the page is north, east, west and south.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

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THOMAS: Okay and where's the entrance the northeast corner is the entrance?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: And this is ---

MINASSIAN: And and this this is ah around the corner where I uhm you know where, where I prefer to ah sit when using their ah computers.

THOMAS: Okay put a circle or a square – how would you ah, show me where you where you're where the ---

MINASSIAN: I would put it here to – to be – it's not actually the very northeast corner because the actual northeast corner has a bunch of Macs ah I am I'm using the most northeast ah Windows computer there.

THOMAS: Okay. Just put ah put computer beside that right there okay uhm do, do me a favour just sign the bottom there so I know that that's yours. So you're – you're, you're kind of a fellow of, of habit you, you, you, you've got a routine, you stick to it.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and the computer at home where is that located?

MINASSIAN: It's located in my room.

THOMAS: Oh okay alright what type of computer is that?



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MINASSIAN: A Mac.

THOMAS: Oh so you – but you do like so you own a Mac.

MINASSIAN: Well I'm, I'm good with both Macs and Windows.

THOMAS: And Windows yeah but you prefer Windows or?

MINASSIAN: Yeah.

THOMAS: Really? But you have a Mac.

MINASSIAN: I use it for development.

THOMAS: Oh so there's a difference in terms of the versatility of the different – of the computers is that the – is that how it works or?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Oh I see okay. So for development you like the Mac but for surfing the web you like the Windows?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Oh okay that makes sense alright. And, and, your, your Mac is it a ah is it a laptop?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Oh okay what, what ah what version is it?

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MINASSIAN: I believe it's High Sierra if I remember correctly.

THOMAS: It's ah High – I've never heard of High Sierra.

MINASSIAN: High Sierra that's, that's just the operating system.

THOMAS: No I'm saying is it like ah, ah Mac Book Air or is it a Mac Book  
ah ---

MINASSIAN: Mac Book Pro.

THOMAS: It's a Mac Book Pro so it's the thicker of the ah ---

MINASSIAN: Yeah.

THOMAS: Okay so it's ah ---

MINASSIAN: It's, it's about – it's about ah three quarters of an inch or so.

THOMAS: Yeah okay what colour is it?

MINASSIAN: Ah steel or grey coloured.

THOMAS: Yeah so they come in the standard eh and whereabouts in your  
room is your, is your, is your laptop?

MINASSIAN: On my desk.

THOMAS: It's on your desk you've got a desk inside your room.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

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THOMAS: Okay how many bedrooms in your house?

MINASSIAN: I don't wish to answer that.

THOMAS: Oh okay alright ah do you have your own room?

MINASSIAN: I just – I just want to give up the privacy of ah anyone else living in the house.

THOMAS: I totally understand that, I totally understand that it makes a lot of sense and I appreciate you telling me that. You know what ah that mea – you know like I said you know if, if that's if that's the issue please let me know. Ah can I ask you this do you have your own bedroom?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay alright okay uhm so ah, ah so when you're on 4Chan ah what specifically are you and and you know 4Chan when you're when you're on your different websites and ForeverAlone which – let me ask you this sorry I don't mean to ah sound confusing - which are you more active on in terms of ---

MINASSIAN: 4Chan.

THOMAS: 4Chan okay uhm when did you first – sorry you mentioned this and I forgot when did you first go onto 4Chan?

MINASSIAN: 2014.

THOMAS: 2014 and specifically when in 2014?

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MINASSIAN: May 23 ah 2014.

THOMAS: How – how are you able to remember that?

MINASSIAN: Because I remember that was a ah very significant day.

THOMAS: Okay what day was – what was that?

MINASSIAN: Ah that was when ah Elliot Rodger ah decided to essentially ah commit an uprising – a beta uprising if you will ---

THOMAS: Right.

MINASSIAN: --- against the ah Chads and the Stacey's.

THOMAS: Okay, okay and that was in the United States.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: And so when you talk about ---

MINASSIAN: Well because uhm Incels don't believe in borders.

THOMAS: Right, okay, okay.

MINASSIAN: So ah so locations are ah irrelevant to us.

THOMAS: Right, right but for, for geographical reference only am I right to understand it, it, it occurred in California.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

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THOMAS: Okay and ah what, what type of uhm ah what, what type of uprising occurred, what, what happened?

MINASSIAN: It was a beta uprising.

THOMAS: A beta uprising okay.

MINASSIAN: Although he didn't ah call it a beta uprising at the time ah someone else who was inspired by him by the name of ah Chris Harper-Mercer called it a beta uprising some time in ah – actually I believe it was October 1 ah 2015.

THOMAS: Ah it was 2014.

MINASSIAN: No ah some Chr – someone else named Chris Harper-Mercer ---

THOMAS: Yup.

MINASSIAN: --- in 2015 ah called it a beta uprising. I'm only retroactively ah assigning the label of beta uprising to the Elliot Rodger's ---

THOMAS: Okay I ---

MINASSIAN: --- ah moves.

THOMAS: I thought Chris Harper-Mercer ah committed a beta uprising in Oregon in 2014 which later fuelled Elliot Rodger to do something similar in California in 2016.

MINASSIAN: It was actually ah the other way around ---

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THOMAS: Oh.

MINASSIAN: --- Elliot Rodger in 2014 his ah what ---

THOMAS: You're right, I'm sorry.

MINASSIAN: --- his ---

THOMAS: Yes.

MINASSIAN: --- his uhm what I'm uhm retroactively calling ah beta uprising -  
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THOMAS: Uhuh.

MINASSIAN: --- ah inspired ah Chris Harper-Mercer to do the same thing in  
2015.

THOMAS: You're absolutely right I, I you know you're absolutely right that  
makes sen – makes a lot of sense. So, ah it was ah Elliot Rodger  
who was the, the father of this.

MINASSIAN: Basically the fa – the founding forefather ---

THOMAS: The founding forefather.

MINASSIAN: --- he founded the entire movement.

THOMAS: Right, right. So explain to me this movement, what's this  
movement about?

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MINASSIAN: It's basically – it's basically a movement of angry ah incels such as myself who are unable to get laid, therefore we want to overthrow the ah Chads ---

THOMAS: Uhuh.

MINASSIAN: --- which would ah force the Stacey's to be forced to ah reproduce with the incels.

THOMAS: Right, right okay and when you say incels ---

MINASSIAN: Involuntary ah cel – celibate.

THOMAS: Celibate so that's just ah a short form for, for, for fellows who ---

MINASSIAN: Can't get laid.

THOMAS: --- ah can't, can't have sex right, okay and ah what happened in the ah Elliot Rodger's ah, ah uprising, what did he do?

MINASSIAN: I know he ah used a ah gun as well as a ah vehicle to uhm convert the life status of certain individuals to ah death status.

THOMAS: Right.

MINASSIAN: Uhm oh only to ah carry the message that uhm incels ah can't be oppressed.

THOMAS: Right, right so it was ah, ah it was an act of rebellion.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

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THOMAS: And and it was uhm – and ah and uhm out of frustration and anger.

MINASSIAN: You could call it an Incel rebellion.

THOMAS: Incel rebellion. Exactly, right, yeah okay and uhm ah how many – how many ah lives were converted from living to to dead?

MINASSIAN: Six.

THOMAS: Six in total okay and ah, ah and he used a vehicle in that ---

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: --- as well in ah as part of the process of converting these lives.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: And ah was anything else – did he do anything else?

MINASSIAN: I know he used a ah a knife ---

THOMAS: Right.

MINASSIAN: --- for, for his first three murders.

THOMAS: For his first three murders, okay, alright. And uhm and then ah what about uhm Chris ah Harper-Mercer what ah what did he do?

MINASSIAN: He used a gun for ah all of his murders.



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THOMAS: For all of his murders. And how many did he – how many did he – how many people did he murder?

MINASSIAN: I believe it was it was either eight killed and ten injured or ah ten killed and eight injured.

THOMAS: Ten killed and eight injured okay.

MINASSIAN: It was one of those two.

THOMAS: Okay and were these fellows active on 4Chan?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: They were eh. Have you ever communicated with these fellows?

MINASSIAN: Ah I actually have, as a matter of fact.

THOMAS: Who, who did you communicate with?

MINASSIAN: Both of them actually.

THOMAS: Really?

MINASSIAN: We used ah code names actually.

THOMAS: Okay what was – what were they?

MINASSIAN: Ah Elliot Rodger was named of Valtharion.

THOMAS: Valtharion?

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MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: How do you spell that?

MINASSIAN: V-A-L-T-H-A-R-I-O-N.

THOMAS: Okay and ah what was Chris ah Harper-Mercer's name?

MINASSIAN: SpaceRobot.

THOMAS: SpaceRobot. One word or two?

MINASSIAN: Ah one word.

THOMAS: One word.

MINASSIAN: Camel case.

THOMAS: Camel case?

MINASSIAN: That means the S and ah R ah were ah both capitalized.

THOMAS: Oh I see okay, okay ah and okay and what was your – what was your what was your code name?

MINASSIAN: Xboxlightside.

THOMAS: Xbox light side?

MINASSIAN: All one word.

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THOMAS: All one word camel case?

MINASSIAN: No, only the ah first letter was capitalized.

THOMAS: The X.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay, alright and ah so what did you discuss with these guys?

MINASSIAN: We discussed our ah frustrations at uhm society and being  
unable to get laid and we were plotting a certain ah timed strikes  
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THOMAS: Uhuh.

MINASSIAN: --- on society in order to ah confuse and ah shake the foundations  
just to put all the ah, normies in a ah state of panic.

THOMAS: Okay and who'd be a normie?

MINASSIAN: Ah normie means ah normal people that would be anyone who is  
ah considered to be normal by ah the unfair standards of society.

THOMAS: But not the Chads or Stacey's. Chads and Stacey's ---

MINASSIAN: Chads and Stacey's are actually above normies or at least they  
think they're above normies.

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THOMAS: Of course yeah, yeah, yeah okay alright. So is it fair to say you've got Chads and Stacey's up here, normies down here and then you've got celibs who believe that they are being repressed.

MINASSIAN: Incels.

THOMAS: Incels, Incels sorry ---

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: --- Incels who believe they're being rep – rep ah, ah suppressed or repressed ---

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: --- and, and so as a result even the playing field.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: The – you know they, they ah they convert the Stacey's and Chads from living to dead ah to make ---

MINASSIAN: So that we come out on top – us on top.

THOMAS: Yeah more than – so is there ah, ah so the targets, who are the targets for this uprising be?

MINASSIAN: All of the ah alpha males.

THOMAS: All the alpha males. So the Chads.

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MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: So that's – those are the people you'll – that that you want to kill?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay alright and who else?

MINASSIAN: Any ah any of the Stacey's who ah do not wish to ah give their love and affection to the Incels.

THOMAS: So they, they they're a target as well ---

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: --- to be killed.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and what about the normies, no ah yeah nor - normies.

MINASSIAN: Yes we ah do – we don't necessarily wish to ah kill the normies but we do wish to subjugate them ah in order to make them understand that the uhm – that our type is ah the more superior one.

THOMAS: Right, right. So when you say subjugate what do you mean by that?

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MINASSIAN: Mean – meaning ah either imprison them or put them in a lower position in society ---

THOMAS: Okay alright.

MINASSIAN: --- so that they acknowledge uhm the Incels or the ah Pepe the Frog types as the more superior ones.

THOMAS: So okay you you're saying things that I'm, I'm not familiar with ---

MINASSIAN: So – sorry.

THOMAS: What's a Pepe - Pepe the Frog?

MINASSIAN: Ah but we ah he's, he's a mascot on 4Chan and we ah ---

THOMAS: He's a mascot?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Oh mascot on, on 4Chan.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: And he's a ---

MINASSIAN: Ah ah I was using a metaphor.

THOMAS: Oh okay, okay.

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MINASSIAN: Yeah so ah he's actually ah worshipped ah quite frequently.

THOMAS: Oh okay, okay alright so going back to the conversation with, with Chris and uhm and ah Elliot you're talking to these fellows now ah when ,when are you having these conversations, when, when, did these conversations start taking place?

MINASSIAN: Uhm before ah obviously before their ah massacres because they're both dead now.

THOMAS: Right, right, right, right, right okay and ah and then once you learned of the – so what – so it was Elliot who was first in 2014.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: So what did Elliot – what, what did you and Elliot talk about? Let me let me ah I, I find you very interesting I do and I find it's fascinating uhm but I want to make sure I, I don't go too fast. Uhm did you have – did you have – who did you have conversation with first, let me ask you that?

MINASSIAN: Elliot.

THOMAS: Elliot so how did you learn of Elliot?

MINASSIAN: Because on ah on we private message each other on ah Reddit ---

THOMAS: Yup.

MINASSIAN: --- after I saw one of ah his posts ---

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THOMAS: Uhuh.

MINASSIAN: --- ah and ah we just talked about each other and got to know each other and we found each other very interesting. We both had the same ah frustrations that society ---

THOMAS: Right.

MINASSIAN: --- despite being ah separate by distance so far apart.

THOMAS: Right, right, right, did you ever visit him?

MINASSIAN: Ah no but I wish I could have.

THOMAS: Yeah, yeah did he ever come up and visit you?

MINASSIAN: No but I wish he did.

THOMAS: Yeah, yeah ah did you ever communicate ah outside of ah 4Chan? Did you ever communicate on anything else outside of 4Chan?

MINASSIAN: Reddit was the first place we ah communicated.

THOMAS: Oh okay and was it Fo - ForeverAlone?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: In that – in that subgroup?

MINASSIAN: Yes.



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THOMAS: Okay ah, ah did you ever communicate on any other medium or platform?

MINASSIAN: Ah other than Reddit and 4Chan no.

THOMAS: No so you didn't Skype or call on the phone or anything like that?

MINASSIAN: No.

THOMAS: Okay so long does this conversation with Elliot – sorry, sorry so when – so when specifically, you may have mentioned I, I wasn't listening, when specifically did you first contact or have contact with Elliot?

MINASSIAN: January of 2014.

THOMAS: 2014 and ah when did you stop having con – communication with him?

MINASSIAN: Ah, ah as soon as he was deceased.

THOMAS: Okay so ah his act I, I know took place in 2014 but I wasn't aware of the exact day, what day was it?

MINASSIAN: May 23 ah 2014.

THOMAS: May 23<sup>rd</sup> yeah you said that. Ah so when did you last speak to him?

MINASSIAN: May ah 20.

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THOMAS: May 20<sup>th</sup>. And so what did he tell you?

MINASSIAN: He told me that ah he has to go he must – he's on a very important mission ---

THOMAS: Uhuh.

MINASSIAN: --- and ah he might not make it back alive.

THOMAS: Uhuh, uhuh and so what did you say to him?

MINASSIAN: I ah kind of had an idea in my head of what he was ah planning but I didn't want to ah think it was true at the time so I said – so I replied and said ah I wish you ah good luck with that.

THOMAS: Right on okay, okay and ah were there anybody – was there anybody else in this conversation?

MINASSIAN: It was ah private ah conversation.

THOMAS: Oh it was a private – okay so there's nobody else speaking?

MINASSIAN: No.

THOMAS: Okay and you can have private conversations outside of 4Chan?

MINASSIAN: It well like I said it was a Reddit private message.

THOMAS: Oh sorry ah Foreever – yeah ah ForeeverAlone?

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MINASSIAN: Yeah because anyone can ah just private message each other since you have a registered account.

THOMAS: Right okay, okay so you can go on the ah forum and and the threads and leave messages and then you can speak to people outside of the threats privately?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay I'm just – I'm because I haven't been on these these websites so it's ah but I've heard of them so I'm just trying to get get familiarize with, with how it works. So did ah was there was there – as far as you were aware of was there anyone else involved in ah, ah Elliot Rodger's ah, ah mission?

MINASSIAN: I believe that – he told me that ah other members of ah, ah 4Chan were giving him ah encouraging support so that he would have the courage to ah start his rebellion.

THOMAS: Right, right, right okay and so you last speak to him on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

MINASSIAN: May 20<sup>th</sup>.

THOMAS: May 20<sup>th</sup> I'm sorry May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: He commits his, his, his acts on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May ---

MINASSIAN: Yes.

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THOMAS: --- and ah when did you learn that ah what he had done?

MINASSIAN: I saw it on the news later that night.

THOMAS: Later on, on the 23<sup>rd</sup>?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and what did you think?

MINASSIAN: Ah I thought that I ah came to the understanding that this is the mission that he had to ah carry out.

THOMAS: Okay alright and anything else?

MINASSIAN: I felt kind of ah proud of him for ah his acts of bravery.

THOMAS: Okay alright and what about ah how you started to, to, to change your thinking. Was, was any was, was any of that going on?

MINASSIAN: I was starting to feel ah radicalized at that time.

THOMAS: You were eh okay and when you say radicalized what do you mean by that?

MINASSIAN: Meaning I felt it was time to take action and not just sit on the side lines and just ah fester in my own sadness.

THOMAS: Right, okay, alright and so ah so this this is started – this is a process it's not something that just – I mean the, the, the, the day

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that you realized that ah you were ah celeb was the day that you were ridiculed by these girls at this party ---

MINASSIAN: On ah Halloween of 2013.

THOMAS: Right but then as you got to know ah Elliot and then ah understanding his, his ah, his ah mission and ah what he had done you began to, to start become radicalized in terms of your though process.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and so what takes place next as part of this, this, this growing radicalization?

MINASSIAN: To be honest ah the planning didn't occur until about a month ago, most of it was actually just thinking ---

THOMAS: Okay.

MINASSIAN: --- and day dreaming.

THOMAS: Okay alright so the thinking and day dreaming when did that start?

MINASSIAN: That started about a month after the rebellion in ah May of 2014.

THOMAS: Okay so ---

MINASSIAN: So I mean so June I started ah thinking about this stuff.

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THOMAS: And then that continued right up until a month ago?

MINASSIAN: Yes. Which is when I ah booked ah the ah van with Ryder ---

THOMAS: Okay.

MINASSIAN: --- in order to ah use as ah a tool for rebellion.

THOMAS: Okay alright so tel – take me through that process. What was going through your mind and how was you know, what were you thinking when you were doing all of this? What was going on?

MINASSIAN: I was thinking that it was ah time that I ah stood up to the Chads and Stacey's.

THOMAS: Okay and then and so what happened? So this – tell me what takes place?

MINASSIAN: So I ah booked the van ---

THOMAS: Yeah.

MINASSIAN: --- and then I just simply wait until ah today ---

THOMAS: Yup.

MINASSIAN: --- and then I go rent the van and then I ah drive it, take it downtown to Toronto ---

THOMAS: Okay.

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MINASSIAN: --- and I just start using it as a weapon.

THOMAS: Okay alright and, and so when you say that what, what do you mean by that?

MINASSIAN: Meaning I it the vehicle collided with ah several pedestrians some of who are no longer alive as a result.

THOMAS: Right, right, okay, okay ah okay and ah so that's a lot of information. Take me back to ah a month ago. You said this is when this whole planning started?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay so about a month ago where were you at that point?

MINASSIAN: I was at Seneca College and I decided to ah phone Ryder and ah book a ah either a truck or a van with them and they had ah a ten ah foot van ah available ---

THOMAS: Uhuh.

MINASSIAN: --- so I figured that this is perfect ---

THOMAS: Uhuh.

MINASSIAN: --- I can - not it's ah big enough to have an effect but not too big that I can't manoeuvre with it ah so the van was the perfect ah medium size to use as my ah weapon.

THOMAS: Right on okay. So you're at Seneca ---

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MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: --- you said and where specifically at Seneca are you?

MINASSIAN: I was at the ah college library ---

THOMAS: At the ---

MINASSIAN: --- when I made the phone call.

THOMAS: At the college library when you made the phone call.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: So the, the library that you just drew for me?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and where were you specifically in the library?

MINASSIAN: These desks.

THOMAS: Okay why don't you ---

MINASSIAN: I was actually ah fa – my, my face was facing north.

THOMAS: So show me – so show me where you were.

MINASSIAN: I was sitting here facing this way.



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THOMAS: Okay you ah, ah just put ah put uhm Ryder phone call. Okay so you're sitting there and this is about a month ago, what day specifically is this?

MINASSIAN: It was near the ah beginning of April so it wasn't exactly a month ago it was but almost a month ago.

THOMAS: Okay alright so you're at your desk and what time of day is it?

MINASSIAN: Midday.

THOMAS: Midday and ah you said you, you made a phone call?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: And how and and how do you make that phone call?

MINASSIAN: Uhm by googling ah the the rental number for ah ah the nearest ah Ryder location.

THOMAS: Okay and how do you google the ---

MINASSIAN: I just simply ah said ah Ryder ah rental locations on ---

THOMAS: I --

MINASSIAN: --- on my laptop.

THOMAS: On your laptop okay so when you say on your laptop were you using a school computer?

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MINASSIAN: No actually I was using a windows computer.

THOMAS: You ---

MINASSIAN: Because I – because I know I said before I have a Mac but I also have a Windows which I take to school ---

THOMAS: Oh.

MINASSIAN: --- just because I don't want the Mac to get damaged.

THOMAS: Oh okay so you've got two laptops.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Oh okay ah what's your other laptop?

MINASSIAN: The Windows.

THOMAS: Yeah.

MINASSIAN: Mac and Windows.

THOMAS: Yeah no I guess is it ah I mean what what's the name of the, the, actual laptop the, the make?

MINASSIAN: Ah it's ah it's a Lenovo.

THOMAS: Lenovo oh I see okay and what colour is that?

MINASSIAN: Black.

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THOMAS: Black. And where's that ah in your bedroom?

MINASSIAN: Ah it's located in my closet.

THOMAS: Oh okay alright your, your where you hang your clothes?

MINASSIAN: Yes above them.

THOMAS: Above, it's on the top shelf?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Oh okay how many closets in your room – in your bedroom?

MINASSIAN: Just one.

THOMAS: Just the one okay ah so you take that the Lenovo laptop to your school ---

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: --- ah at Seneca and in the library at the desk you google the nearest Ryder ---

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: --- rental – truck rental.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and what made you decide to choose Ryder?

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MINASSIAN: Ah because I had looked up some reviews on line they ah were  
ah – people were saying good stuff about them because I had  
looked at some other companies such as ah U-haul ---

THOMAS: Uhuh.

MINASSIAN: --- and people were complaining about them saying that the  
trucks never arrive on time, there's ah – the customer support is  
terrible ah but they – people loved Ryder.

THOMAS: Oh okay alright okay that makes sense. Ah so this was just  
reviews that you've read on line that made you choose Ryder?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay can I ask why were you looking specifically for ah a truck?

MINASSIAN: Because it would be ah large enough to inflict ah severe damage.

THOMAS: Okay that makes sense. Ah okay so how do you contact Ryder?

MINASSIAN: By phoning them basically.

THOMAS: And and what ah what phone do you use?

MINASSIAN: My ah cell phone.

THOMAS: Oh okay so you've got a cell phone with you?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

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THOMAS: Alright and what type of phone is that?

MINASSIAN: Android.

THOMAS: An android phone okay and that's an actual make?

MINASSIAN: That's ah well it's either – your phone is either going to be Android or IOS my phone is ah Android.

THOMAS: What's the make of the phone though?

MINASSIAN: Asus ZenFone ah Asus ZenFone 4.

THOMAS: Okay and where is that phone?

MINASSIAN: What do you mean by where?

THOMAS: Where where's – where is your cell phone right now?

MINASSIAN: It was ah confiscated.

THOMAS: Oh so we have it?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and what's the phone number ah to your cell?

MINASSIAN: 416-836-9711.

THOMAS: Okay and so you call Ryder and ah from Seneca and ah what ah Ryder uhm truck rental – what what's the address?

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MINASSIAN: Ah 700 ah Cornerstone Road.

THOMAS: Oh okay and ah so what do you say to them, what's the conversation?

MINASSIAN: I just uhm said hey how are you doing, I was interested in ah renting a truck I ah told him that I wanted to just help a friend move furniture around.

THOMAS: Okay alright do you remember the individual you spoke to?

MINASSIAN: I believe it was either a Matt or a Mike.

THOMAS: A Matt or a Mike okay and ah what did Matt or Mike say?

MINASSIAN: That yeah we do have some ah tr – trucks available and that ah we can rent them out to you and that he asked me when I wished to ah, ah rent it and I said April 23 and low and behold in ah it was available today.

THOMAS: Okay can I ask why you choose April 23<sup>rd</sup>?

MINASSIAN: I am – it was ah I felt it would be a more symbolic if I had ah completed my ah exams.

THOMAS: Okay, okay, okay but ah apart from the 23<sup>rd</sup> there was no other reason?

MINASSIAN: No.

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THOMAS: So if you'd – you finished your exams on the 15<sup>th</sup> it would have been the 15<sup>th</sup>?

MINASSIAN: It would have been the 16<sup>th</sup>.

THOMAS: Oh the 16<sup>th</sup> okay alright. Ah so you, you ah how long is your conversation with ah the fellow from Ryder?

MINASSIAN: About ah two minutes.

THOMAS: Okay ah ---

MINASSIAN: Because it was fairly quick.

THOMAS: Okay alright and then what happens? So you made this phone call – sorry let me ask you this, do – did you reserve the, the truck?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Oh you – okay and what ah what did you tell him in terms of reserving? How was that going to take place?

MINASSIAN: Uhm I, I said that uhm we agreed that I could just simply ah pick it up.

THOMAS: Okay did you have to give a deposit or anything like that?

MINASSIAN: Yes I had to give – it was about a four hundred dollar deposit when I ah arrived at the location.

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THOMAS: Okay but that's not till later.

MINASSIAN: Correct.

THOMAS: Okay so you just reserved the truck, there was no requirement for you to give any type of credit card or, or form of payment.

MINASSIAN: Correct.

THOMAS: Okay so you reserved the truck then what happens?

MINASSIAN: Then I ah simply ah record the ah reservation and then I ah go on that day to ah pick it up.

THOMAS: So nothing happens for approximately one month?

MINASSIAN: Correct.

THOMAS: So you don't – you're not thinking about this or ---

MINASSIAN: I am thinking about it ---

THOMAS: --- you are okay.

MINASSIAN: --- but I didn't need to make any further preparations.

THOMAS: Okay so what are you thinking about while you know you're waiting to, to make these prepar – or waiting to rent the truck?

MINASSIAN: Ah the uprising. I was thinking that I would inspire ah future masses to ah join me in my uprising as well.



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THOMAS: Okay alright and how were you going to do that?

MINASSIAN: Ah I was going to ah tell ah people on ah 4Chan ah beforehand.

THOMAS: Okay alright and, and did you do that?

MINASSIAN: Yes I did. I did ah a one day in advance.

THOMAS: Oh okay alright. So, did you actually go onto 4Chan?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: And post messages?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and, and what name did you or they're anonymous you said that ---

MINASSIAN: Yeah.

THOMAS: --- is that right?

MINASSIAN: That's, that's the default if you don't specify a name it's going to say anonymous.

THOMAS: Okay did you – did you specify a name?

MINASSIAN: No ---

THOMAS: Okay.

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MINASSIAN: --- I was anonymous.

THOMAS: Okay so it was anonymous.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and what time did you go onto 4Chan?

MINASSIAN: Approximately at 3:00 p.m. yesterday.

THOMAS: 3:00 p.m. yesterday okay and what specifically did you say?

MINASSIAN: I was using a code language to avoid ah detection by the authorities. I was – I stated that there will be a beta uprising tomorrow, I encourage others to ah follow suit.

THOMAS: Okay, okay and did you post on any other ah ah mediums – medians, mediums?

MINASSIAN: Media.

THOMAS: Media any, any other media ---

MINASSIAN: No just ah ---

THOMAS: --- no.

MINASSIAN: --- 4Chan.

THOMAS: Just 4Chan okay. Did anybody reply?

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MINASSIAN: Yes ah, ah quite a few people ah were ah congratulating me ah because I suspect they probably knew what I meant by what I said.

THOMAS: Okay.

MINASSIAN: And in fact ah I remember there was one poster who said he was from Edmonton and he would be planning a similar uprising in November ah 15 of this year.

THOMAS: Of this year, okay, okay and what ah specifically did he say in terms of what he was going to do?

MINASSIAN: He said ah, ah hey thanks man ah you you've given me great inspiration, November 15 Edmonton the continuation of the rebellion.

THOMAS: Okay, okay.

MINASSIAN: Those were his words.

THOMAS: Okay, I understand. Okay and ah, ah so that was ah the one thing you did to – as you were thinking about this and planning ah what, what else were you were you doing?

MINASSIAN: Well I was uhm finishing up my school work as ah normal.

THOMAS: Yeah okay alright.

MINASSIAN: Because I still have to ah worry about my school work.

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THOMAS: Right, right of course. Anything else?

MINASSIAN: Ah no nothing out of the – else out of the ordinary.

THOMAS: So in terms of your ah in terms of the time that you spent thinking about this over that month if you were to break it down into a percentage.

MINASSIAN: I would say eighty percent of the time was spent thinking about it even while I was doing other activities.

THOMAS: You were you were you were thinking about it.

MINASSIAN: I was very preoccupied with it.

THOMAS: Very preoccupied with it okay and in this thinking what were you thinking specifically?

MINASSIAN: About how, how the foundations of the world would be shaken by this event.

THOMAS: Okay and ah when you say that what do you mean by the foundations of this world?

MINASSIAN: Meaning that I, I, I was fairly confident that others would be inspired to ah repeat the same actions as me in ba – basically just to ah overthrow society.

THOMAS: Okay, okay and ah so this – oh sorry is there any other thought process going on?

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MINASSIAN: That was pretty much the main thought process.

THOMAS: Okay and ah, ah okay so then it comes to today or yesterday the 23<sup>rd</sup> right ---

MINASSIAN: Uhuh because I guess midnight's alright past.

THOMAS: --- yeah exactly so it was yesterday so ah walk me through your day. You get up in the morning, what time do you get up?

MINASSIAN: Ah at about seven.

THOMAS: About seven o'clock okay and then what do you do?

MINASSIAN: I have breakfast, I brush ---

THOMAS: Uhuh.

MINASSIAN: --- ah nothing unusual.

THOMAS: Right and then what happens?

MINASSIAN: I check my emails ah just to see if there's any school – school related stuff or anything that such as job offers anything like that.

THOMAS: Uhuh.

MINASSIAN: And then I'll go for a walk around the neighbourhood.

THOMAS: Uhuh.

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MINASSIAN: And then ah then I went ah to the ah Ryder location ---

THOMAS: Uhuh.

MINASSIAN: --- ah yesterday.

THOMAS: Uhuh.

MINASSIAN: And ah just ro – took the van ---

THOMAS: Uhuh.

MINASSIAN: --- and ah brought it out to Toronto and ah and then I committed the – this rebellious act.

THOMAS: Okay alright so you get up around seven?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay ah you said you had some breakfast.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: You brushed.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay ah you go on your in in your computer.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

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THOMAS: What computer – what computer were you on?

MINASSIAN: Mac.

THOMAS: The Mac and you said you checked some emails?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Did you get any emails that that related to this?

MINASSIAN: Ah no.

THOMAS: Did you send any out in relation to this?

MINASSIAN: No.

THOMAS: Okay so you ah you're, you're on your computer, how long are, are you on your computer for?

MINASSIAN: I'm on there for several hours a day.

THOMAS: Okay.

MINASSIAN: Ma – just because mainly ah since I'm a software developer anyways I would have to use my computer anyways.

THOMAS: Right, right okay and then from there ah you go for a walk?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay now ah where, where – where do you go for a walk?

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MINASSIAN: Ah around the neighbourhood.

THOMAS: You just, just walked around on foot?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay when do you leave the house?

MINASSIAN: Ah usually at about 8:00 a.m. after I've already finished breakfast and have ah a brush and everything.

THOMAS: Okay and so ah you leave the house at around 8:00 a.m. and just walk around the neighbourhood.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: And what are you thinking about as, as you're walking around the neighbourhood?

MINASSIAN: I'm ah thinking, I was thinking about life.

THOMAS: Okay. Is, is, is your focus on your mission at all or anything like that?

MINASSIAN: Sometimes but to be honest I'm not thinking about it a hundred percent of the time ah ---

THOMAS: Okay.

MINASSIAN: --- sometimes I just try to when I walk, I just try to clear my thoughts.



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THOMAS: Okay alright ah were you conscious this morning though that today was the day that this was going to happen?

MINASSIAN: Yes I was very aware of it.

THOMAS: Very aware okay.

MINASSIAN: It was very pressing on my mind.

THOMAS: Very pressing okay so how long were you outside of the house?

MINASSIAN: Usually my walks are about half an hour to an hour.

THOMAS: So is it fair to say that's how long you were out today?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and ah from the time you get up to the time you leave the house do you have conversation with anybody?

MINASSIAN: To – you mean just yesterday on April 25<sup>th</sup>?

THOMAS: Yeah, yeah.

MINASSIAN: Ah no.

THOMAS: No okay and when you're outside do you speak to anyone?

MINASSIAN: Ah no.

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THOMAS: Are you ah chatting with anyone on your phone during this time at all or anything like that?

MINASSIAN: No.

THOMAS: No ah you're not messaging on 4Chan or anything like that?

MINASSIAN: I did post a facebook message ah right before the ah the attack --

THOMAS: Okay.

MINASSIAN: --- stating that the Incel rebellion has already begun.

THOMAS: Okay and ah okay alright ah ---

MINASSIAN: Posted it with my phone.

THOMAS: Okay, so let's just work up to that. So now you've gone for a walk ah it's pressing on your mind this this attack, you, you come back home about forty five minutes to an hour later so what time is that?

MINASSIAN: I would say that would be approximately nine.

THOMAS: Nine o'clock?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and ah and then what do you do?

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MINASSIAN: Then I just ah I sit back ah, ah I sit on my computer just play some random ah browser games until it's ah it's time to leave.

THOMAS: Okay and so what computer are you on?

MINASSIAN: Mac.

THOMAS: Mac and what ah browser games are you playing, what do you mean by that?

MINASSIAN: Ah just random games on the internet. I was actu – I was actually playing ah city jumper it's a very old game.

THOMAS: Okay.

MINASSIAN: It's ah I just wanted to pass the time until I left.

THOMAS: Okay and so while you're playing this game do you have a particular time in your mind that you're going to do this?

MINASSIAN: Well the truck rental was at or van rental was at ah 1:00 p.m. ---

THOMAS: Okay.

MINASSIAN: --- so – and I already had a google maps route planned I ah left the house at 11:25, I took the bus to ah the Ryder location.

THOMAS: Okay so you're at home ah I just want to make sure I'm clear as to what was going on. So you're at home, you're playing some on-line video games ---

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MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: --- ah you knew that the truck rental was at one o'clock.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: So ah you leave the house at 12:25?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and how do you leave the house?

MINASSIAN: No sorry, 11:25.

THOMAS: Oh sorry 11:25, 11:25 how do you leave the house?

MINASSIAN: Ah on foot. I walked to the bus stop.

THOMAS: Okay.

MINASSIAN: I, I take the bus stop – ah I take the bus ah ah very close to the  
Ryder location ---

THOMAS: Okay.

MINASSIAN: --- and then I walk from the where I got off the stop to that rental  
location and then I – there from there I picked up the ah van.

THOMAS: Okay so when you – what, what bus stop did you catch the bus  
at?

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MINASSIAN: I ah went on 85C westbound at my house and I transferred to another bus which unfortunately I don't remember the number because I've only used that – that other route is not one of the ah main routes so I don't remember the number.

THOMAS: Okay so where's the bus stop that you would have attended in order to, to board the bus?

MINASSIAN: The first bus was ah Bayview and 16<sup>th</sup>.

THOMAS: Did you walk to Bayview and 16<sup>th</sup>?

MINASSIAN: Yes because it's only about five minutes from my house.

THOMAS: Okay and so you – there's a bus stop there at Bayview and 16<sup>th</sup>?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: And ah I'm assuming we're talking about a York Regional Transit bus?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: And what was the name of the bus – the number of the bus?

MINASSIAN: 85C.

THOMAS: 85C and and which direction is that bus going?

MINASSIAN: West.

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THOMAS: It's going west.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: On 16<sup>th</sup> ? No, yes 16<sup>th</sup>?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay it's going west on 16<sup>th</sup> so you you catch that bus.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: And how do you ah how do you pay to get on the bus?

MINASSIAN: Ah bus ticket.

THOMAS: A bus ticket okay ah and ah what time do you get on the bus?

MINASSIAN: Ah at about 11:30.

THOMAS: About 11:30 so it's about five minutes from your house ---

MINASSIAN: Uhuh.

THOMAS: --- okay. And then how long of a bus ride until you get off and get on, on the on the next bus?

MINASSIAN: It was about ah half an hour until the next bus.

THOMAS: Okay so where do you get off the, the first bus? What, what bus stop do you get off at?

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MINASSIAN: Ah Highway 7 and Weston.

THOMAS: Highway 7 and Weston okay and you board a second bus?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: And, and where did you board that second bus?

MINASSIAN: At that same stop.

THOMAS: Same stop and ah what you don't know the number of that bus?

MINASSIAN: I don't remember unfortunately.

THOMAS: Okay but that's ah it's a York Regional Transit bus?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and so what direction do you, you head ah when you get on the second bus?

MINASSIAN: It went north and then it went east again and then it dropped me off about ah five minute walk from the ah truck rental location.

THOMAS: Okay so what street would that have been at?

MINASSIAN: I don't remember unfortunately because it was one of those small neighbourhood roads but it was very close to ah Creditstone Road.

THOMAS: It was very close to Creditstone Road.

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MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Creditstone Road and what? What would be the major intersection?

MINASSIAN: I believe the ah boardering ah street was uhm Pennsylvania Avenue. It was actually a neighbourhood road. It wasn't a major intersection.

THOMAS: Okay, okay so Creditstone and Pennsylvania?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: It was – it was in and around that location.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: And from there you walked to the Ryder ah rent ah truck rental?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and ah do you have your cell phone on you at this time?

MINASSIAN: It was confiscated – oh at that time ---

THOMAS: Yeah, yeah.

MINASSIAN: --- ah yes.

THOMAS: Okay and the same cell phone that you just told me the Acer cell phone?



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MINASSIAN: Asus ah ZonePhone 4.

THOMAS: Right that phone.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay ah do you receive or make any phone calls during that time?

MINASSIAN: No.

THOMAS: Okay ah what about ah okay I'll ask you that later – what – so you walk to the rental store or ah the truck rental store what time do you arrive at the truck rental store?

MINASSIAN: At about ah 12:30.

THOMAS: Okay 12:30 alright and so you walk in and what do you do?

MINASSIAN: I ah say hi my name is Alek Minassian I'm ah here – I know I'm early but I have ah a truck rental at one uhm so then I ended up filling out some forms, signing some stuff, I wait a bit and then eventually I'm given the van.

THOMAS: Okay and the individual you speak to what do they look like?

MINASSIAN: He was wearing a ah bright vest.

THOMAS: Bright vest okay what colour of skin did he have?

MINASSIAN: White.

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THOMAS: White skin did you catch a name?

MINASSIAN: Ah no.

THOMAS: No ah how old would he have been?

MINASSIAN: He was probably in his thirties.

THOMAS: Probably in his thirties and what colour was his hair?

MINASSIAN: I think it was dark brown.

THOMAS: Dark brown and how tall was he?

MINASSIAN: Ah he was about 5'9.

THOMAS: About 5'9 and how much did he weigh?

MINASSIAN: I would estimate to be about 152.

THOMAS: 150?

MINASSIAN: 152.

THOMAS: 152, a hundred and fifty two pounds?

MINASSIAN: Yes I'm very precise like that.

THOMAS: Okay, okay that's good okay and so in terms of his build, how would you describe his build?

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MINASSIAN: Uhm it, it was kind of lean, but slightly muscular at the same time.

THOMAS: Oh okay alright ah, ah and what about facial hair?

MINASSIAN: Ah he was clean shaven.

THOMAS: Clean shaven okay any other distinguishing characteristics about him that would put you know centre him out from anyone else?

MINASSIAN: None in particular.

THOMAS: Okay so sorry what'd you say you you're there early but you want to know if this truck is available?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and ah in terms of the trucks did you have ah were, were you given a choice of trucks?

MINASSIAN: I was given – I was given a choice uhm when I was making the ah the phone call earlier this month.

THOMAS: Right.

MINASSIAN: So I chose the ah ten foot one.

THOMAS: Okay.

MINASSIAN: And although it's actually ah a van ah but we were it was its sometimes being referred to as a truck ah during the ah rental.

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THOMAS: Right, right were ah so I'm assuming there were various sizes of trucks, vans available?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay was the van the largest?

MINASSIAN: No it was actually quite small compared to the actual trucks.

THOMAS: Okay so what did you – I, I, I what did you – why did you chose the van?

MINASSIAN: Ah because it was larger than a car therefore large enough to be effective but not so large that it made manoeuvrability hard.

THOMAS: Oh, I see okay that makes sense and when did you come to that realization?

MINASSIAN: I was thinking about it before I uhm well before I made the phone call. I was thinking I need something powerful enough to be effective but like I said before ah and small enough that's it's uhm manoeuvrable.

THOMAS: Okay so you were thinking about that before was this when, when specifically did this this thought process come into your mind?

MINASSIAN: About two days before I made the phone call.

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THOMAS: Okay so Alek is it fair to say you, you reserved ah a larger truck but then when you went into Ryder after thinking about the logistics of your mission you changed ---

MINASSIAN: No I would ah – I ah just uhm the van that I used was the was what I ah rented.

THOMAS: Oh okay alright okay ah okay so you're at the counter, you rent the van ah what does the individual the the sales person say to you?

MINASSIAN: Uhm well he just asked me if I have my driver's licence, he asked me for a credit card ---

THOMAS: Right.

MINASSIAN: --- I ah I use it, card gets approved and then he says okay wait here I'm going to ah, ah get the ah van for you and then in about ten minutes later he has it for me.

THOMAS: Okay so the – you produced ah ah your Ontario driver's licence?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and ah what type of credit card do you produce?

MINASSIAN: Visa.

THOMAS: Your and what banking institution does it – does it ---

MINASSIAN: TD.

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THOMAS: So it's a TD Visa. Is it ah, ah does – is it a particular brand of TV visa? Does it have a particular ---

MINASSIAN: Ah no it's just ---

THOMAS: --- brand name?

MINASSIAN: ---simply ah TD Visa.

THOMAS: Just a simply – simple TD visa okay and ah I'm going to ask do you know the number of your visa card?

MINASSIAN: I don't remember it.

THOMAS: You don't remember okay ah, ah but it's in your name?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay so the fellow behind the counter takes your, your identification and the visa card – card presumably he, he charges you for the rental?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and how much was the rental?

MINASSIAN: I don't remember to be honest with you, I think it was – I remember I had to pay a four hundred dollar deposit ---

THOMAS: Okay.

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MINASSIAN: --- uhm to be honest I wasn't really paying attention to the costs because I knew I would be able to cover it anyways.

THOMAS: Okay alright ah did you sign any documents?

MINASSIAN: I ah signed ah on a tablet.

THOMAS: Okay alright, alright uhm were you given any type of ah receipt?

MINASSIAN: Yes I ah in fact I put it inside a ah folder ---

THOMAS: Uhuh.

MINASSIAN: --- which was in the van which I'm assuming has probably been ah confiscated ---

THOMAS: Okay.

MINASSIAN: --- as the van was probably searched.

THOMAS: Right, right so where was the receipt in the in the in the van?

MINASSIAN: Inside a ah some folder.

THOMAS: Oh I'm sorry ---

MINASSIAN: Ah it was it was next to the ah steering wheel near the coffee cup holders.

THOMAS: Okay alright.

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MINASSIAN: Same place where ah my phone and wallet were.

THOMAS: Okay alright so you're you've now ah paid for the van ah you signed for it, you've been given ah a paper receipt ah the – and then what happens?

MINASSIAN: Ah then I ah as I said before he tells me to wait ---

THOMAS: Okay.

MINASSIAN: --- ah as he's getting the van and so I wait about ten minutes ---

THOMAS: Okay.

MINASSIAN: --- and then ah he brings the van and then I ah go into it and then I take it downtown to Toronto and I start ah using it.

THOMAS: Okay so when you're – presumably the van gets pulled up in front of the, the entrance is that ---

MINASSIAN: Ah yeah ---

THOMAS: --- part of the service?

MINASSIAN: --- he, he pulled it up next to the building ---

THOMAS: Okay.

MINASSIAN: --- and he ah made it ready ah to be able to easily exit out.



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THOMAS: Okay and so do you do an inspection of the van to make sure that there's no damage you're going to ah ---

MINASSIAN: Ah no I didn't bother ---

THOMAS: --- (IA:01)

MINASSIAN: --- because the van didn't appear to be damaged or anything like that.

THOMAS: Oh okay ah so ah he gives you the keys?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay uhm and ah what do you do at that point?

MINASSIAN: I ah drive off.

THOMAS: Okay and what route do you take?

MINASSIAN: Ah I drove down ah from Cornerstone ---

THOMAS: Uhuh.

MINASSIAN: --- oh sorry Creditstone ah until I ah reached I believe ah Highway 7 ---

THOMAS: Okay.

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MINASSIAN: --- ah then I went east on Highway 7 and then I took the ah ramp to ah Yonge and then I went south on Yonge until I ah reached the ah attack location ah near Finch.

THOMAS: Okay so what direction are you travelling on Creditstone?

MINASSIAN: South.

THOMAS: South and then you go west on ---

MINASSIAN: No east.

THOMAS: Sorry east on ---

MINASSIAN: East on Highway 7 ---

THOMAS: On Highway 7.

MINASSIAN: --- and then I and then I take that ramp to Yonge ---

THOMAS: Okay.

MINASSIAN: --- and then on Yonge I continue south.

THOMAS: Okay so when do you leave Ryder?

MINASSIAN: I wasn't looking at the time when I left but I know I received the van before 1:00 p.m. although as ah the booking was actually scheduled for one.

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THOMAS: Okay alright. And how long does it take you to get from Ryder to Yonge Street?

MINASSIAN: Oh – to Yonge to the beginning of Yonge?

THOMAS: To the beginning of ---

MINASSIAN: Ah ---

THOMAS: --- the beginning of the attack.

MINASSIAN: Oh to ah near Yonge and Finch.

THOMAS: Yeah.

MINASSIAN: I would estimate about ah twenty to thirty minutes.

THOMAS: Twenty to thirty minutes. Now what are you thinking while you're in the van?

MINASSIAN: Ah I'm thinking that this is it, this is the day of retribution.

THOMAS: Okay and ah anything else on your mind?

MINASSIAN: Just that.

THOMAS: Okay.

MINASSIAN: That's that's the only thing that's in my mind, it's just burning in my mind.

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THOMAS: Burning in your mind.

MINASSIAN: Yeah.

THOMAS: Okay and ah so let me ask you this because this is really interesting. Why do you chose Yonge and Finch?

MINASSIAN: I, I didn't chose Yonge and Finch particular I was driving down Yonge because I knew it would be ah busy area ---

THOMAS: Uhuh.

MINASSIAN: --- and then as soon as I saw there were ah pedestrians ---

THOMAS: Uhuh.

MINASSIAN: --- I just decided to ah go for it.

THOMAS: Okay and so where specifically were you in terms of your specific location, where were you when you just decided to go for it?

MINASSIAN: I was ah at some traffic lights.

THOMAS: Okay where?

MINASSIAN: Uhm actually I don't remember. The only reason -- in fact ah if I hadn't ah I remember some other I, I had heard some other officer or mention Yonge and Finch before that's the only reason I really remember it.

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THOMAS: Okay.

MINASSIAN: But otherwise I actually wouldn't have remembered ---

THOMAS: You wouldn't have remembered.

MINASSIAN: --- that it's yeah Yonge and Finch. I just knew that I started seeing a lot of people walking.

THOMAS: Okay ah am I am I to understand – am I correct when I when I say that you knew at least you were on Yonge Street?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: And you knew that you were ---

MINASSIAN: Because I specifically chose it beforehand because that's that's why – because I even looked for that ramp from Highway 7 to Yonge.

THOMAS: Right okay, okay so nevertheless you're at ah – you're at a stop light you said?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: You're at – and now are you faced with a red light you're stopped?

MINASSIAN: Ah yes but as soon as it turned green I ah started going.

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THOMAS: Okay and ah just walk me through this okay step by step. So it turns green what are you thinking?

MINASSIAN: I'm thinking that ah this is it. I see all these people it's ah time to ah go for it.

THOMAS: Time to go for it and what do you do?

MINASSIAN: I ah floor the pedal ---

THOMAS: Yeah.

MINASSIAN: --- I speed the van towards them and I al -- allow the van to ah collide with them.

THOMAS: Okay and then what happens?

MINASSIAN: Ah some people get knocked down on the way, some people roll ov -- over the top of the van.

THOMAS: Okay and then what, what happens?

MINASSIAN: I ah continue doing that until uhm in in fact actually to be honest the only reason I stopped my attack was because someone's drink got splashed on my ah windshield and I was worried that I would ah crash ah the van anyways so I decided okay now I I wanted to do more but I've kind of been foiled by a lack of visibility so then that's when I ah pulled -- I turned right and I pulled -- and I saw the cops approaching so I decided to pull over and get out of my van.

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THOMAS: Okay how long do you travel from the moment that you, you decide this is it the light turns green and you ah mount the sidewalk is that right?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: To the time that you stop, how long in terms of a distance would that have been?

MINASSIAN: About two traffic – two or three traffic lights.

THOMAS: Two or three traffic lights okay so you turn right at what street?

MINASSIAN: I don't remember which street I wasn't paying attention.

THOMAS: Why do you turn right?

MINASSIAN: Uhm because I ah – because there wasn't any convenient place to stop at Yonge and I – and like I said there was a lack of visibility on my windshield I could hear the cops coming anyways so the, the when I turned right there was a convenient place to pull over on the sidewalk.

THOMAS: Okay, okay and so you're now – so you're, you're, you're, you, you physically stop your vehicle.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: You physically stop - so you end the assault.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

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THOMAS: Okay uhm and you ended it because you can't see ---

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: --- and you knew the cops were coming.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and so then what happens at that point?

MINASSIAN: Ah I, I see a patrol car pull over and I hear the cop screaming at me to get out so I get out and I ah point my wallet at the cop and it – with the intent for it to be confused as a gun so that I could be fatally shot.

THOMAS: Okay and was that something you were thinking about?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: And then when I mean – I what I'm saying is ---

MINASSIAN: Even, even beforehand I ah premeditated as an attempted suicide by cop.

THOMAS: You wanted to – you wanted to be killed by the police.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay uhm can I ask why you decide to, to equip yourself with a wallet and not something else?



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MINASSIAN: Ah I was worried – I was thinking well purchasing a toy gun ---

THOMAS: Right.

MINASSIAN: --- but I was kind of paranoid that some for whatever reason the Rydel Rental Company would ask to see my pockets or any bag if I chose to bring that so I decided to go as stealthy as possible so no one suspects anything.

THOMAS: Okay, alright. Nevertheless you get out of the, the van the officer or – or sorry ah it - correct me if I'm wrong because I want to make sure to get this right, you get out of the van because the officer orders you out?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay ah and you want ah you want to die by ah, by by suicide by police ah so you point your wallet at him?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and, and ah do you say anything to the officer?

MINASSIAN: Ah I actually told him that I had ah a gun in my pocket ---

THOMAS: Okay.

MINASSIAN: --- which was untrue.

THOMAS: Right.

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MINASSIAN: Ah then I, I twice I stuck my left hand in my ah pocket and attempted to do this just to provoke a ah reaction.

THOMAS: Okay.

MINASSIAN: Ah that ah he unfortunately he didn't react ---

THOMAS: Right.

MINASSIAN: --- so then I ended up being ordered to the ground so I knew at that point he's not going to shot me so ah I've lost so I just – I had no choice but to just get on the ground.

THOMAS: Okay so just walk me through this this step by step because I'm a little confused. So you – you get out of the van – sorry you, you, turn right, you can't see, you hear the police, you know they're coming, you see the police officer approach, you stop your vehicle ah you realize this is the end, he orders you out, you get out of the, the van.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Now you're planning – your plan was to die by suicide by cop so you said you reached into your pocket twice.

MINASSIAN: Well actually – well originally I, I the entire time I had – I was holding my wallet with my right hand but then when I saw that that wasn't working I reached into my pocket with my left hand and quickly pulled it out and formed my hand into the shape of a gun like this.

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THOMAS: Okay.

MINASSIAN: Uhm with the hope that he would panic and shoot me, that of course didn't happen.

THOMAS: Okay and you – how, how many times did you do that ---

MINASSIAN: Twice.

THOMAS: --- with your left hand and all the while you had your ---

MINASSIAN: Wallet ---

THOMAS: Wallet with the other hand?

MINASSIAN: --- in my right hand.

THOMAS: Okay uhm and so realizing that the officer wasn't going to shoot you, what did you do at that point?

MINASSIAN: I realize I had no choice but to get on the ground because I was probably going to be ah tackled anyway or tased and if I'm if I'm going to live I'd rather not encounter a physically painful experience so I decided I have no choice but to admit defeat at that point.

THOMAS: Right, okay. So when you say admit defeat what did you do?

MINASSIAN: I ah got on the ground.

THOMAS: Okay and, and in terms of how, how did you get on the ground?

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MINASSIAN: Well I turned around I got on my knees and then I ah got ah flat on the ground.

THOMAS: Face down?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and then what happened?

MINASSIAN: Then ah he put his knee in me on, on my back ---

THOMAS: Okay.

MINASSIAN: --- and then he handcuffed me.

THOMAS: Okay.

MINASSIAN: Ah and then another officers arrived and pinned me down as well.

THOMAS: Okay alright and then from there you were placed in the car and we already talked about that.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay that's quite an experience. That is quite a ah ---

MINASSIAN: Not the usual everyday experience.

THOMAS: No, no it's not, not it's not, no it's not uhm did I miss anything?

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MINASSIAN: I believe that's everything.

THOMAS: Alex I thank you for talking to me I really do, I really do I really appreciate that you've given me some insight and ah ---

MINASSIAN: I appreciate it too.

THOMAS: Uhm how are you feeling right now?

MINASSIAN: I'm feeling good.

THOMAS: Okay. We've been here awhile do you need to go to the washroom?

MINASSIAN: Ah, well yes but if there's anything urgent I – I'm able to wait.

THOMAS: Okay can I ask you just ah sit tight ah for a two seconds.

MINASSIAN: Okay.

THOMAS: I want to get another bottle of water for me because I'm really thirsty uhm what I'll do is uhm I'm going to step out uhm and then I'll come back and if there's any other questions I have I will ah – I will ah I'll speak to you about that okay.

MINASSIAN: Okay.

THOMAS: I'm just going to sign this here with my name and it's the 24<sup>th</sup> now isn't it okay. Okay sit tight I'll be right back.

MINASSIAN: Alright.

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THOMAS LEAVES ROOM AT 3:46:02 ON VIDEO PLAYER TIMER

THOMAS RETURNS AT 3:48:26 ON VIDEO PLAYER TIMER

THOMAS: Let me take you out just use the washroom and then we'll ah come back.

MINASSIAN: Should I ah leave this here?

THOMAS: Yeah, yeah.

MINASSIAN: Am I allowed to keep ---

THOMAS: Yeah ah no you can leave here because on ah -- you'll ah you -- we're going to come back.

MINASSIAN: Okay.

THOMAS: I've just got to put the arm on you here. You know this is ---

MINASSIAN: Yeah I understand.

BOTH LEAVE ROOM AT 3:48:38 ON VIDEO PLAYER TIMER

BOTH RETURN AT 3:51:20 ON VIDEO PLAYER TIMER

THOMAS: There we go. There's just a washroom right around the corner there. Right here right here just walk in and ah do your stuff and then come back out when you're done.

MINASSIAN: Okay.

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THOMAS:                               There go on in, okay just give me ah a couple of seconds and then have a seat there I'll be right back. Do you want anything to eat?

MINASSIAN:                       Ah I'm good thanks.

THOMAS:                               Are you sure okay, I'll be right back.

THOMAS LEAVES ROOM AT 3:51:34 ON VIDEO PLAYER TIMER

THOMAS RETURNS AT 3:51:55 ON VIDEO PLAYER TIMER

THOMAS:                               Okay, tell me what happened from the time we left to the time we came back?

MINASSIAN:                       You mean just now?

THOMAS:                               Yeah.

MINASSIAN:                       Ah I went to the ah washroom.

THOMAS:                               Uhuh.

MINASSIAN:                       I ah urinated in the ah toilet bowl.

THOMAS:                               Uhuh.

MINASSIAN:                       I ah washed my hands ah orderly at the sink ah then I ah took some paper towel I ah used that to close the tap ---

THOMAS:                               Uhuh.

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MINASSIAN: --- ah threw that piece of paper towel in the garbage and I took two more ah ah pieces of paper towel and used that to open the knob while holding the door with my foot. I put the paper towel in the ah garbage.

THOMAS: And then we walked back.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Did ---

MINASSIAN: I had to ensure that there would be no ah germs on my hand.

THOMAS: Perfect. Ah did we have any conversation while we were outside?

MINASSIAN: Ah no.

THOMAS: No uhm I, I think I pointed out where the bathroom was ---

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: --- I said it's here on the right and then you went in and ah did you speak to anybody else?

MINASSIAN: No.

THOMAS: Anybody speak to you?

MINASSIAN: No.



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THOMAS: Okay uhm I was thinking ah you mentioned you went to Quebec.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Why, why, did you go to Quebec?

MINASSIAN: Ah I went to Mount Tremblant.

THOMAS: Oh the mountain ah okay.

MINASSIAN: Yeah for ah summer hiking.

THOMAS: Oh okay, alright and when, when did you go specifically?

MINASSIAN: I've gone ah a few times in the past.

THOMAS: Okay and why Mount Tremblant?

MINASSIAN: Ah because I heard it's a ah good place for ah hiking in the summer.

THOMAS: Is that something you do, you like to do as a hobby?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: You like to hike yeah okay. Ah who did you go with?

MINASSIAN: Ah I don't wish to specify.

THOMAS: Okay ah how long were you there?

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MINASSIAN: Ah just for a weekend.

THOMAS: Okay, alright. Um you were in Buffalo I understand?

MINASSIAN: I don't recall ever being in Buffalo.

THOMAS: You never recall going to Buffalo?

MINASSIAN: No.

THOMAS: No. Ah my understanding is you travelled to Buffalo and you travelled to another ah ah US State.

MINASSIAN: I have ah been to Chicago and Boston to San Francisco and LA.

THOMAS: Okay, alright. Okay, when did you go down there?

MINASSIAN: Uhm San Francisco and LA were Christmas of 2003 and 2013.

THOMAS: Uhuh.

MINASSIAN: Chicago was ah winter of sorry well Christmas time of ah 2007.

THOMAS: Uhuh.

MINASSIAN: Boston was ah May of ah 2012.

THOMAS: Okay ah what was the reason to go – what was the reason for going to the US?

MINASSIAN: Oh, just vacation.

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THOMAS: Oh oh vac – did you go with the family?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay ah can I ask what religion you are?

MINASSIAN: Ah I'm not of any ah particular religion.

THOMAS: You, you, you, you don't follow any denominations?

MINASSIAN: I'm atheists.

THOMAS: You're atheists ---

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: --- oh I see okay. Can I ask what religion you were raised?

MINASSIAN: I wasn't raised with any religion.

THOMAS: Oh okay ah is it fair to say your parents aren't religious?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay ah okay uhm so you don't have any religious ideology or --

MINASSIAN: No.

THOMAS: --- ah ah you know a particular ah religious ah faith or following of any kind.

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MINASSIAN: Correct.

THOMAS: Okay uhm you ah did you go to your prom?

MINASSIAN: No I didn't.

THOMAS: You didn't go to your high school prom?

MINASSIAN: No.

THOMAS: Okay uh have you ever had a girlfriend?

MINASSIAN: No.

THOMAS: Okay can I ask you something and this is – it's personal but ah, ah given what you told me I, I believe it's relevant ah have you ever had ah an intimate relationship with, with a woman?

MINASSIAN: Unfortunately I haven't.

THOMAS: Okay is that something you, you would want to do?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay alright uhm can you tell me why it is that you haven't had an intimate relationship with a woman?

MINASSIAN: I feel it's because I'm too nice.

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THOMAS: Uhuh okay alright ah have you – you made you made attempts or I should say have you made attempts to, to have ah, ah an intimate relationship with a with a woman?

MINASSIAN: Ah yes I did ask a girl out once but she ah rejected me.

THOMAS: Ah okay and when was that?

MINASSIAN: Ah that was in ah 2012.

THOMAS: 2012 so it was before the October Halloween of 2013?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay ah and was that – did that leave you with ah – I mean how, how did that leave you?

MINASSIAN: I ah felt crushed at that point.

THOMAS: Okay ah, ah I'm talking about the the 2012 incident with the, the girl.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Oh okay alright uhm Alek remember when we talked about telling the truth.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

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THOMAS: And, and I asked you to, you know, if you were going to tell me your side of the story which you did and I appreciate that ah has, has everything you told me been the truth?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay I, I, I'm going to be honest with you there are – there's there's one aspect of your story that doesn't, doesn't corroborate with, with the information we have okay there's there's one piece to your story that ah is inconsistent with what we know. Would you care to guess what, what piece that is?

MINASSIAN: I, I can't think of the inconsistency.

THOMAS: Ah how you specifically got to the, the Ryder ah truck rental. If I was to suggest to you that we received information that somebody dropped you off there, would I be right?

MINASSIAN: I don't wish to answer that.

THOMAS: Okay. The reason why I say that is because you know what you've told me I believe you okay, but you know I, I asked you to tell me the – I asked you at the beginning to tell me the truth that if you were going to talk to me all I wanted was it to be from the heart which it was and to be the truth. Which I believe the, the majority of it was okay. Uhm so what I'd like to do is at this particular – at this particular juncture if there's a portion – I don't want, I'm not asking you to reveal anybody or names okay, but if there's a portion of your statement that is not true, okay, I'd like to know, because it's important, it's about the truth. You're very forthright and ah upfront about what's happened but

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it's important that we get the truth, okay. I, I'm not asking for names alright but in terms of how you got to the Ryder dealership were you telling me the truth or not?

MINASSIAN: Yes, I was telling you the truth.

THOMAS: You were telling me the truth as to how you got there?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: You're not lying?

MINASSIAN: No.

THOMAS: So in other words the truth is you caught the, the bus.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: The truth is that you did not get dropped off by somebody?

MINASSIAN: Correct.

THOMAS: Why is it that we would receive information ---

MINASSIAN: I ---

THOMAS: --- from, sorry?

MINASSIAN: I can't think of a reason why.

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THOMAS: I'm going to be straight up with you. You're dad has told us that he dropped you off at a Starbuck's coffee shop earlier today or earlier yesterday.

MINASSIAN: Yes that is what happened.

THOMAS: Okay so why wouldn't you tell me that?

MINASSIAN: Because I was worried that you would think he was an accomplice ---

THOMAS: Okay I, I don't ---

MINASSIAN: --- but he was not aware of this.

THOMAS: Okay and I believe you, I believe you when you say that, okay. I want you to know your dad's not in trouble okay and we're not, you know we're not looking at your dad as being an accomplice okay. You have my word on that okay but what's important Alek is that ah I get the truth, okay. Uhm we, we don't believe that your dad is an accomplice okay, I'm not going to lie to you okay uhm you're not -- your dad, your dad, your family is not in any kind of trouble okay but I need the truth okay. So let's go back you said you got up in the morning ---

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: --- okay what time did you get up in the morning?

MINASSIAN: Ah I believe I was up about seven.



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THOMAS: Okay now you told me what happened.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Was all of that the truth in terms of getting up, having breakfast, brushing ---

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: --- and then leaving the house around eight to go for a walk?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: And you were out for about an hour ah forty five minutes to an hour?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Is that the truth?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and then you come back.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: And then you were playing ah video games is that the truth?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Alright so from that point what happens?

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MINASSIAN: I – I’m ah given a ride to ah the Starbuck’s location near Highway 7 and Weston.

THOMAS: Okay.

MINASSIAN: And then from that point I ah walk to the ah Ryder ah rental location and from there I ah pick up my van.

THOMAS: Okay so we’re not – if we go back to the York Regional transit system we’re not going to see you boarding a bus.

MINASSIAN: Correct.

THOMAS: Okay so that was a lie.

MINASSIAN: Correct.

THOMAS: Okay so what did you tell your dad? Why did you know what did you tell your dad that ---

MINASSIAN: I told him I was meeting up with a friend.

THOMAS: And what what’s your friend’s name?

MINASSIAN: Brandon Levine.

THOMAS: Okay and, and what was the purpose for this meeting? What did you tell ah your dad the purpose of this meeting to be?

MINASSIAN: Ah just to be able to uhm catch up on old times, talk with each other and chat.

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THOMAS: Okay that's what we know. That's what we know, alright well thank you for telling me that. I want to ask you this okay we're, we're not looking at anybody else ah as being involved in this okay uhm so in light of all that is there anything else that you've told me that isn't true?

MINASSIAN: No.

THOMAS: Everything else is the truth?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Ah you, you you're being up front and honest with me.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay uhm while you were planning all of – planning the attack starting approximately a month ago when you were in the, the planning and del – the, the deliberation stage right through to ah getting arrested who did you talk to about this attack?

MINASSIAN: 4Chan.

THOMAS: 4Chan okay. So what do you mean by that?

MINASSIAN: Meaning I ah posted two days before the attack that uhm I hinted that there would be uhm another ah beta uprising and that and then when the re – replies some of the people – based on the replies I could tell that they kind of knew what was going to happen.

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THOMAS: Okay did you have any ah conversation with anybody else?

MINASSIAN: Not in real life.

THOMAS: What does that mean?

MINASSIAN: I mean not in person.

THOMAS: Okay how did you, ah, over what ah medium did you did you communicate?

MINASSIAN: Just 4Chan.

THOMAS: So what do you mean but not in real life or not in person, who were you speaking to?

MINASSIAN: Well real life means you're not using the computer.

THOMAS: Right.

MINASSIAN: Ah so I did not inform anyone in person of these plans.

THOMAS: Okay outside of 4Chan and leaving threads or messages on threads who else did you talk to using ah social media or, or – I'm speaking specifically to individuals. Who specifically did you tell?

MINASSIAN: No one.

THOMAS: No one. You mentioned you were playing ahm ---

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MINASSIAN: City jumper.

THOMAS: --- no city jumper but before that you were playing ah ah Call of Duty and you played ---

MINASSIAN: Halo.

THOMAS: --- Halo and you played ah ---

MINASSIAN: GTA.

THOMAS: Yeah Grand Theft Auto how did you play these games? I mean I know you played them ---

MINASSIAN: Ah with an X-box ah 360.

THOMAS: With an X-box 360 and where's that where's that X-box 360?

MINASSIAN: I actually no longer have one, I used to have one.

THOMAS: Okay and where did you – where did you ah, when did you get rid of it?

MINASSIAN: Ah well a few months ago the disc tray got jammed ---

THOMAS: Okay.

MINASSIAN: --- so ah that's why we had to get rid of it.

THOMAS: Okay so how did you get rid of it?

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MINASSIAN: We just ah threw it out.

THOMAS: Threw it in the garbage.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay so did you ever ah, ah use the on-line ah ah ---

MINASSIAN: X-Box live.

THOMAS: X-Box live.

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay and what was your user name on X-Box?

MINASSIAN: My ah gamer tag was ah Xboxlightside.

THOMAS: Xboxlightside?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: All one word?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Ah any capitals?

MINASSIAN: The first letter.

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THOMAS: The first letter. And ah in your conversations with other people on-line while playing X-Box or while using X-Box ah who did you discuss or talk to about ah conducting this mission?

MINASSIAN: I didn't ah discuss it with anyone over X-Box live.

THOMAS: Okay who did you discuss ah specifically ah with about this mission using any other type of communication?

MINASSIAN: Other than 4Chan?

THOMAS: Yeah.

MINASSIAN: No one.

THOMAS: No one. So it's fair to say no one knew that you were planning to, to do this attack?

MINASSIAN: Correct.

THOMAS: Okay. I want to talk to you and this is very important now, I want to talk to you about ah this ah Edmonton ah attack that's going to take place later this year. You said it was in what month?

MINASSIAN: November 15, 2018.

THOMAS: November 15, 2018. Ah what more – ah what more information can you tell me about this ah this impending attack?

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MINASSIAN: The only information I have is that uhm someone hinted in the ah, as a reply, he simply said that ah this has yeah I think I know what you mean bro this ah kind of – this has kind of inspired me, ah I am planning something similar November 15 this year.

THOMAS: Okay how do you know it was going to be ---

MINASSIAN: A reply ah it was a public post.

THOMAS: It was a public post how do you know it was going to take place in Edmonton?

MINASSIAN: Because he said ah Edmonton.

THOMAS: Because he said Edmonton.

MINASSIAN: In the post.

THOMAS: So if, if I was to go onto 4Chan would I be able to see this post?

MINASSIAN: Ah due to the high freq – high volume, the high frequency of posts on 4Chan the older threads get pushed out very ah quickly however it is possible that they ah get archived on some other website.

THOMAS: Okay and what specifically what thread was this under?

MINASSIAN: Ah it doesn't have a name because I left that ah field blank.

THOMAS: Okay so well what ah what subfolder is it in?



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MINASSIAN: Uhm ---

THOMAS: Is it like ---

MINASSIAN: There's no ah subfolders on 4Chan.

THOMAS: It's so, oh I thought you said that there was ah right – right radical or ---

MINASSIAN: Oh it fell, fell under the category of alt-right.

THOMAS: Alt-right oh it fell in – it's in the alt – alt-right ah category?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay so that's where if, if it was to be found that's where it would be?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay what other impending attacks do you know of?

MINASSIAN: That's the only one I knew of.

THOMAS: That's the only one?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay uhm have you ah – have you have you had any other discussion with this fellow who who's planning this attack in Edmonton?

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MINASSIAN: No.

THOMAS: No. Who is he?

MINASSIAN: I don't know it, it said anonymous that's the whole point of 4Chan.

THOMAS: Right, right okay alright is there anything else that you can tell me that might help me better understand what's happened here today?

MINASSIAN: There isn't anything else I can offer to be honest.

THOMAS: Okay. Can I ask you to sit tight for a couple of seconds?

MINASSIAN: Sure.

THOMAS LEAVES ROOM AT 4:09:03 ON VIDEO PLAYER COUNTER

THOMAS RETURNS AT 4:09:50 ON VIDEOPLAYER COUNTER

THOMAS: Thanks. I really appreciate you talking to me ah I'm going to be straight up with you I find you fascinating, I really do. Uhm, I've never met somebody like you before and ah, ah this has been quite an experience for me as much as I think it has been for you. Uhm, can I ask you something? How were you treated here today?

MINASSIAN: Very well actually.

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THOMAS: Very well okay and ah, ah I'm talking about overall with know from the moment you were arrested right up to now?

MINASSIAN: I yeah I was treated well.

THOMAS: Treated well okay in terms of the way I treated you here today?

MINASSIAN: I feel you treated me wel – well as well.

THOMAS: Well as well okay uhm ah what's, what's going to happen here today is – are you I don't know if you're familiar with the process so we're going to – we're unfortunately we're going to have to hold you okay because uhm we, we can't release people for certain charges and the ones that you're facing we can't release you which means that you're going to go to court tomorrow or today ah you'll ah you'll be in front of the Judge okay ah there will be a lawyer there ah who will advocate or will defend you on your – on your behalf ,ah there will be a Crown Attorney who will ah, ah whose the prosecutor who will ah advocate for the Crown or the ah the ah for, for, for the for the Crown ah and they will argue in terms of uhm ah your, your bail, your release okay. Uhm, ah following that ah court dates will be set in the future uhm you will eventually get a lawyer, make application to apply for a lawyer uhm they will receive your lawyer, will receive disclosure from us, they'll get a copy of this this video uhm and then with meetings with the lawyer you can discuss what it is that you want to do okay. Uhm, I'm going to ask you this ah because it's important. Uhm ten people died here

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today uhm fifteen people were seriously injured uhm I think it's important to ask how you feel about that.

MINASSIAN: I feel like ah I accomplished my mission.

THOMAS: You feel like you accomplished your mission?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

THOMAS: Okay. If the families of those people who were murdered and were injured and in this room right now what would you say to them?

MINASSIAN: I honestly don't know what I would say.

THOMAS: Would you apologize?

MINASSIAN: I honestly don't know.

THOMAS: You don't know okay. Can I shake your hand?

MINASSIAN: Sure.

THOMAS: Thank you very much I appreciate that. Is there any questions you have of me?

MINASSIAN: I don't have any questions.

THOMAS: Okay ah if I need to speak to you again, would you be up to that?

MINASSIAN: Yes.

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THOMAS: Okay ah I've just got to make sure there's ah a a room available.  
What I'm going to do is uhm if you don't mind can I get you to  
hang out here ---

MINASSIAN: Sure.

THOMAS: --- and I'm going to get an officer to come in here and he's going  
to take you back downstairs.

MINASSIAN: Uhuh.

THOMAS: You'll be the -- you'll be alone in the room and if you need  
something to eat you just let him ---

MINASSIAN: Uhuh.

THOMAS: --- let him know he'll get you something to eat, use the  
washroom, ah if you need to lie down and have sleep do  
whatever you want ---

MINASSIAN: Uhuh.

THOMAS: -- you can do that alright.

MINASSIAN: Uhuh.

THOMAS: Okay so hang tight I'll make sure an officer comes in here.

MINASSIAN: Alright.

THOMAS LEAVES ROOM AT 4:13:43 ON VIDEO PLAYER COUNTER

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D/C DININO ENTERS ROOM AT 4:17:15 ON VIDEO PLAYER COUNTER

BOTH LEAVE ROOM 4:17:25 ON VIDEO PLAYER COUNTER

Detective Constable  
DI NINO:

Hello sir.

MINASSIAN:

Hello.

DI NINO:

I'm going to take you back downstairs okay.

MINASSIAN:

Uhuh.

DI NINO:

So just like we did before I've got to hold onto your arm okay  
while we walk.

MINASSIAN:

Okay.

DI NINO:

Turn left.

THOMAS ENTERS ROOM AT 4:18:02 ON VIDEO PLAYER COUNTER

THOMAS:

Okay the ah the date on my clock is ah Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>,  
2018. The time by my clock is 3:04 and we'll be concluding this  
interview.

VIDEO CONCLUDED AT 4:18:20