

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND  
FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 18001958CF10A

IN RE:  
STATE OF FLORIDA

VS.

NIKOLAS CRUZ,  
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INTERVIEW

OF

NIKOLAS CRUZ

1           The following interview of NIKOLAS CRUZ is  
2 transcribed from a video file labeled CID Room 1 -  
3 Camera B, dated 2018-02-14. Time stamp on the  
4 recording begins at 18:09:56.

5           This interview is being conducted by **Detective**  
6 **John Curcio** of the Broward County Sheriff's Office.

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8           (Nikolas Cruz enters interview room at  
9 18:16:15.)

10           DEPUTY GEIGER: Go in there and have a  
11 seat in that far chair. All right? Pull your  
12 pants up a little bit. Have a seat. Spread  
13 your feet out. Don't -- don't -- do not think  
14 about getting up. All right, buddy?

15           (Deputies exited the interview room at  
16 18:17:24.)

17           (Detective Curcio entered the interview  
18 room at 18:20:10.)

19           DETECTIVE CURCIO: All right. How you  
20 doing, Nick? You all right? You got to be able  
21 to speak so I can hear you.

22           All right. I just need to ask you really  
23 your name and date of birth just to confirm I  
24 got it right and I'm going to see if you want a  
25 glass of water or something. What's your first

1 name? Come on, Nick. Huh?

2 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Nikolas.

3 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Spell it for me.

4 NIKOLAS CRUZ: N-I-K --

5 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Come on. I'm old. You  
6 got to talk so I can hear you. N-I-K --

7 NIKOLAS CRUZ: O-L-A-S.

8 DETECTIVE CURCIO: O.

9 NIKOLAS CRUZ: L.

10 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay.

11 NIKOLAS CRUZ: A-S.

12 DETECTIVE CURCIO: A-S. And what's your  
13 middle name?

14 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Jacob.

15 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Come on, man, speak so  
16 I can hear you.

17 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Jacob.

18 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Jacob. J-A-C-O-B?

19 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

20 DETECTIVE CURCIO: What's your last name?

21 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Cruz.

22 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Cruz. Okay. Again,  
23 man, unless you want me to sit in your lap  
24 because you're talking so quietly, you're going  
25 to have to speak so I can hear you. Let's get a

1 little closer to the table so me and you can  
2 communicate.

3 What's your date of birth?

4 Okay. You need to relax because I'm --  
5 I'm the last detective or policeman you're going  
6 to have to talk to. So right off the bat, that  
7 should be somewhat comforting to you to know  
8 that I'm the last guy you got to talk to.

9 But the thing about it is -- look at me.  
10 I got to be able to hear you. Okay? So all I  
11 want to do is get basic information from you and  
12 then we'll get into the, you know, whether you  
13 want a glass of water, all that stuff.  
14 Nothing -- nothing I'm gonna do is going to be  
15 confusing. I just need to get your date of  
16 birth off the top of my head.

17 What's your date of birth?

18 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Zero nine.

19 DETECTIVE CURCIO: January?

20 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Zero nine.

21 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Zero nine. September.

22 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Twenty-four.

23 DETECTIVE CURCIO: What is it?

24 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Twenty-four.

25 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Twenty-four.

1 NIKOLAS CRUZ: '98.

2 DETECTIVE CURCIO: '98. How old does that  
3 make you?

4 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Nineteen.

5 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Nineteen. Okay. All  
6 right. Let me do this. You want -- you want a  
7 cold water?

8 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I don't know.

9 DETECTIVE CURCIO: You don't know if you  
10 want a cold water? It was hot out there. I  
11 know I want to get a cold water. So if I come  
12 back with a cold water --

13 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I don't deserve it.

14 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Whether you deserve it  
15 or not, do you want a cold water?

16 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No, thank you.

17 DETECTIVE CURCIO: No, thank you. I'm  
18 going to bring in two because I want one. It  
19 was -- it was hot and if you decide you want to  
20 have it, that's fine. But, you know, again, I  
21 want you to understand, you know, I'm the last  
22 guy you're going to have to talk to.

23 You know, what's happened has happened.  
24 But now me and you, we've got to kind of  
25 communicate so I can hear you. And, and again

1 I'm going to ask you, you know, things about  
2 background and, you know, things about what  
3 happened.

4 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Okay.

5 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay? But you're  
6 not -- you got to relax and, you know, I'll  
7 bring you in some water. Are you sure you don't  
8 want something to eat?

9 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
10 negative.)

11 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Nineteen years  
12 old. Where were you born? What city?

13 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I don't know.

14 DETECTIVE CURCIO: You don't know. Do you  
15 know what state?

16 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Florida.

17 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Florida. Have you  
18 lived down here your whole life?

19 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

20 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. But you don't  
21 know what city? Do you know what hospital?

22 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
23 negative.)

24 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. All right. So  
25 you were definitely born in Florida. Okay. Let

1 me go get those waters and I'll be right back.  
2 Okay?

3 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
4 affirmative.)

5 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Of course I've got so  
6 many different keys. All right. I'll be right  
7 back.

8 (Detective Curcio exited the interview  
9 room at 18:23:54.)

10 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Kill me. Just fucking kill  
11 me. Fuck.

12 (Detective Curcio entered the interview  
13 room at 18:26:33.)

14 DETECTIVE CURCIO: All right. If they're  
15 not bleeding any more and you want them off, we  
16 can pull them off. I'll get you a garbage can.  
17 You want them off? Just put them on the ground.  
18 Throw them on the floor in the corner.

19 All right. This one is mine because I  
20 already opened it. This one is yours in case  
21 you change your mind. All right?

22 All right. Again, I got to be able to  
23 hear you. I understand a little bit. People  
24 told me some of your -- a little bit about your  
25 background but I don't know if any of it's true

1 or not. Where -- what --

2 (Phone ringing.)

3 First off, let me put my phone on --

4 (On the phone) Okay. I'm in the room at  
5 the moment so -- okay. I'm going off the phone  
6 completely so I'm turning it off. No. When you  
7 get down here, Walt -- Walt's down here. He can  
8 tell you everything that's going on. Bye. (End  
9 of phone call).

10 All right. Okay. You know, again, some  
11 people have given me some background about you.  
12 I don't know if any of it's true or not. The  
13 address where you were staying at recently, do  
14 you know the house number and everything?

15 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
16 negative.)

17 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Do you know what  
18 city it was in?

19 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
20 negative).

21 DETECTIVE CURCIO: All right. Let me sit  
22 closer because I can tell I'm going to have a  
23 hard time hearing you. All right.

24 Are you staying with a family member or a  
25 friend? Come on. You got to relax, man.



1           Because the questions I'm asking you right now  
2           are just your background questions. Okay?

3           You know, I understand what we're going to  
4           talk about is going to be difficult. I  
5           understand that certain things are going to be  
6           hard for you to explain to me, but you're the  
7           only one who can explain these things to me.  
8           Okay? All right? So I'm going to ask you some  
9           background stuff. It's real simple.

10          You know, do you know what city you were  
11          living in the last, say, week or -- how long  
12          have you been living with your friend?

13                 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Four months.

14                 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Four months. Okay. I  
15                 got to take notes because I'm old. What's your  
16                 friend's name?

17                 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I can't remember.

18                 DETECTIVE CURCIO: You can't remember?  
19                 You know him from where?

20                 NIKOLAS CRUZ: School.

21                 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. And the school  
22                 you know him from -- again, some of these  
23                 questions are going to sound stupid, but I need  
24                 to know. What school do you know him from?  
25                 From Douglas?

1 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

2 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Do you know his  
3 nickname or do you know -- what do you call him?

4 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Do you know him?

5 DETECTIVE CURCIO: What is it?

6 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Do you know him?

7 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Dee-nome (phonetic).

8 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Do you?

9 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Yeah, of course.

10 Again, I've already told you that certain people  
11 have given me background about you. I need to  
12 hear it from you whether it's true. You can't  
13 worry about, you know, who your friend is at the  
14 moment because I'm just trying to find out where  
15 you were staying.

16 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Is he okay?

17 DETECTIVE CURCIO: What?

18 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Is he okay?

19 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Yes. (Phone ringing.)

20 I told you I was going to turn off the phone and  
21 I forgot to do it. All right.

22 Is he okay? From what I understand, he's  
23 okay. But again, I -- I got to get a little  
24 background information like where you're  
25 staying, your phone number. You know, some of

1 the things I'm hearing out there, I need to know  
2 if it's true or not. Okay? So what -- what  
3 name do you call him by?

4 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Brother.

5 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Brother? Okay. And is  
6 that -- you've been staying there four months.  
7 Is that where you stayed last night, at his  
8 house?

9 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I can't remember.

10 DETECTIVE CURCIO: You can't remember.  
11 Okay.

12 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I can't remember anything.

13 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Well, I think  
14 you can remember, but we'll get into that as we  
15 get into --

16 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I'll try.

17 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. I mean, you  
18 know, as we get into this. What about your  
19 phone, do you have a phone?

20 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I lost it.

21 DETECTIVE CURCIO: When did you lose it?

22 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Today.

23 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Today?

24 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Today.

25 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. What kind of

1 phone is it?

2 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I don't know.

3 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Is it a flip  
4 top? An iPhone? A Samsung?

5 NIKOLAS CRUZ: It's a phone.

6 DETECTIVE CURCIO: It's a phone. What's  
7 the number?

8 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I can't remember.

9 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay.

10 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I can't remember.

11 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Nick, like I said, the  
12 questions are going to get a lot more difficult  
13 than what your phone --

14 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I can't remember, dude.

15 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. But where --  
16 when --

17 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I can't remember, dude. I  
18 can't --

19 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Nick. Nick.  
20 Calm down. You've already been medically  
21 cleared. I know what's going to be talked about  
22 is difficult. But again, you don't remember  
23 your phone number?

24 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
25 negative.)

1 DETECTIVE CURCIO: How long have you had  
2 the phone? How long have you had the phone?  
3 Nick, the doctor's already looked at you.

4 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Okay.

5 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. You're fine.  
6 You're not having any problems at the moment and  
7 you're perfectly fine. So calm your breathing  
8 down. All right? And I want to believe certain  
9 things that you're going to tell me but, you  
10 know, if we're getting to where you're going to  
11 hyperventilate over a phone number. Okay? All  
12 right?

13 NIKOLAS CRUZ: All right.

14 DETECTIVE CURCIO: So what's your phone  
15 number? Huh?

16 NIKOLAS CRUZ: 954.

17 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. 954.

18 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Uh, 821.

19 DETECTIVE CURCIO: 821. Calm down. Take  
20 a deep breath.

21 NIKOLAS CRUZ: 107.

22 DETECTIVE CURCIO: 107?

23 NIKOLAS CRUZ: 107.

24 DETECTIVE CURCIO: What is it?

25 NIKOLAS CRUZ: 107.

1 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. There's one  
2 more --

3 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Two zero, zero, two zero --

4 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. 954-821 --

5 NIKOLAS CRUZ: 2007.

6 DETECTIVE CURCIO: 200 --

7 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No. One. 1007.

8 DETECTIVE CURCIO: 1007. Okay. And  
9 again, going back to what kind it is. Do you  
10 know if it's an iPhone, a Samsung?

11 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I don't know.

12 DETECTIVE CURCIO: How long have you had  
13 it? Every kid knows what the phone is, man.  
14 I've got kids your age.

15 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Ever since my mother died.

16 DETECTIVE CURCIO: I know. I heard about  
17 that. That's what I was going to talk about  
18 next. All right. So, but you had it since your  
19 mom died. How long has your mom passed?

20 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I can't remember. I  
21 think --

22 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. This year? Last  
23 year?

24 NIKOLAS CRUZ: November.

25 DETECTIVE CURCIO: November. Okay. Okay.

1           When you were -- when your mom passed were you  
2           living with her?

3           NIKOLAS CRUZ:   Yes.

4           DETECTIVE CURCIO:   Okay.   What city was  
5           that?

6           NIKOLAS CRUZ:   Parkland.

7           DETECTIVE CURCIO:   Parkland.   Okay.   Do  
8           you remember the address?

9           NIKOLAS CRUZ:   No.

10          DETECTIVE CURCIO:   No?   Who all stayed  
11          with you in Parkland with your mom back in  
12          November?

13          NIKOLAS CRUZ:   My brother.

14          DETECTIVE CURCIO:   What's your brother's  
15          name?

16          NIKOLAS CRUZ:   Zack.

17          DETECTIVE CURCIO:   Zack?   Same last name  
18          as you?

19          NIKOLAS CRUZ:   Yes.

20          DETECTIVE CURCIO:   What's his middle name?

21          NIKOLAS CRUZ:   I can't -- I don't know.

22          DETECTIVE CURCIO:   How about --

23          NIKOLAS CRUZ:   I think Roger.

24          DETECTIVE CURCIO:   Huh?

25          NIKOLAS CRUZ:   Roger.

1           DETECTIVE CURCIO: Roger? Okay. What's  
2 his phone number?

3           NIKOLAS CRUZ: I don't know.

4           DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Well, you have  
5 him in your contacts, right?

6           NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
7 negative.)

8           DETECTIVE CURCIO: Do you get along with  
9 your brother?

10          NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

11          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Is he older or  
12 younger than you?

13          NIKOLAS CRUZ: Younger.

14          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Younger. How much  
15 younger?

16          NIKOLAS CRUZ: One year.

17          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Huh?

18          NIKOLAS CRUZ: One year.

19          DETECTIVE CURCIO: So he's 18? Do you  
20 remember his date of birth? When's his  
21 birthday?

22          NIKOLAS CRUZ: This year. This month.

23          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. So February?

24          NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

25          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Do you remember



1 what day?

2 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

3 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. What was your  
4 mom's name?

5 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Lynda.

6 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Lynda? Cruz?

7 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

8 DETECTIVE CURCIO: And I know it's  
9 probably very difficult to talk about your mom.  
10 But when she passed, what did she pass from?

11 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Pneumonia.

12 DETECTIVE CURCIO: What was it?

13 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Pneumonia.

14 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Pneumonia. Okay.  
15 Again, people told me that out on the scene. I  
16 wanted to make sure it was true.

17 Now your dad's passed too? What was your  
18 dad's name?

19 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Roger.

20 DETECTIVE CURCIO: And how long ago did  
21 your dad pass?

22 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Huh?

23 DETECTIVE CURCIO: How long ago did your  
24 dad pass away?

25 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I was a kid. In 2005.

1 DETECTIVE CURCIO: 2005? Okay.

2 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I think 2004, 2005.

3 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. When he passed,  
4 what did he pass from?

5 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Heart attack I think.

6 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Heart attack. Okay.

7 Look, again, you have to understand we're  
8 going to talk about some things here and I know  
9 what happened today is hard. I understand what  
10 happened to your parents is hard. But the only  
11 way for you to make me understand is for you to  
12 be able to talk to me and tell me about this.  
13 Okay?

14 All right. Because, you know, I can talk  
15 to all the people in the world and I can watch  
16 all the videos in the world, but I only can talk  
17 to you to hear from you what was going on with  
18 you. Okay?

19 All right. Now I'm going back to Brother.  
20 I know you don't want to get him involved in  
21 anything. I'm not trying to get him involved in  
22 anything. Do you know what city he lives in or  
23 not? I just want to see, you know, before me  
24 and you really start talking that you understand  
25 what, what we're talking about.

1           I mean, what city did he live in?  
2           Tamarac? Coral Springs? Parkland? If you  
3           don't want to give his name to protect him, I  
4           already know his name but that's fine. I  
5           understand that. I understand people want to  
6           protect friends sometimes. But what city did he  
7           live in?

8           Okay. All right. All right. Why don't  
9           you have a sip of water? You don't want it?  
10          Okay.

11          NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
12          negative).

13          DETECTIVE CURCIO: All right. Let's talk  
14          about your background. You went to Douglas.  
15          How far did you go in school? What grade did  
16          you graduate? Huh?

17          NIKOLAS CRUZ: I started four years ago in  
18          there.

19          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Well, what grade  
20          did you get to? Tenth? Eleventh?

21          NIKOLAS CRUZ: Tenth or 11th.

22          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. You didn't  
23          graduate though, right?

24          NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

25          DETECTIVE CURCIO: When was the last time

1           you attended either school at Douglas or  
2           anywhere else?

3                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: I went to a lot of schools.

4                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. When was the  
5           last time you went to school? Did you go to  
6           school at all this week?

7                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

8                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. When was the  
9           last time you went to school? This year?

10                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: No, no. I went this week.

11                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Where did you go  
12           to school at? What school?

13                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: I don't think it's a  
14           school.

15                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. What is it?

16                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: Alternative school.

17                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. What's it  
18           called?

19                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: I don't know.

20                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. What city is it  
21           in?

22                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: Oakland I think.

23                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: Oakland Park?

24                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: Oakland.

25                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: On Oakland Park

1 Boulevard or Oakland Park?

2 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I think in Oakland.

3 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. All right. So  
4 the last grade you went to Douglas you think was  
5 tenth or eleventh. When was that, this year or  
6 last year?

7 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Three years ago.

8 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Three years ago? Okay.  
9 Were you a good student when you were there?

10 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I say somewhat.

11 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Well, what kind of  
12 grades did you get?

13 NIKOLAS CRUZ: B's and C's.

14 DETECTIVE CURCIO: That's not bad. B's  
15 and C's are good. All right. They said you  
16 were in the ROTC, too. Was -- is that factual  
17 or is that just somebody telling a story? Were  
18 you in the ROTC?

19 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

20 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. How long were  
21 you in the ROTC?

22 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Two years.

23 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Two years? Okay. All  
24 right. Now, again, I never met you before. You  
25 never met me before. I don't know anything

1 about drug use. You do any kind -- are you on  
2 any kind of prescription medication?

3 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

4 DETECTIVE CURCIO: No? Have you been to a  
5 doctor for anything recently other than today at  
6 the emergency room?

7 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
8 negative.)

9 DETECTIVE CURCIO: No?

10 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Just a finger broke.

11 DETECTIVE CURCIO: You broke your finger?  
12 When was that?

13 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Huh?

14 DETECTIVE CURCIO: When was that? When  
15 did you break your finger?

16 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Four to five weeks ago.

17 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Four to five weeks ago?  
18 All right. But you went to a doctor for that?

19 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

20 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. You're not on  
21 any pain killers now or anything like that?

22 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

23 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. When your mom  
24 passed away you weren't -- they didn't put you  
25 on any kind of depressants or anything like

1 that?

2 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
3 negative.)

4 DETECTIVE CURCIO: No? Have you ever seen  
5 a doctor about any kind of depression or  
6 anything?

7 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
8 negative.)

9 DETECTIVE CURCIO: No? Okay. How  
10 about -- you know, and again, I'm not -- I'm not  
11 the drug police but I got to ask you. You do  
12 any kind of street drugs? You smoke marijuana,  
13 anything like that? If you did, it's okay to  
14 tell me. I'm not the street -- I'm just getting  
15 background on you. Did you do any kind of  
16 drugs?

17 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
18 affirmative.)

19 DETECTIVE CURCIO: What kind of drugs did  
20 you do?

21 NIKOLAS CRUZ: A lot. No one knew about  
22 it.

23 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Huh?

24 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No one knew about it.

25 DETECTIVE CURCIO: I can't hear you.

1 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No one knew about it.

2 DETECTIVE CURCIO: No one knew about it.

3 But me and you are talking and you're the only  
4 one who knew about it. So what kind of drugs  
5 are we talking?

6 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Xanax.

7 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Xanax.

8 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Marijuana.

9 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Marijuana. What else?

10 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Tried killing myself with  
11 Ibuprofen and --

12 DETECTIVE CURCIO: When was that? When  
13 did you try killing yourself?

14 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Two months ago.

15 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Did you actually  
16 go to the doctor or where was that at? How did  
17 you do it?

18 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I snuck out of the house.

19 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay.

20 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Went to Walgreens.

21 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. You were still  
22 staying at Brother's house then?

23 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

24 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. You snuck out of  
25 the house. You went to Walgreens. What



1           happened?

2                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: Bought Ibuprofen, Advil.

3                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay.

4                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: Went back. Took it. Drank  
5 a lot of water. Went to bed.

6                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. How many did you  
7 take?

8                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: All of it almost.

9                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: What now?

10                  NIKOLAS CRUZ: I don't know how many  
11 pills. I just took a bunch.

12                  DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. A bunch. You  
13 went back to bed. You drank some water. What  
14 happened then?

15                  NIKOLAS CRUZ: Heart started hurting. My  
16 stomach started feeling bad.

17                  DETECTIVE CURCIO: Right.

18                  NIKOLAS CRUZ: Went to the bathroom.  
19 Threw up.

20                  DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Okay. You never  
21 had to go to the doctor, the emergency room or  
22 anything like that?

23                  NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
24 negative.)

25                  DETECTIVE CURCIO: Is that the only time

1 you ever tried to kill yourself?

2 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

3 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. What other time  
4 did you try to kill yourself?

5 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I tried -- I tried -- what  
6 was it called when you drink a lot?

7 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Drinking too much  
8 alcohol I guess. Is that what you're talking  
9 about?

10 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yeah.

11 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Alcohol poisoning?  
12 When was that?

13 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Couple years back.

14 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Couple years ago?

15 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

16 DETECTIVE CURCIO: So it was before your  
17 mom passed?

18 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

19 DETECTIVE CURCIO: The Ibuprofen was after  
20 your mom passed?

21 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

22 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Did you ever end  
23 up at the doctor with the alcohol poisoning?

24 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

25 DETECTIVE CURCIO: What did you do on that

1 one? How -- how did you try to do that?

2 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Slept it out.

3 DETECTIVE CURCIO: You slept it out? How  
4 much did you drink?

5 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Vodka.

6 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Vodka. All right. The  
7 most recent --

8 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Tequila.

9 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Tequila.

10 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Tequila. Uh, uh, wine.

11 DETECTIVE CURCIO: And that was when you  
12 were staying at your mom's house?

13 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

14 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. The one with the  
15 Ibuprofen, what were you depressed about?

16 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Everything.

17 DETECTIVE CURCIO: All right. Well, what  
18 in particular?

19 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Mother.

20 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Your mother, mother  
21 passing away? Okay. That's understandable.  
22 What else? Anything?

23 I mean, have you worked anywhere? Where  
24 are you working at?

25 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Dollar Tree.

1                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: Dollar Tree? How long  
2 you worked there?

3                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: Two years.

4                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: Two years? Which one?  
5 What city?

6                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: Parkland.

7                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: Parkland? What do you  
8 do for them? What kind of job?

9                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: Cashier.

10                  DETECTIVE CURCIO: Cashier? So do you go  
11 to school during the day and you work at night  
12 or you go work at night and go to school -- or  
13 you work during the day and go to school at  
14 night? Which one do you do?

15                  NIKOLAS CRUZ: Go to school in the  
16 morning.

17                  DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay.

18                  NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Inaudible).

19                  DETECTIVE CURCIO: So you've been able to  
20 hold down a job for two years. That's pretty  
21 good, right?

22                  NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

23                  DETECTIVE CURCIO: Other than Dollar Tree,  
24 where else did you ever work?

25                  NIKOLAS CRUZ: Lawn mowing.

1 DETECTIVE CURCIO: What?

2 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Lawn mowing.

3 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Lawn mowing. Oh, okay.  
4 All right. When you tried to kill yourself with  
5 alcohol, your mom was still alive. What were  
6 you depressed about back then?

7 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Loneliness.

8 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Loneliness?

9 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Loneliness.

10 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Friends? No friends?  
11 Or what -- what -- what kind of lonely -- I  
12 mean, everybody gets lonely.

13 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Solitude.

14 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Solitude? You don't  
15 have a lot of friends?

16 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

17 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Today -- when I say  
18 today, let's start from last night when you went  
19 to bed to this morning. Did you do any kind of  
20 drugs at all? Any Xanax? Any marijuana?  
21 Anything like that?

22 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
23 negative.)

24 DETECTIVE CURCIO: No? Okay. All right.  
25 I always ask these questions because I don't

1 know you, man. Crazy question. Where are you  
2 at right now? Do you know, are you in -- what  
3 kind of building you're in?

4 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
5 negative.)

6 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Do you know what I --  
7 what I do for a living?

8 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
9 negative.)

10 DETECTIVE CURCIO: I'm a police detective.  
11 You know that?

12 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

13 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Well, I'm a  
14 police detective. All those guys that escorted  
15 you coming down in the car in the uniforms, you  
16 know what they are?

17 NIKOLAS CRUZ: SWAT.

18 DETECTIVE CURCIO: No, they're -- well,  
19 they're police officers. You recognize their  
20 uniform as a police officers? You see my badge  
21 here? You can't see it past my big -- my big  
22 stomach, but my name is John Curcio and I'm a  
23 detective for the Sheriff's Office.

24 So what I did is I got a lot of background  
25 on you and I can tell right now that you

1 understand that this is a police department and  
2 I'm a police officer. Okay?

3 All right. So one of the things I want to  
4 do is we need to start talking about what  
5 happened and why it happened. Have you ever  
6 been in trouble before where you've been  
7 involved with police officers?

8 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

9 DETECTIVE CURCIO: What was that all  
10 about?

11 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Shooting animals.

12 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Shooting animals?

13 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

14 DETECTIVE CURCIO: What kind of animals?

15 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Chicken.

16 DETECTIVE CURCIO: And what city was that  
17 in?

18 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Parkland.

19 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Did you get arrested  
20 for it or they take you home? What happened?

21 NIKOLAS CRUZ: They came to the door.

22 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay.

23 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Asking if we had guns.

24 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Was this when  
25 you were staying with your mom or --

1            NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yeah, when I was -- it was  
2 a long time ago.

3            DETECTIVE CURCIO: How long time ago?

4            NIKOLAS CRUZ: Six years ago.

5            DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. So when you  
6 were, like, 13 when you were a juvenile? Okay.  
7 So did -- did they actually arrest you?

8            NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

9            DETECTIVE CURCIO: You were shooting --  
10 you shot a chicken? What did you shoot the  
11 chicken with?

12           NIKOLAS CRUZ: A pellet gun.

13           DETECTIVE CURCIO: A pellet gun? Okay.  
14 Is that the only time you've ever been in any  
15 contact with the police?

16           NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

17           DETECTIVE CURCIO: What else? What other  
18 contacts have you had with the police?

19           NIKOLAS CRUZ: Riding bike.

20           DETECTIVE CURCIO: Riding bikes?

21           NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

22           DETECTIVE CURCIO: Motor bikes or regular  
23 bikes?

24           NIKOLAS CRUZ: Regular bikes.

25           DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. You never got



1           arrested though? You ever get any of these  
2           civil citations or tickets or anything like  
3           that?

4                    NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
5           negative.)

6                    DETECTIVE CURCIO: All right. So you've  
7           never really been in any kind of trouble, right?

8                    NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
9           negative.)

10                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Never been to  
11           detention center as a juvenile?

12                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
13           negative.)

14                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: Never been to jail? Do  
15           you even drive a car?

16                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
17           negative.)

18                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: Do you have a license?

19                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
20           negative.)

21                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: No? You ever have a  
22           license?

23                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
24           negative.)

25                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. All right. What

1 I got to do before we start talking about what  
2 happened today and, again, the reasons why it  
3 happened, I got to read you what's called your  
4 rights. With all these contacts you've had with  
5 the police, which are very, very minor, have you  
6 ever had your rights read to you before?

7 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

8 DETECTIVE CURCIO: No? Okay. They're  
9 really easy. I'm going to pull out a little  
10 card from my wallet and what I do is as I read  
11 these, I stop at each one and ask you --

12 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I don't deserve it.

13 DETECTIVE CURCIO: I understand you're  
14 going to feel that way and you can tell me all  
15 that once we get passed that. But when I read  
16 each one of these to you, what I ask for you is  
17 a yes, no, or I don't understand answer. If you  
18 don't understand what I read to you, then we'll  
19 re-read it so you can understand it. But I can  
20 tell you're smart enough to understand, you  
21 know, these are pretty basic things.

22 All right. So the first one is: Before I  
23 ask you any questions I want to advise you of  
24 your rights under the law. Do you understand  
25 that I'm a police officer?

1 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

2 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Yes. All right. I'm a  
3 police officer. I showed you my badge. Okay.

4 You have the right to remain silent; that  
5 is, you need not talk to me or answer any  
6 questions if you do not want to. Do you  
7 understand?

8 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
9 negative.)

10 DETECTIVE CURCIO: You don't understand  
11 that?

12 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

13 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. I'm going to  
14 read it again. You have the right to remain  
15 silent; that is, you need not talk to me or  
16 answer any questions if you do not want to. Do  
17 you understand?

18 That means as I get done doing all these,  
19 if I ask you a question and you don't want to  
20 answer that question, you don't have to answer  
21 it. I'm not going to force you to answer any  
22 questions. So do you understand that one?

23 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Not quite.

24 DETECTIVE CURCIO: All right. You have  
25 the right to remain silent. That means you

1 don't have to talk to me at all. That is, you  
2 need not talk to me or answer any questions if  
3 you do not want to. Basically if you don't want  
4 to talk to me, you say you don't want to talk to  
5 me and I can't force you to talk to me.

6 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Okay.

7 DETECTIVE CURCIO: So do you understand  
8 that?

9 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I guess.

10 DETECTIVE CURCIO: You can't guess. It's  
11 yes, no, or I don't understand, but we're going  
12 to read it one more time. You have the right to  
13 remain silent; that is, you need not talk to me  
14 or answer any questions if you do not want to.  
15 Do you understand?

16 That means if you answer a question, it's  
17 because you want to answer it, not because I  
18 want you to answer it. It's because you want to  
19 answer it. Do you understand that? You got to  
20 say yes, no, or --

21 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

22 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Say it one more time so  
23 I can hear you.

24 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

25 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Thank you, sir.

1           Okay. Should you talk to me, anything you  
2 say can and may be used against you in a court  
3 of law. Do you understand that?

4           NIKOLAS CRUZ: Court of law?

5           DETECTIVE CURCIO: Yes. What you're going  
6 to say to me I can repeat as a matter of the  
7 investigative record of this case. So if this  
8 goes over to a court of law, then whatever you  
9 and me are gonna talk about I can repeat. So  
10 you -- should you talk to me, anything you say  
11 can and may be used against you in a court of  
12 law. Do you understand that?

13          NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

14          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. So let, let me  
15 just rephrase that for you. If you say  
16 something good, I'm going to repeat it. If you  
17 say something bad, I'm going to repeat it. I'm  
18 going to tell the truth as to what our  
19 conversation is.

20          NIKOLAS CRUZ: Okay.

21          DETECTIVE CURCIO: So whatever you say I'm  
22 going to repeat and it could be in a court of  
23 law. Okay. So you understand that one? Yes?

24          NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

25          DETECTIVE CURCIO: All right. You have

1 the right to talk to an attorney before talking  
2 to me and to have an attorney here with you  
3 during questioning now or in the future. Do you  
4 understand that?

5 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

6 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. If you cannot  
7 afford to retain your own attorney and you want  
8 an attorney, one will be appointed for you  
9 before we ask you any questions. Do you  
10 understand?

11 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

12 DETECTIVE CURCIO: If you decide to answer  
13 the questions now without an attorney present,  
14 you'll still have the right to stop answering at  
15 any time until you talk to an attorney. Do you  
16 understand that?

17 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

18 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. All right. Now,  
19 those are your rights. Knowing and  
20 understanding your rights as I've explained them  
21 to you, are you willing to continue talking to  
22 me without an attorney present? I'm gonna --  
23 you gotta say. You can't just shake your head.

24 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

25 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Now, you met a

1 lot of police officers before me and I'm  
2 the only -- the last one, like I told you. Have  
3 any other policemen read you what I just read  
4 you?

5 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
6 negative.)

7 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay.

8 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

9 DETECTIVE CURCIO: And did you ever say  
10 anything to them that you didn't want to talk  
11 to --

12 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Afraid.

13 DETECTIVE CURCIO: You were afraid, but  
14 did you say you didn't want to talk to anybody?

15 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

16 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. All right. Put  
17 my wallet back. All right. It was hot out  
18 there today.

19 I know you made some comments about  
20 different things that have been going on. You  
21 said you were lonely. Today when you obviously  
22 went up to the school, do you remember how you  
23 got up to the school?

24 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

25 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay.

1 NIKOLAS CRUZ: It's blank.

2 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Just remember  
3 one thing as we go into this, there's certain  
4 things I know and I don't want you to get, you  
5 know, to the point where, where you think I'm  
6 being hard on you. But schools in particular  
7 got cameras everywhere so I can see what  
8 happened but I can't know what happened from  
9 your point of view until you tell me. So, you  
10 know, again, you want to keep saying to me, "I  
11 don't deserve it." So to me that means you have  
12 some form of remorse. You know, you can't  
13 change what happened.

14 NIKOLAS CRUZ: ■ ■■■■ ■ ■■■■

15 DETECTIVE CURCIO: I can't change it  
16 either. I, I wasn't up there with you and I  
17 wish I could change it but I can't. But the  
18 thing about "I don't deserve it" is to start off  
19 telling me what happened and then we talk about  
20 why it happened and then we go from there to try  
21 to understand why it happened.

22 So I -- you know, when you say, "I can't  
23 remember," for you not to believe you deserve  
24 it, you remember. You know what I'm saying?  
25 You wouldn't say that if you didn't remember



1 what happened.

2 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Okay.

3 DETECTIVE CURCIO: So come on. All we got  
4 to do is start off. Even -- even if in your  
5 mind you're going to tell me something you think  
6 is going to shock me, you need to tell me. So I  
7 mean, again, I'm just asking a very simple  
8 question is how you got to the school if you  
9 remember.

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20 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. So talk up to me  
21 so I can hear you.

22 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

23 DETECTIVE CURCIO: So what's the address?  
24 I'm not going to get your friend in any trouble,  
25 but I just need to know you know what your

1 address is.

2 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I don't know the address.

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3 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

4 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. You got -- you  
5 got to keep your head up, man. I'm having a  
6 heard time hearing you.

7 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Sorry.

8 DETECTIVE CURCIO: No problem. You don't  
9 have to apologize. [REDACTED]

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5 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Oh fuck, dude. This is  
6 hard.  
7 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Come on. Keep your  
8 head up. I know it's hard.  
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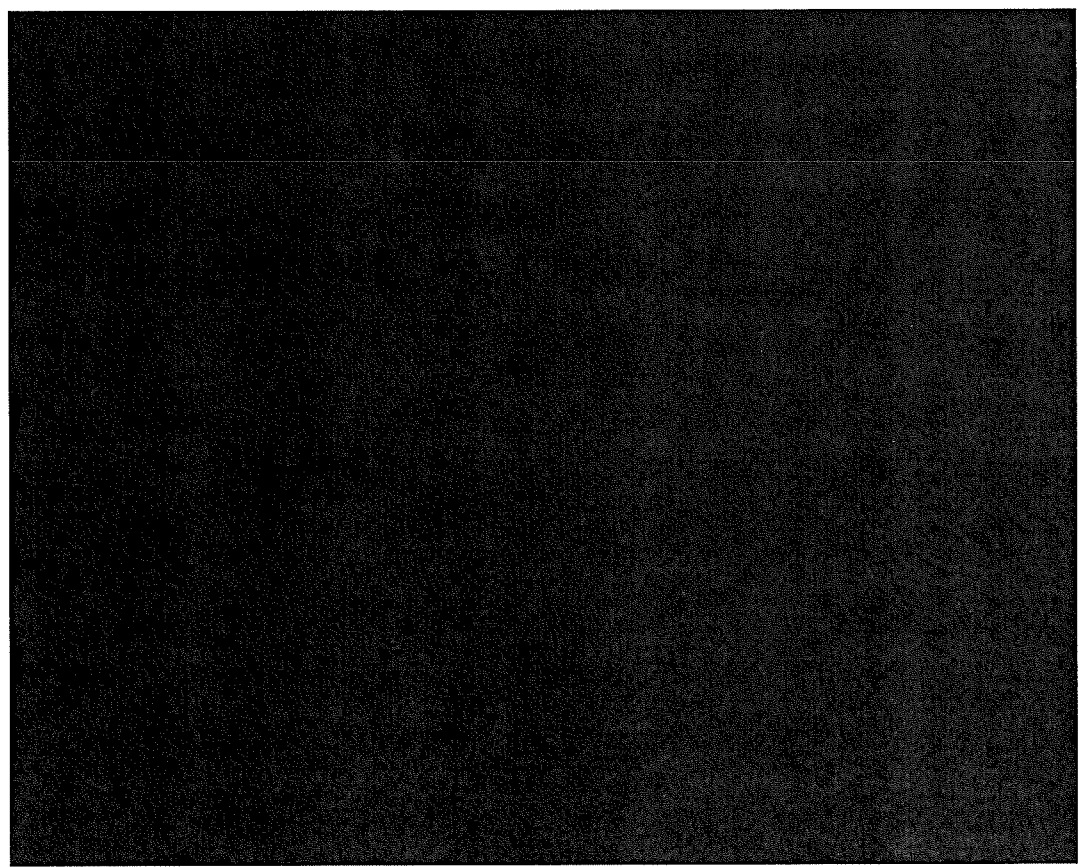
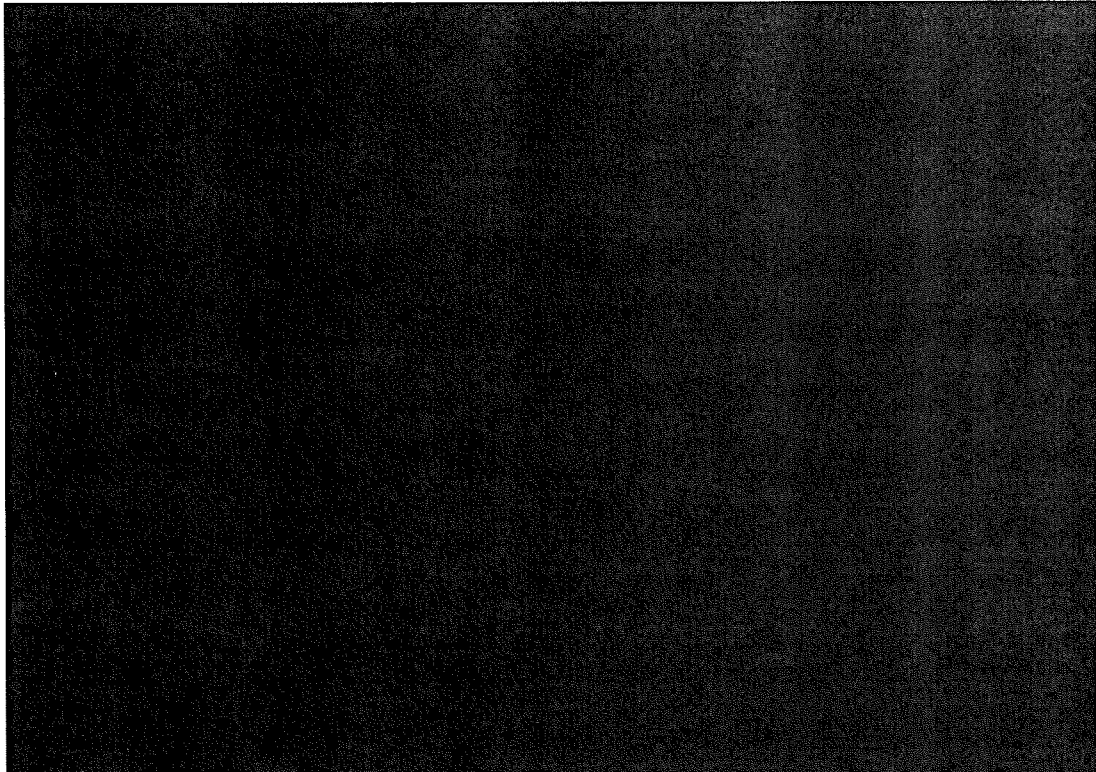
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[REDACTED] If you want the water, that's fine. Do you want something to eat or not?

NIKOLAS CRUZ: No, thank you.

1 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. All right. I'll  
2 be right back. I just want to print out that  
3 map so -- because, like I said, it's a long time  
4 since I've been up there too and I want to make  
5 sure I know exactly what we're talking about.  
6 I'll be right back. Take my water with me  
7 because I am thirsty.

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14 (Detective Curcio entered the interview  
 15 room at 19:21:43.)

16 DETECTIVE CURCIO: All righty. I've got  
 17 the little map. I don't know how much it's  
 18 going to help us. Let me sit back down, see if  
 19 we can figure it out. [REDACTED]

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8 DETECTIVE CURCIO: How long have you had  
9 that gun?

10 NIKOLAS CRUZ: A year or two.

11 DETECTIVE CURCIO: A year or two? Did you  
12 buy it yourself?

13 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

14 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Where did you buy it  
15 at? I mean, you're 19, right? So did you buy  
16 it from a gun store or did you buy it from a  
17 friend?

18 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Gun store.

19 DETECTIVE CURCIO: A gun store. How much  
20 did you pay for it?

21 NIKOLAS CRUZ: 560.

22 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Do you remember the  
23 name of the gun store?

24 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

25 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Do you remember what



1 city it was in?

2 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I don't know.

3 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Was it in Broward  
4 County or Dade County or Palm Beach? I mean,  
5 you can remember the price so do you remember --

6 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Margate.

7 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Margate? Okay. Is it  
8 like, like a pawn shop or like a -- I mean, a  
9 real gun store, got a lot of guns?

10 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
11 affirmative.)

12 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Did you buy all  
13 the magazines there?

14 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
15 negative.)

16 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Where did you buy the  
17 magazines?

18 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Online.

19 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Online. How much did  
20 you pay for them?

21 NIKOLAS CRUZ: 200.

22 DETECTIVE CURCIO: How much?

23 NIKOLAS CRUZ: 200.

24 DETECTIVE CURCIO: 200 for all of them or  
25 each of them?

1 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Each of them.

2 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Each of them? And how  
3 many do you think you -- how many do you think  
4 you had?

5 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I don't know.

6 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. But when you  
7 bought the gun in Margate for \$560, how many  
8 magazines did it come with? The little  
9 five-round magazine or did it come with one of  
10 the big ones?

11 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Thirty rounder.

12 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Came with a 30 rounder?  
13 Okay. Did you buy any other guns there?

14 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
15 negative.)

16 DETECTIVE CURCIO: No? Is that the only  
17 gun you've ever owned? Other than the pellet  
18 gun you shot the chicken with. Have you -- have  
19 you ever owned any other guns?

20 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

21 DETECTIVE CURCIO: What kind of guns have  
22 you owned in the past? Any other rifles? Any  
23 other hand guns?

24 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No hand guns.

25 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. So you had other

1 rifles. That gun you've had, how many months do  
2 you think?

3 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Two years.

4 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Three years?

5 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Two years.

6 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Two years? Have you  
7 ever taken it out to the range and fired or  
8 anything or was today the first day you ever  
9 fired it?

10 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I shot -- I shot in my  
11 garage.

12 DETECTIVE CURCIO: You shot in your  
13 garage? In whose house, your mom's house?

14 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
15 affirmative.)

16 DETECTIVE CURCIO: How many times did you  
17 shoot in your garage?

18 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Two times.

19 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Just two bullets or two  
20 different occasions?

21 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Two bullets.

22 DETECTIVE CURCIO: What were you shooting  
23 at?

24 NIKOLAS CRUZ: The ground.

25 DETECTIVE CURCIO: You shot the gun in the

1 garage on the concrete?

2 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

3 DETECTIVE CURCIO: It didn't bounce all  
4 over hell and creation?

5 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

6 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Did it go into the  
7 concrete?

8 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

9 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Wow. You ever take it  
10 to the range or anything like that?

11 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
12 negative.)

13 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Have you ever fired a  
14 gun like that before in the ROTC training?

15 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
16 negative.)

17 DETECTIVE CURCIO: No? Have you ever  
18 fired a gun like that ever with anybody?

19 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
20 negative.)

21 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Any friends? Anybody  
22 else like that?

23 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
24 negative.)

25 DETECTIVE CURCIO: What made you choose

1 out of all the guns to want to buy an AR-15?

2 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Cool looking.

3 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Cool looking? Okay.

4 Now when you bought it, I mean, it was a  
5 legitimate purchase. They gave you a receipt  
6 and everything, right? So you bought it  
7 legally, right?

8 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
9 affirmative.)

10 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Did you fill out those  
11 forms and everything?

12 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
13 affirmative.)

14 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Do you remember  
15 those forms?

16 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
17 affirmative.)

18 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. All right. Now,  
19 three years ago when you went to Douglas, and  
20 obviously you stopped going there, why did you  
21 stop going there?

22 NIKOLAS CRUZ: My depression worsened.

23 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Your depression  
24 worsened? And what, what was going on? You  
25 know, did you just stop school on your own or

1 did some incident happen where --

2 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes, some incident.

3 DETECTIVE CURCIO: What was the incident  
4 that happened?

5 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Fought a kid.

6 DETECTIVE CURCIO: You fought a kid? Do  
7 you remember the kid's name?

8 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Ian Shingle.

9 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Ian Shingle? And did  
10 you guys both get in trouble for the fight or --

11 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yeah.

12 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. What did they  
13 do, suspend you?

14 NIKOLAS CRUZ: They suspended me.

15 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. And what  
16 happened from there? After you got suspended  
17 did you go back to school?

18 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yeah.

19 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. What happened?  
20 Why did you stop going there then?

21 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Felt embarrassed.

22 DETECTIVE CURCIO: You felt embarrassed  
23 because you got suspended or you felt  
24 embarrassed because of why?

25 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Because of the fight.

1                   DETECTIVE CURCIO:   Okay.   What was  
2                   embarrassing about the fight?   What were you  
3                   guys fighting over?

4                   NIKOLAS CRUZ:   Girl.

5                   DETECTIVE CURCIO:   Girl?   What was  
6                   embarrassing about it?   I mean, did Ian get the  
7                   better of you?   Was that what was embarrassing  
8                   or you just --

9                   NIKOLAS CRUZ:   Yes.

10                  DETECTIVE CURCIO:   He got the better of  
11                  you?   Okay.   Now you said you didn't have a lot  
12                  of friends when you were at school.   Who was the  
13                  girl?   What was -- what was -- what was her  
14                  name?

15                  NIKOLAS CRUZ:   Emily.

16                  DETECTIVE CURCIO:   Emily?   Was she his  
17                  girlfriend?   Your girlfriend?

18                  NIKOLAS CRUZ:   My girlfriend.

19                  DETECTIVE CURCIO:   Your girlfriend?   So  
20                  what were you guys fighting over?

21                  NIKOLAS CRUZ:   Talking.

22                  DETECTIVE CURCIO:   That he was talking to  
23                  your girlfriend?   Okay.   All right.   So you go  
24                  back to school.   What ends up happening?   You  
25                  just stopped going to school out there or

1 they -- you got into more problems where they --

2 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Got into more problems.

3 DETECTIVE CURCIO: What was -- what was  
4 the more problems?

5 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Failing class.

6 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay.

7 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Not going to school.

8 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. And this was all  
9 while your mom was still alive?

10 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yeah.

11 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Did there come a  
12 point in time where you just stopped going there  
13 or they expelled you?

14 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I just stopped going and  
15 then transferred me.

16 DETECTIVE CURCIO: They transferred you?

17 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
18 affirmative.)

19 DETECTIVE CURCIO: When they transferred  
20 you was that upsetting to you?

21 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yeah.

22 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. When you got  
23 transferred were you still going out with Emily?

24 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Stopped talking to her.

25 DETECTIVE CURCIO: You stopped talking to



1 her after the fight or when you started having  
2 these bad grades?

3 NIKOLAS CRUZ: The bad grades.

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19 DETECTIVE CURCIO: So other than the gun  
 20 being cool, why did you need a gun like that?  
 21 Just because you wanted it?

22 NIKOLAS CRUZ: To feel safe.

23 DETECTIVE CURCIO: To feel safe? Okay.  
 24 We'll talk about that in a little bit.

25 All right. [REDACTED]

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3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] You go to the hospital where the  
4 doctors cleared you. And you're talking about  
5 demons. What are the demons?  
6 NIKOLAS CRUZ: The voices.  
7 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Tell me about them.  
8 What are the voices about?  
9 NIKOLAS CRUZ: It's one -- it's another  
10 voice, the evil side.  
11 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. And how long has  
12 that voice been going on?  
13 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Years.  
14 DETECTIVE CURCIO: All right. When did it  
15 start you think? When your mom passed?  
16 NIKOLAS CRUZ: It started getting worse  
17 when my mom passed.  
18 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Did it start --  
19 how many years before your mom passed do you  
20 think?  
21 NIKOLAS CRUZ: When my father died.  
22 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Did you ever  
23 tell anybody about the voice?  
24 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
25 negative.)

1 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Never?

2 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
3 negative.)

4 DETECTIVE CURCIO: What does the voice say  
5 to you?

6 [REDACTED]

7 DETECTIVE CURCIO: What does it tell you  
8 to do?

9 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Burn. Kill. Destroy.

10 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Burn, kill,  
11 destroy what?

12 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Anything.

13 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. But have you  
14 ever burned, killed, or destroyed anything?

15 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
16 affirmative.)

17 DETECTIVE CURCIO: What have you burned,  
18 killed, or destroyed?

19 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Burned -- just fires, set  
20 fire.

21 DETECTIVE CURCIO: To what?

22 NIKOLAS CRUZ: A pit. The pit. Fire.

23 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. A fire pit.  
24 Okay. I mean, the voice told you to burn  
25 something. You built a fire in a fire pit.

1           What's destructive about that? That's what fire  
2           pits are made for. What else did the voice tell  
3           you to do that's --

4           NIKOLAS CRUZ: Kill animals.

5           DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Have you ever  
6           killed animals?

7           NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

8           DETECTIVE CURCIO: What kind of animals?

9           NIKOLAS CRUZ: Birds.

10          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Birds? Wild birds or  
11          people's pets?

12          NIKOLAS CRUZ: Birds. Wild bird.

13          DETECTIVE CURCIO: How do you kill them?

14          NIKOLAS CRUZ: Wait for them. Kill them.

15          DETECTIVE CURCIO: You can't catch them so  
16          how are you waiting for them?

17          NIKOLAS CRUZ: Like out in the -- in the  
18          grass. Wait for a bird to come up.

19          DETECTIVE CURCIO: There's no way, man.  
20          I'm a bird lover. There's no way. You can't  
21          catch a bird, Homes.

22          NIKOLAS CRUZ: No, I mean like --

23          DETECTIVE CURCIO: With a pellet gun? Oh,  
24          okay. Where's your pellet gun?

25          NIKOLAS CRUZ: It broke.

1           DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. So the voices  
2 tell you to, to, to hurt animals and start fires  
3 in the fire pit. All right. You never told  
4 anybody? You never told your mom?

5           NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
6 negative.)

7           DETECTIVE CURCIO: You ever tell your  
8 brother?

9           NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
10 affirmative.)

11          DETECTIVE CURCIO: You told Zack about it?  
12 All right. Now I asked you earlier what Zack's  
13 phone number was. Do you really remember it or  
14 not?

15          NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

16          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Where's your phone at  
17 now? Was it on you when the police stopped you?

18          NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

19          DETECTIVE CURCIO: What did you do with  
20 it?

21          NIKOLAS CRUZ: I don't know. I lost it.

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11 number in your --

12 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
13 negative.)

14 DETECTIVE CURCIO: No?

15 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I don't have it.

16 DETECTIVE CURCIO: When was the last time  
17 you spoke to Zack?

18 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Last month.

19 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Where is he  
20 living with -- who's he living with? You're  
21 staying with your friend Brother. Who's he  
22 staying with?

23 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I don't know.

24 DETECTIVE CURCIO: You don't know? When  
25 you talked to him last month did he tell you who

1 he was staying with?

2 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

3 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Is he staying with some  
4 kind of relative?

5 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Family friend.

6 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Family friend? Do you  
7 know the family friend's name?

8 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I'm trying to remember.

9 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Well, you think  
10 about that while we're talking. Because other  
11 than Zack, who else have you told about this  
12 voice?

13 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No one.

14 DETECTIVE CURCIO: No one. Okay. And I  
15 can't remember, did you say you told your mom  
16 before she passed?

17 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
18 negative.)

19 DETECTIVE CURCIO: No? Okay. So Zack's  
20 the only one you ever told. How about Emily,  
21 did you ever tell Emily about the voice?

22 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I think I did.

23 DETECTIVE CURCIO: You think you did.  
24 You're not sure though?

25 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Not sure.



1                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: Do you know Emily's  
2 last name?

3                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: Brenner.

4                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: Brenner? Okay. Is she  
5 still a student out there?

6                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: Huh?

7                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: Is she still a student  
8 out at Douglas?

9                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: She doesn't go to Douglas.

10                  DETECTIVE CURCIO: She doesn't go to  
11 Douglas any more?

12                  NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
13 negative.)

14                  DETECTIVE CURCIO: All right. So let's  
15 talk about the last couple days. When was the  
16 last time you heard the voice?

17                  NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yesterday.

18                  DETECTIVE CURCIO: And what time was it  
19 yesterday?

20                  NIKOLAS CRUZ: It was at night.

21                  DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. And where were  
22 you at?

23                  NIKOLAS CRUZ: Work.

24                  DETECTIVE CURCIO: You were at work? So  
25 you were at Dollar Tree. And what's the voice

1 telling you?

2 NIKOLAS CRUZ: To hurt people.

3 DETECTIVE CURCIO: To hurt people. Hurt  
4 people at Dollar Tree or hurt people?

5 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Hurt people in general.

6 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Doesn't say  
7 specifically who?

8 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
9 negative.)

10 DETECTIVE CURCIO: All right. So what  
11 happens? Do you hear the voice this morning or  
12 no?

13 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
14 affirmative.)

15 DETECTIVE CURCIO: All right. Well,  
16 what's the voice saying this morning?

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17 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Let's talk about  
18 it. Did the voice -- the voice didn't tell you  
19 to take Uber, right?  
20 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes, it did.  
21 DETECTIVE CURCIO: It did?  
22 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.  
23 DETECTIVE CURCIO: The voice said take  
24 Uber?  
25 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes. The voice --

1 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Did the voice --

2 NIKOLAS CRUZ: The voice is, is in me.

3 DETECTIVE CURCIO: You're the voice.

4 NIKOLAS CRUZ: In here.

5 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. It's in your  
6 head?

7 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

8 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Is it a male voice or a  
9 female voice?

10 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Male.

11 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Male? Can you tell how  
12 old the voice is?

13 NIKOLAS CRUZ: My age.

14 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Do you have a  
15 good voice too or just a bad voice? Is there a  
16 voice inside of you that says do good things?

17 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
18 negative.)

19 DETECTIVE CURCIO: No?

20 NIKOLAS CRUZ: It's always bad?

21 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Can't be. You held  
22 down a job for two years. If you were doing  
23 things bad you wouldn't be able to hold a job  
24 down for two years, right?

25 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Fuck.

1           DETECTIVE CURCIO: I mean, look,  
2           everybody -- everybody --

3           NIKOLAS CRUZ: To me, it's me and then my  
4           bad side.

5           DETECTIVE CURCIO: I understand.  
6           Everybody's got a quote good and bad side.  
7           There's people --

8           NIKOLAS CRUZ: No. It's a voice. The  
9           voice is in here. And then it's me. It's just  
10          regular me just trying to be a good person.

11          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. But obviously,  
12          again, when you say it's a voice, it's you.  
13          It's all you.

14          NIKOLAS CRUZ: What do you mean?

15          DETECTIVE CURCIO: The voice is you as  
16          well.

17          NIKOLAS CRUZ: There's -- yeah.

18          DETECTIVE CURCIO: The voice didn't force  
19          to you do anything, right?

20          NIKOLAS CRUZ: No, the voice did. It's  
21          two voices. There's one-half that's a good and  
22          then the bad.

23          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Yeah? Okay. Well, the  
24          voice tells me to go to lunch and not pay for my  
25          meal, but I pay for my meal because I know

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DETECTIVE CURCIO: I understand that. But the bad side is you as well. Everybody's got a good and a bad side. You know --

NIKOLAS CRUZ: Do they really?

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21 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Do you have any other  
22 family members like uncles or aunts or anything?

23 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

24 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Where do they live?

25 NIKOLAS CRUZ: New York.

1                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: New York, New York or  
2 what city in New York?

3                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: I don't know.

4                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: Upstate or the big city  
5 or --

6                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: In New York. Just that's  
7 all I know.

8                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: When your -- when your  
9 mom passed away why didn't any of your relatives  
10 take you in?

11                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: No will.

12                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: No will? What does  
13 that mean?

14                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: Living will.

15                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: Yeah, but I don't have  
16 to have a living will. If my sister's kids die  
17 I'm going to take them in and help them out.  
18 Was somebody helping you financially other than  
19 yourself pay your bills? Were any of your  
20 relatives sending you money?

21                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
22 negative.)

23                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: So you were paying all  
24 your own bills yourself? I mean, you're 19.

25                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: My mom's money.

1                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: Oh, your mom's money  
2 when she passed? Was it insurance money or what  
3 she had in the bank?

4                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: I don't know. It was just  
5 there in the bank.

6                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. So it was like  
7 an account she had?

8                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yeah.

9                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: Does Zack have access  
10 to that, too?

11                  NIKOLAS CRUZ: I tried to give him -- to  
12 have access.

13                  DETECTIVE CURCIO: All right. So you do  
14 the finances and try to help Zack out as well?

15                  NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yeah.

16                  DETECTIVE CURCIO: Hmm. Now, when you  
17 were going to school at this alternative school,  
18 what kind of classes were you taking still?  
19 When you weren't depressed, what did you want to  
20 be when you got out of school?

21                  NIKOLAS CRUZ: A ranger.

22                  DETECTIVE CURCIO: A ranger? An Army  
23 ranger?

24                  NIKOLAS CRUZ: A ranger.

25                  DETECTIVE CURCIO: Did you ever apply,

1 fill out any paperwork to try to go to the Army?

2 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I took the ASVAB. Failed.

3 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Why did you  
4 fail?

5 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Because I was stupid.

6 DETECTIVE CURCIO: You were what?

7 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I'm stupid.

8 DETECTIVE CURCIO: You're stupid? Okay.  
9 Were you going to take it again?

10 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I was afraid to take it.

11 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. But you had  
12 aspirations to do something with your life. You  
13 wanted to be a -- that's a -- that's a hell of a  
14 thing to want to be, an Army ranger. So when  
15 you were in school, how much school did you have  
16 left before you were going to get some form of a  
17 degree?

18 NIKOLAS CRUZ: A long time.

19 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Oh, come on. Nothing's  
20 a long time. How much more classes do you think  
21 you had? How many credits do you think you  
22 needed?

23 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I had 15.

24 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Fifteen. And that's  
25 high school credits to get a high school diploma

1 or college?

2 NIKOLAS CRUZ: High school.

3 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. So you never got  
4 a GED or anything?

5 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

6 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Now, that gun  
7 that you bought, did it -- you know, again, I  
8 know you know a little bit about guns. Did it  
9 have any kind of special laser sighting on it?

10 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
11 negative.)

12 DETECTIVE CURCIO: None of the red dots or  
13 the Aimpoint or anything like that?

14 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
15 negative.)

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18 DETECTIVE CURCIO: What's your Facebook?  
19 Do you have a Facebook?

20 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
21 negative.)

22 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Do you have a Twitter?

23 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
24 negative.)

25 DETECTIVE CURCIO: I don't know half the

1 stuff you guys got. [REDACTED]  
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21 DETECTIVE CURCIO: And that's on the phone  
22 that you lost on the campus?

23 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

24 DETECTIVE CURCIO: It's in the mini notes?  
25 What's your -- again, you don't know what kind

1 of phone it is. Does it have a pass code?

2 NIKOLAS CRUZ: It's -- it's a finger,  
3 finger.

4 DETECTIVE CURCIO: A finger? What does  
5 that mean? Like -- like a code? Oh, like --  
6 how many -- Here. How many -- Well, let's see.  
7 I've got my phone here. All right. So we've  
8 got one, two, three, four, five, six --

9 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

10 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Hold on a second.  
11 You've got to do it on here because I -- do the  
12 shape for me on the -- on the note pad. With  
13 the pen. Or do it with your finger so I can  
14 read your mini note.

15 NIKOLAS CRUZ: It was --

16 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. So that's seven  
17 up to three? That's it? That's it?

18 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I think so.

19 DETECTIVE CURCIO: So seven up to three is  
20 your thing. That's it? But it's definitely no  
21 number or anything like that?

22 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
23 negative.)

24 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. So other than  
25 putting it on your notes -- what time do you

1 think you put it on your notes? This morning or  
2 last night?

3 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I didn't --

4 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Huh?

5 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I didn't -- I didn't expect  
6 this.

7 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. But when did you  
8 think you put it on the notes?

9 NIKOLAS CRUZ: A week ago.

10 DETECTIVE CURCIO: A week ago?

11 NIKOLAS CRUZ: A week, three.

12 DETECTIVE CURCIO: I can't hear you, man.

13 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Three -- two -- maybe a  
14 week ago.

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18 DETECTIVE CURCIO: What were you going to  
19 do a week ago?

20 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Go to a park.

21 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Which particular park?

22 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I didn't -- I didn't  
23 decide.

24 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Like a park,  
25 what kind of park? Just a --

1 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Any park.

2 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Any park? And what --  
3 I mean, you were going to start shooting people  
4 at the park?

5 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yeah.

6 DETECTIVE CURCIO: And did you have a city  
7 picked out for what park you wanted to do?

8 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
9 negative.)

10 DETECTIVE CURCIO: No? What kept --

11 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I didn't want to do it.

12 DETECTIVE CURCIO: What kept you from  
13 doing it?

14 NIKOLAS CRUZ: My bad side. My -- the --  
15 the demon.

16 DETECTIVE CURCIO: No. But what stopped  
17 you from doing it at the park? If you were --

18 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I -- I don't know.

19 DETECTIVE CURCIO: You did it three weeks  
20 ago, the note, but then you didn't do it at the  
21 park. So why do you think you didn't do it at  
22 the park?

23 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Uh, fuck. I don't know  
24 why.

25 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay.

1 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I don't know.

2 DETECTIVE CURCIO: When you had that gun,  
3 did you use to -- did Brother know -- again, I'm  
4 not trying to get Brother in trouble. Did you  
5 hide it from Brother's family or did they know  
6 you had it?

7 NIKOLAS CRUZ: They knew I had it.

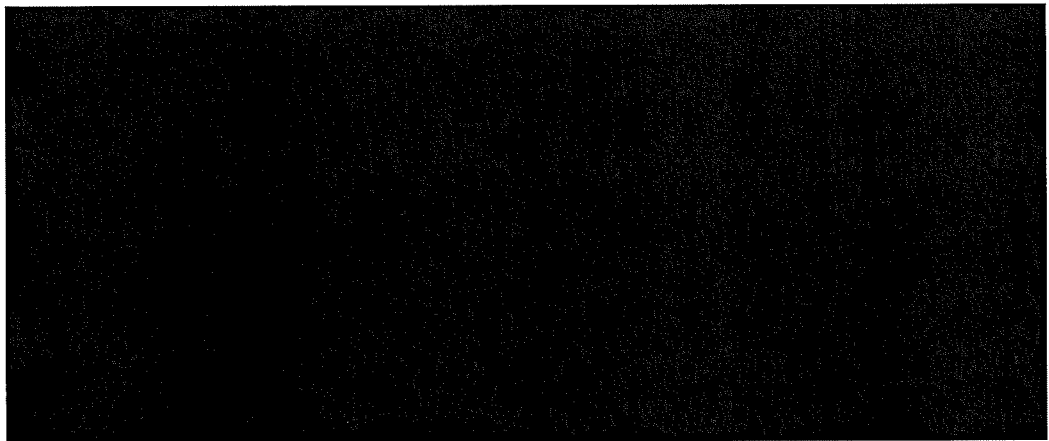
8 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Because you  
9 legally bought it but -- so you didn't hide it  
10 from anybody?

11 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
12 negative.)

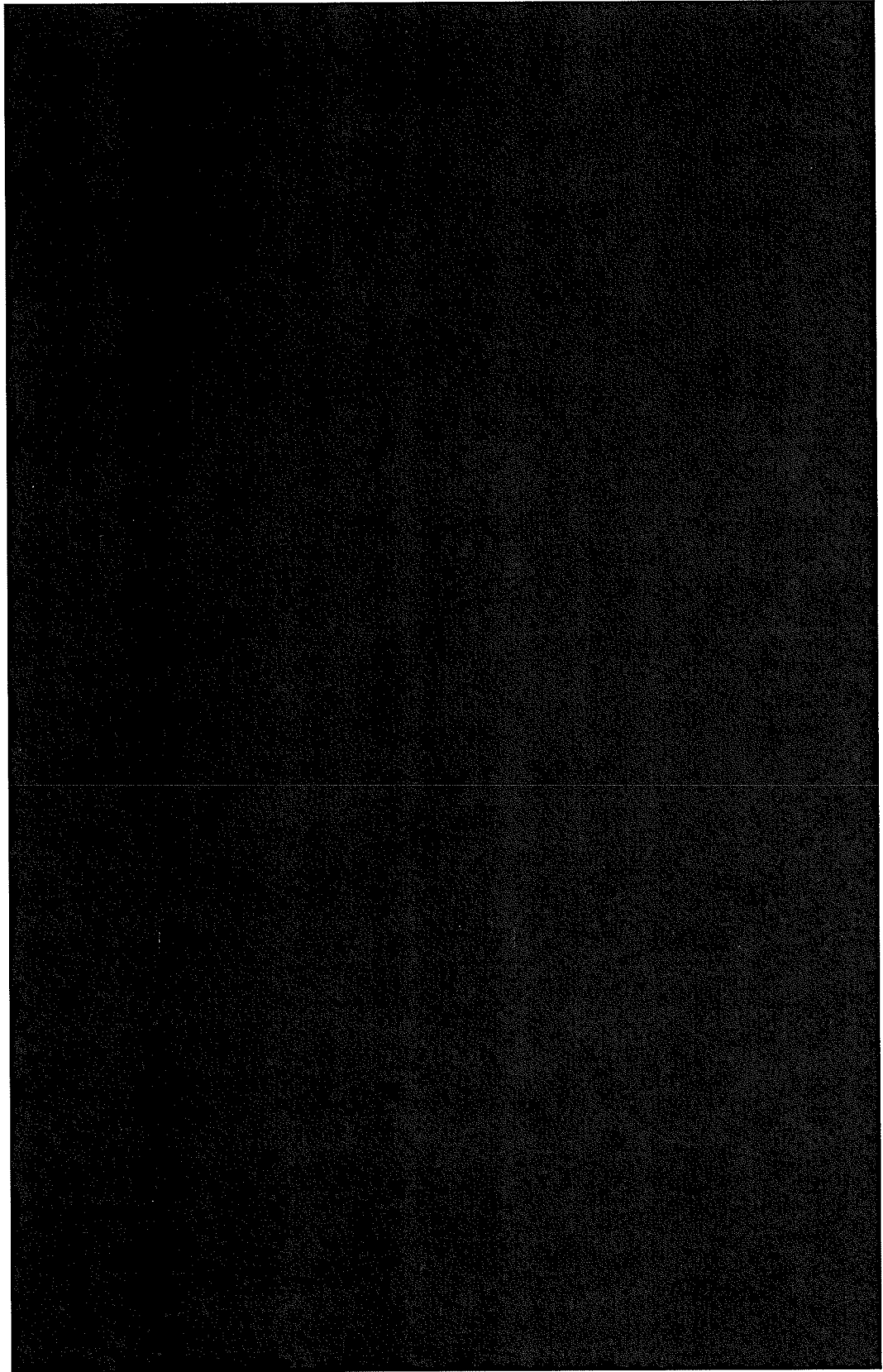
13 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. And you only  
14 fired it a couple times in your mom's garage  
15 before she passed. You never been to the range  
16 with it at all?

17 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
18 negative.)

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16 DETECTIVE CURCIO: You said you were a  
17 coward.

18 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Oh, yeah. I am.

19 DETECTIVE CURCIO: But you wanted to be an  
20 Army ranger.

21 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

22 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Was anybody in your  
23 family in the Army?

24 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I believe my father was in  
25 the Marines.

1 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Marines. Okay.

2 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I never met my real  
3 parents.

4 DETECTIVE CURCIO: You're adopted?

5 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I'm adopted.

6 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. How long have --  
7 how long have you known you were adopted? Your  
8 whole life?

9 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
10 negative.)

11 DETECTIVE CURCIO: How long?

12 NIKOLAS CRUZ: My mother told me.

13 DETECTIVE CURCIO: When was that?

14 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I can't remember. She told  
15 me.

16 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Before or after your  
17 dad died?

18 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Before or after my -- after  
19 my dad died but a long time it took for her to  
20 say something.

21 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay.

22 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Before I realized.

23 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Well, did that  
24 make you feel a little -- you were adopted. I  
25 mean, your family was always -- were they good

1 to you? Even though they weren't your  
2 biological parents, did they treat you like you  
3 were their kid? I mean, did they treat you  
4 good?

5 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I think. Yes and no.

6 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Well, what was the no?  
7 What did they do that wasn't good?

8 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Put me down.

9 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Put you down, what,  
10 like demeaning?

11 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Just put me down. Make me  
12 feel bad.

13 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Why did they  
14 make you feel bad? About what?

15 NIKOLAS CRUZ: That I was crazy, stupid.

16 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay.

17 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Worthless.

18 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Worthless. Is Zack  
19 their biological son or is he adopted, too?

20 NIKOLAS CRUZ: We got adopted from the  
21 same mother supposedly.

22 DETECTIVE CURCIO: All right. So you guys  
23 are biological brothers. But did they treat  
24 Zack the same way or just you?

25 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Zack the same way.

1           DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Did they ever  
2 physically abuse you, beat you, slap you, do  
3 anything bad to you?

4           NIKOLAS CRUZ: Mentally only.

5           DETECTIVE CURCIO: Mentally only? And  
6 that was they just made you feel stupid? Do you  
7 feel you're stupid?

8           NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yeah. I am stupid.

9           DETECTIVE CURCIO: Well, you said were you  
10 a B and C student. So I got bad news for you,  
11 pal. I became a homicide detective with C's.  
12 So if you're stupid, then I'm stupider than you.  
13 So being a B and C student doesn't make you  
14 stupid. And Stoneman Douglas is a good school,  
15 so it's not like, you know, you're stupid.

16           And again, I keep going back to the fact  
17 you held down a job for two years, so somebody  
18 thinks you're a reliable worker because people  
19 don't pay you money to work in their business if  
20 they think you're stupid. So -- huh?

21           NIKOLAS CRUZ: I felt like they just felt  
22 bad for me.

23           DETECTIVE CURCIO: Who felt bad for you,  
24 Dollar Tree?

25           NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yeah. The workers.

1           DETECTIVE CURCIO: Not even you believe  
2           that.

3           NIKOLAS CRUZ: I do believe it.

4           DETECTIVE CURCIO: They kept you on  
5           because they felt bad for you? Why? You were  
6           working there before your mom passed away. Why  
7           did they feel bad for you? You had a -- did  
8           they know you before -- I mean, you filled out  
9           an application, right?

10          NIKOLAS CRUZ: My mother did it for me.

11          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. But they, they  
12          had to interview you. They didn't interview  
13          your mother for the job, right?

14          NIKOLAS CRUZ: There was no interview.

15          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. So they just  
16          hired you outright.

17          NIKOLAS CRUZ: It was like Christmas time.

18          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Well --

19          NIKOLAS CRUZ: Filled out an application  
20          for me at the Dollar Tree. Never saw me. They  
21          asked me a couple questions. That was what --  
22          they saw me. I was sad that day.

23          DETECTIVE CURCIO: All right. Other than  
24          Emily, have you ever had another girlfriend  
25          since Emily?

1 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

2 DETECTIVE CURCIO: No? Did you -- what  
3 were your feelings about Emily? Just a high  
4 school girlfriend or she was the love of your  
5 life?

6 NIKOLAS CRUZ: She was the love of my  
7 life.

8 DETECTIVE CURCIO: All right. You ever  
9 talk to any other girls since then?

10 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

11 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Ever go out with  
12 any of them?

13 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

14 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. So you've had  
15 other girlfriends since. You've been --

16 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No, I never -- there's  
17 no -- I scared them.

18 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Did you ever  
19 take them out to dinner and all that stuff?

20 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Try to.

21 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. What do you  
22 scare them about?

23 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I wouldn't -- I don't know.  
24 I don't know why I scare them.

25 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Do they think you're

1 stupid?

2 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Probably now.

3 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Probably now, but I --  
4 that's what you just said. But I'm talking  
5 about when they went out with you. They had to  
6 say yes to go out with you, right? No girl is  
7 going to go out with somebody who they think is  
8 stupid, so.

9 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I don't know why.

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18 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Is it?

19 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yeah.

20 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. I understand  
21 that. So all this I'm stupid, you --

22 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I am stupid.

23 DETECTIVE CURCIO: You got -- well, in a  
24 term you're stupid, I don't think you're  
25 mentally deficient. You made some poor

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NIKOLAS CRUZ: No. What I told you is



1 true.

2 DETECTIVE CURCIO: I understand that.

3 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I hear demons.

4 DETECTIVE CURCIO: So all this -- the  
5 demon -- the demon is because you got  
6 disrespected by --

7 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

8 DETECTIVE CURCIO: -- in front of your  
9 peers.

10 NIKOLAS CRUZ: What the fuck.

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All right. I'm gonna go -- I'm gonna go back and see what everybody's doing as far as what they need me to do.

NIKOLAS CRUZ: You're not a psychologist or anything or --

DETECTIVE CURCIO: No, I'm not. I'm a 59 year old man who's raised three children, so I guess that makes me somewhat of a psychologist.

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1                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: Did anybody yell at  
2                   you?

3                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

4                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: You know, do anything  
5                   to scare you other than maybe tell you to put  
6                   your hands up? No?

7                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
8                   negative.)

9                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: All right. Is there  
10                  anybody whose number you know you want me to  
11                  call?

12                  NIKOLAS CRUZ: I don't --

13                  DETECTIVE CURCIO: Huh?

14                  NIKOLAS CRUZ: I don't remember. The  
15                  number's in my phone.

16                  DETECTIVE CURCIO: If you -- if you had  
17                  your phone, who would you want me to call for  
18                  you and let you know -- let them know where  
19                  you're at? Do you have a best friend?

20                  NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
21                  negative.)

22                  DETECTIVE CURCIO: So who did you want me  
23                  to call?

24                  NIKOLAS CRUZ: I'm trying to think. Rob.

25                  DETECTIVE CURCIO: Rob? What's he, from

1 work or from school?

2 NIKOLAS CRUZ: He's in New York, a family  
3 relative.

4 DETECTIVE CURCIO: What relation is he to  
5 you?

6 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Parents, parents knew him  
7 when I was a kid.

8 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Oh, okay. But he's in  
9 your phone under Rob?

10 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I believe.

11 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Let me see what  
12 I can do to find your phone. The water's still  
13 there if you need it. Are you sure you don't  
14 want anything else to eat, like to drink or eat?

15 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
16 negative.)

17 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Once again I grab the  
18 wrong key. Maybe that's the C student in me  
19 can't get the door open.

20 (Detective Curcio exited the interview  
21 room at 20:05:44.)

22 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I want to die. At the end  
23 you're nothing but worthless shit, dude. You  
24 deserve to die because you're fucking worthless  
25 and you fucking (unintelligible) everyone. I

1 want to die.

2 (Detective Curcio entered the interview  
3 room at 20:11:00.)

4 DETECTIVE CURCIO: All right. I've got  
5 some stuff here. What'd you do with the water?  
6 Oh, you put it back over here. You definitely  
7 don't want the water, huh?

8 All right. The school -- or the  
9 psychologist you want to talk to, obviously I  
10 would have to tell him what you want to talk to  
11 them about. So what exactly -- what do you want  
12 me to ask them or why, why do you want to talk  
13 to a psychologist?

14 NIKOLAS CRUZ: To find out what's wrong  
15 with me.

16 DETECTIVE CURCIO: What do you think's  
17 wrong with you?

18 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I don't know.

19 DETECTIVE CURCIO: All right. Well, the  
20 voices that you're talking about -- now again --  
21 you know, again, I'm trying not to take too many  
22 notes. But you said they started after your dad  
23 died but they were before your mom died. So --

24 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yeah, they were before my  
25 mother.

1           DETECTIVE CURCIO: Let's see. You told me  
2 your dad died in 2004, 2005. So how many years  
3 about do you think you've been hearing these  
4 voices?

5           NIKOLAS CRUZ: Fifteen years.

6           DETECTIVE CURCIO: Fifteen?

7           NIKOLAS CRUZ: I don't know. Does that  
8 sound right?

9           DETECTIVE CURCIO: No, because 15 on top  
10 of five, we would be 2020. When you hear the  
11 voices, are the voices like outside your head or  
12 inside your head when you hear them?

13          NIKOLAS CRUZ: Inside.

14          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. So it's not like  
15 you don't hear a voice from that corner talking  
16 to you? It's inside your head. And is it  
17 always the same voice or is it only one voice?

18          NIKOLAS CRUZ: One voice. Same.

19          DETECTIVE CURCIO: And you said it's a,  
20 it's a man's voice? That's a yes?

21          NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

22          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Does it sound like  
23 anybody you've ever met?

24          NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
25 negative.)



1           DETECTIVE CURCIO:  Anybody you've ever  
2           seen on TV?

3           NIKOLAS CRUZ:  (Nods head in the  
4           negative.)

5           DETECTIVE CURCIO:  Can you tell, like, by  
6           an accent, is it -- what kind of -- is it an old  
7           man?  Young man?  White man?  Black?

8           NIKOLAS CRUZ:  Young man.

9           DETECTIVE CURCIO:  Young man.  About the  
10          same age as you you think?  Hmm.  But it's only  
11          one voice you ever hear, right?

12          NIKOLAS CRUZ:  Yes.

13          DETECTIVE CURCIO:  Because I want to know  
14          what, you know, I'm going to tell this person.

15          NIKOLAS CRUZ:  I try to -- I try to  
16          control it but --

17          DETECTIVE CURCIO:  Well, how do you -- how  
18          do you control it when, when you hear it?

19          NIKOLAS CRUZ:  I try to be moving.

20          DETECTIVE CURCIO:  Okay.  So if you're  
21          sitting still you hear the voice more than if  
22          you're moving?  I mean, you're talking about  
23          physically moving?

24          NIKOLAS CRUZ:  Yeah, physically moving.

25          DETECTIVE CURCIO:  Do you hear the voice

1 when you're in bed at night sleeping?

2 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

3 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Do you ever see  
4 anything with the voice, like a -- like, you  
5 know, some people say, oh, I see a person  
6 sitting in the corner. You don't see anybody  
7 sitting over there, do you?

8 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
9 negative.)

10 DETECTIVE CURCIO: It's just me and you,  
11 right?

12 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
13 affirmative.)

14 DETECTIVE CURCIO: All right. Do you  
15 always obey what the voice tells you to do?

16 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I try not to.

17 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Well, how  
18 many -- on any given week, how many times do you  
19 think you hear the voice? All the time?

20 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Once every day.

21 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Once every day?  
22 Morning? Afternoon? Night? Always the same  
23 time?

24 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Usually in the afternoon.

25 DETECTIVE CURCIO: About what time?

1 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Eleven to 12.

2 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Why do you think it's  
3 those hours?

4 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I don't know.

5 DETECTIVE CURCIO: It's always around  
6 lunchtime? Do you hear it at night when you go  
7 lay down?

8 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
9 affirmative.)

10 DETECTIVE CURCIO: So you hear the voice  
11 more than at 11 or 12, right?

12 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I hear it more at night.

13 DETECTIVE CURCIO: More at night?

14 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I hear it -- I started -- I  
15 started hearing it in the afternoon. I hear it  
16 more at night.

17 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Now you talked about  
18 demons.

19 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

20 DETECTIVE CURCIO: And then you talk about  
21 the voice --

22 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yeah, that's the demon.  
23 The voice is the demon.

24 DETECTIVE CURCIO: The voice is the demon?  
25 So there's not two --

1 NIKOLAS CRUZ: The person, whoever it is.

2 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Does it have a name?

3 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No name.

4 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Does it ever say, hey,  
5 my name Nick -- my name's Nick? Does it use  
6 your name or uses somebody else's name? Just a  
7 voice with no name?

8 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Just a voice with no name  
9 telling me what to do.

10 DETECTIVE CURCIO: When you wouldn't  
11 listen to what the voice said, did you ever  
12 think that something bad would happen to you  
13 from the voice from not listening to it?

14 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Loneliness.

15 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Huh?

16 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Loneliness.

17 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Loneliness? So the  
18 voice -- listening to the voice was going to  
19 keep you from being lonely?

20 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

21 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. So help me out  
22 with this. Because again, you know, I'm not  
23 trying to be a prick or anything like that  
24 but --

25 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I know.

1           DETECTIVE CURCIO: How does building a  
2 fire in a fire pit when you're listening to the  
3 voice keep you from being lonely? How does that  
4 work?

5           NIKOLAS CRUZ: Because I have someone in  
6 my head who I can talk to about it.

7           DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. So your  
8 loneliness is fulfilled by the voice? So he's  
9 kind of like an imaginary friend?

10          NIKOLAS CRUZ: Almost. Yes.

11          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Almost.

12          NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

13          DETECTIVE CURCIO: But does he -- does he  
14 tell you good things to do as well? I think you  
15 already said he does sometimes.

16          NIKOLAS CRUZ: No, that's just me.

17          DETECTIVE CURCIO: That's just you?

18          NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yeah, the bad --

19          DETECTIVE CURCIO: So why do you want to  
20 be friends with somebody who just wants to tell  
21 you to do bad things?

22          NIKOLAS CRUZ: To have somebody.

23          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Wouldn't you rather be  
24 alone than be with somebody who's telling you to  
25 do bad shit? That's like being around a friend

1 who's always getting you in trouble. Why would  
2 you want a friend like that?

3 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Because I have no one.

4 DETECTIVE CURCIO: So you'd rather be in  
5 trouble than --

6 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

7 DETECTIVE CURCIO: -- be lonely?

8 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I don't want to be in  
9 trouble. The bad voices just said -- I don't  
10 have anyone else.

11 DETECTIVE CURCIO: You've got your  
12 brother. I mean, you get along with your  
13 brother, right?

14 NIKOLAS CRUZ: It's been -- when we were  
15 growing up he's been abusive.

16 DETECTIVE CURCIO: What kind of abusive?

17 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Name calling.

18 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Name calling.  
19 Shit, brothers do that every day of the week.  
20 Sisters too.

21 NIKOLAS CRUZ: It was constant.

22 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. But you, you  
23 have a good enough feeling towards your brother  
24 where you share the -- with him probably one of  
25 the only secrets that you have, that you have

1           these voices, right? So you have a decent  
2           relationship with your brother, right?

3           NIKOLAS CRUZ: I don't know. I don't  
4           know. I don't know.

5           DETECTIVE CURCIO: You don't know?

6           NIKOLAS CRUZ: No. I don't know if he  
7           cares about me or not.

8           DETECTIVE CURCIO: Do you think your  
9           brother cares about you more than the voice  
10          cares about you?

11          NIKOLAS CRUZ: I feel like the voice cares  
12          more about me than my brother.

13          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Hmm. Has your brother  
14          ever told you to do anything bad?

15          NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

16          DETECTIVE CURCIO: No? Did the voice tell  
17          you to buy that AR-15?

18          NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

19          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Did it tell you, hey,  
20          buy that gun, it looks cool?

21          NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
22          affirmative.)

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4 [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED]

6 DETECTIVE CURCIO: How many different  
7 kinds of guns did you look at before you decided  
8 to buy that gun? A lot?

9 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
10 affirmative.)

11 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Was the voice helping  
12 you pick out the gun or was it just you picking?

13 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No, it was the voice told  
14 me to do it.

15 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Did the AR-15 get  
16 picked out because it was similar to the gun  
17 that an Army ranger would carry?

18 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No. It was because of the  
19 voice.

20 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Did the voice --

21 NIKOLAS CRUZ: The voice suggested it.

22 The voice --

23 [REDACTED]

24 [REDACTED]

25 [REDACTED] Did



1           you have a computer over at the house? Because  
2           I had my partner looking back in the back --

3           NIKOLAS CRUZ: I -- I had a computer when  
4           I was with my mother.

5           DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Do you remember  
6           ever posting something -- did you ever -- do you  
7           know what the Mississippi Guardian is?

8           NIKOLAS CRUZ: What's that?

9           DETECTIVE CURCIO: I don't know. I'm just  
10          asking. Something was posted under the user  
11          name of Nikolas Cruz on the internet and it  
12          said, "I'm gonna be a professional school  
13          shooter."

14          NIKOLAS CRUZ: Did it really?

15          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Yeah. Was that you who  
16          posted that?

17          NIKOLAS CRUZ: No. Wait. You said  
18          Missouri?

19          DETECTIVE CURCIO: No, I'm just -- it  
20          said -- maybe something towards like -- you ever  
21          live in Mississippi?

22          NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
23          negative.)

24          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Ever been to  
25          Mississippi?

1 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
2 negative.)

3 DETECTIVE CURCIO: I don't know. He's  
4 looking on that because on -- on the internet  
5 somebody posted under your name, Nikolas Cruz,  
6 which, you know, is a somewhat common name I  
7 guess. There's probably more than one of you  
8 out there. "I'm gonna be a professional school  
9 shooter," and it was posted -- it was posted on  
10 September 17th.

11 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

12 DETECTIVE CURCIO: September 2017.

13 NIKOLAS CRUZ: 2017?

14 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Yeah. So what -- what  
15 month did your mom die?

16 NIKOLAS CRUZ: November.

17 DETECTIVE CURCIO: November. So this  
18 would have been something before your mom died.  
19 I'm not saying it's you. I'm just asking you if  
20 it is you. Do you remember ever posting  
21 anything on the internet like that? It may not  
22 be you.

23 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

24 DETECTIVE CURCIO: How about did you ever  
25 post -- did you ever post any pictures holding

1 any other kind of guns on the internet, like on  
2 Instagram or anything?

3 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I think a B.B. gun.

4 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Was it -- was it  
5 a shotgun maybe? Did you ever have a Maverick  
6 shotgun?

7 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Maverick?

8 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Yeah.

9 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Oh, yeah.

10 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Whose was that?

11 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I have one.

12 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Where is it at now? Is  
13 it at Brother's house?

14 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Uh, home.

15 DETECTIVE CURCIO: At Brother's house?

16 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

17 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. When did you buy  
18 that? Hmm?

19 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Inaudible).

20 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Huh?

21 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Trying to remember.

22 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Did you buy it before  
23 or after the AR-15?

24 NIKOLAS CRUZ: After.

25 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Did you buy it

1 at a gun store or on the street?

2 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Dick's.

3 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Dick's Sporting Goods?  
4 Okay. You buy ammunition to go with it?

5 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

6 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Why did you need that?  
7 Do you know why you bought that?

8 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I don't know why.

9 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. What gauge is  
10 it?

11 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Twelve gauge.

12 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Twelve gauge? Is it a  
13 full size stock or is it collapsible stock or  
14 what is it?

15 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Full size.

16 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Did the voice  
17 tell you to buy that gun, too?

18 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
19 affirmative.)

20 DETECTIVE CURCIO: How much you pay for  
21 that? If you remember.

22 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Two, 200 something.

23 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Now, if the  
24 voice told you to buy that and the voice told  
25 you to bought the AR-15, what do you think if,

1 if you didn't buy it? If you said, hey, I ain't  
2 buying these guns, too expensive, what do you  
3 think the voice would have done to you? Just  
4 stopped talking to you?

5 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No. Tell me to hurt  
6 myself.

7 DETECTIVE CURCIO: How would -- how would  
8 you hurt yourself?

9 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Cut.

10 DETECTIVE CURCIO: You're a cutter?

11 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I'm a cutter.

12 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. When was the  
13 last time you cut yourself?

14 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Earlier.

15 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Earlier when?

16 NIKOLAS CRUZ: When I was fishing.

17 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Earlier today or  
18 earlier --

19 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Earlier today.

20 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Where were you fishing  
21 at today?

22 NIKOLAS CRUZ: At the -- at a lake.

23 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Before the shooting?  
24 Before the school shooting?

25 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

1                   DETECTIVE CURCIO:  What did you cut  
2                   yourself with?

3                   NIKOLAS CRUZ:  A knife.

4                   DETECTIVE CURCIO:  Are those the little  
5                   scratches on your arms?  Let me look at them.  
6                   Come on, man.  I get worse scratches weeding my  
7                   flower bed than that.  You weren't trying to  
8                   hurt yourself.

9                   NIKOLAS CRUZ:  Yes, I was.  It wasn't  
10                  sharp enough.

11                  DETECTIVE CURCIO:  Wasn't sharp enough?

12                  NIKOLAS CRUZ:  No.

13                  DETECTIVE CURCIO:  How many knives do you  
14                  have?

15                  NIKOLAS CRUZ:  Four, five.

16                  DETECTIVE CURCIO:  How long have you been  
17                  cutting yourself?

18                  NIKOLAS CRUZ:  Years.

19                  DETECTIVE CURCIO:  Years?  You ever cut  
20                  yourself where you had to go to the hospital and  
21                  get stitches?

22                  NIKOLAS CRUZ:  No.

23                  DETECTIVE CURCIO:  Okay.  So it's --

24                  NIKOLAS CRUZ:  Cut myself to the point  
25                  where it just starts pouring.

1           DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. But how do you  
2 get it to stop?

3           NIKOLAS CRUZ: Pour hydrogen peroxide.

4           DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Did your mom  
5 know you were a cutter?

6           NIKOLAS CRUZ: I don't know.

7           DETECTIVE CURCIO: Did she ever see your  
8 arms and say what happened to your arms?

9           NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
10 negative.)

11          DETECTIVE CURCIO: No?

12          NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

13          DETECTIVE CURCIO: How about your brother,  
14 did your brother know you were a cutter?

15          NIKOLAS CRUZ: I believe he knows.

16          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Is your brother a  
17 cutter?

18          NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

19          DETECTIVE CURCIO: So when you cut  
20 yourself it's because the voices told you to cut  
21 yourself?

22          NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
23 affirmative.)

24          DETECTIVE CURCIO: And if you didn't talk  
25 or you didn't listen to the voice, then you were

1 going to be alone because your voice was your  
2 only friend. That's kind of what you're saying.

3 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
4 affirmative.)

5 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Even though you have a  
6 biological brother. Do you get along with  
7 anybody at work?

8 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No. I try to get along  
9 with everyone.

10 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Do you ever go out  
11 after work with people, you know, drinking or go  
12 to, you know --

13 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Always by myself.

14 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Yeah? When you go  
15 fishing do you ever go by yourself?

16 NIKOLAS CRUZ: And the demon.

17 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Do you go  
18 fishing by yourself?

19 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

20 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Do you ever go fishing  
21 with anybody else?

22 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

23 DETECTIVE CURCIO: No? Well, like I said,  
24 this, this post that's talking about being a  
25 school shooter -- you remember the Maverick



1           shotgun, right? Do you remember earlier when me  
2           and you were talking and I asked you if you had  
3           any other guns and you said no?

4                    NIKOLAS CRUZ: Did I say no?

5                    DETECTIVE CURCIO: Well, you said B.B.  
6           gun. You didn't mention the Maverick shotgun.  
7           That I would remember.

8                    NIKOLAS CRUZ: No, I do -- I said I have a  
9           lot.

10                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: Huh?

11                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: I do.

12                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: You do remember saying  
13           that?

14                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yeah, I believe. Did I?

15                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: No, you never told me  
16           about the Maverick shotgun. I'm trying to  
17           figure --

18                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: No, I told you I had other  
19           guns, right?

20                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: Well, you never told me  
21           about a Maverick shotgun is what I'm trying to  
22           get at.

23                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: Okay. Yeah, I have -- I  
24           have --

25                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: What other guns do you

1 have?

2 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Hi-Point.

3 DETECTIVE CURCIO: A Hi-Point. What  
4 caliber?

5 NIKOLAS CRUZ: .9.

6 DETECTIVE CURCIO: When did you buy that?

7 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Uh, fuck. Umm --

8 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Before or after the --

9 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Before my mother died.

10 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. And did you buy  
11 that legitimately at a gun store or did you buy  
12 it on the street?

13 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Bought everything at a gun  
14 shop.

15 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Same gun shop?

16 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No. Different ones.

17 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay.

18 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I just can't remember.

19 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. The Hi-Point .9  
20 millimeter. What else you own? What other kind  
21 of gun?

22 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Three shotguns.

23 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Three shotguns?

24 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yeah, I had three shotguns.

25 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. So the Maverick.

1           What other kind of shotgun?

2                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: Remington.

3                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: Remington. What gauge?

4                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: Same.

5                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: Twelve?

6                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: Twelve.

7                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: And what other ones?

8                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: Mossberg.

9                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: Mossberg, what gauge?

10                  NIKOLAS CRUZ: Twelve.

11                  DETECTIVE CURCIO: Twelve. And what else?

12                  Three shotguns, the AR-15, the .9 millimeter

13                  Hi-Point. What else?

14                  NIKOLAS CRUZ: AK.

15                  DETECTIVE CURCIO: An AK-47?

16                  NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

17                  DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. When did you buy

18                  that?

19                  NIKOLAS CRUZ: Recently.

20                  DETECTIVE CURCIO: What does that mean?

21                  Days or weeks or months?

22                  NIKOLAS CRUZ: Months.

23                  DETECTIVE CURCIO: Months. All

24                  legitimately bought under your name?

25                  NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

1           DETECTIVE CURCIO: Nobody bought them for  
2 you, right?

3           NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

4           DETECTIVE CURCIO: Was anybody there with  
5 you when you bought them?

6           NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

7           DETECTIVE CURCIO: Brother wasn't there?

8           NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
9 negative.)

10          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Because you know we're  
11 going to do follow-up on it. I'm just asking  
12 you. Was anybody there with you or not?

13          NIKOLAS CRUZ: My mother was with me when  
14 I bought all the other guns.

15          DETECTIVE CURCIO: All the other guns but  
16 what?

17          NIKOLAS CRUZ: But the Moss -- what was  
18 it? The -- what was it? The Maverick.

19          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. The Maverick.  
20 So your mom was with you when you bought all of  
21 the other guns?

22          NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yeah.

23          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Did you --

24          NIKOLAS CRUZ: She wouldn't come in with  
25 me.

1           DETECTIVE CURCIO: Did you tell her why  
2 you were buying the guns? I mean, look, I got  
3 kids too. I'm taking my kid to the gun store to  
4 buy all these weapons, I think I would ask them,  
5 hey, Nick, why do you need all of them? Did you  
6 ever have that conversation with your mom?

7           NIKOLAS CRUZ: I told her.

8           DETECTIVE CURCIO: You told her what?

9           NIKOLAS CRUZ: It was cool and to protect  
10 myself.

11          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Protecting  
12 yourself from what?

13          NIKOLAS CRUZ: From the voice.

14          DETECTIVE CURCIO: To protect yourself you  
15 needed three shotguns, two rifles, and a  
16 handgun. How many other handguns other than the  
17 Hi-Point?

18          NIKOLAS CRUZ: I don't have any handguns.

19          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Isn't the Hi-Point --  
20 is the .9 millimeter is a handgun? It's a  
21 rifle?

22          NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yeah. They make rifles.

23          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Well, you know  
24 more about Hi-Points than I do. All right. So  
25 you needed all those guns to protect yourself

1 from the voices. But the voices in your head,  
2 how are you going to get the voices out of your  
3 head with three shotguns, two rifles -- three  
4 rifles?

5 NIKOLAS CRUZ: To keep him occupied so he  
6 doesn't do anything.

7 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Did you have ammunition  
8 for all these guns?

9 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

10 DETECTIVE CURCIO: How much money do you  
11 think you spent over all these years on all  
12 these guns and ammunition, about?

13 NIKOLAS CRUZ: 4,000.

14 DETECTIVE CURCIO: 4,000? When did you  
15 buy your first gun? How old were you?

16 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Eighteen.

17 DETECTIVE CURCIO: So was it just right  
18 after you turned 18, like on your birthday?

19 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
20 affirmative.)

21 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Which one did you buy  
22 first?

23 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Remington.

24 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Twelve gauge? And you  
25 never took any of these guns to the range and

1 practiced with them?

2 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
3 negative.)

4 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Other than the AR, did  
5 you ever shoot the AK?

6 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

7 DETECTIVE CURCIO: How many magazines you  
8 got for the AK?

9 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Four.

10 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Four. You got  
11 ammunition for all four?

12 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
13 affirmative.)

14 DETECTIVE CURCIO: And they're all at  
15 Brother's house?

16 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yeah.

17 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Where do you keep them?

18 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Safe.

19 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Safe? Is there a  
20 combination to the safe?

21 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

22 DETECTIVE CURCIO: It's unlocked?

23 NIKOLAS CRUZ: It's a key.

24 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Where's the key?

25 NIKOLAS CRUZ: In my drawer.

1                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: Is your drawer at the  
2 house?

3                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

4                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: The drawer to what?

5                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: The safe.

6                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. But the key to  
7 get in the safe is in the drawer in the safe?  
8 Where is the key to open the safe?

9                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: Uh, shelf thing.

10                  DETECTIVE CURCIO: Shelf thing of what,  
11 like a desk?

12                  NIKOLAS CRUZ: The -- the -- a dresser.

13                  DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Is it the only  
14 key on a ring or is there other keys?

15                  NIKOLAS CRUZ: Just that one.

16                  DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay.

17                  NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yeah, just that one.

18                  DETECTIVE CURCIO: Do you keep the gun  
19 safe locked all the time?

20                  NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
21 affirmative.)

22                  DETECTIVE CURCIO: Why do you do that?

23                  NIKOLAS CRUZ: To protect myself.

24                  DETECTIVE CURCIO: Protect yourself from  
25 what?



1 NIKOLAS CRUZ: From my voice.

2 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. So you keep it  
3 locked to keep the voice from getting into the  
4 guns? [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED]

6 [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED]

8 [REDACTED]

9 [REDACTED]

10 [REDACTED]

11 [REDACTED]

12 [REDACTED]

13 [REDACTED]

14 [REDACTED]

15 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Do you -- since me and  
16 you have been talking have you heard the voices?

17 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
18 affirmative.)

19 DETECTIVE CURCIO: What's it said?

20 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Saying cut yourself.

21 DETECTIVE CURCIO: For you to cut  
22 yourself? Does the voice like me?

23 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Huh?

24 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Does the voice like me?

25 NIKOLAS CRUZ: It doesn't trust you.

1           DETECTIVE CURCIO: Why doesn't he trust  
2 me? I'm pretty relaxed, ain't I?

3           NIKOLAS CRUZ: I'm trying -- I'm trying to  
4 figure that out, too.

5           DETECTIVE CURCIO: Well, what doesn't he  
6 like about me? I mean, I'm kind of grinning  
7 because I want to know what the voice's problem  
8 is with me. What doesn't he like about me?  
9 I've treated you fairly. I've given you water.  
10 I've talked nice to you, you know.

11          NIKOLAS CRUZ: You're too nice.

12          DETECTIVE CURCIO: I'm too nice. Yeah.  
13 How many times has the voice talked to you while  
14 we've been in the room here together?

15          NIKOLAS CRUZ: A lot.

16          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Has the voice said jump  
17 out of the chair and do anything bad to that  
18 policeman?

19          NIKOLAS CRUZ: Saying kill yourself now.

20          DETECTIVE CURCIO: [REDACTED]

21 [REDACTED]

22 [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED] Because I don't really believe  
24 there is a voice to be honest with you.

25          NIKOLAS CRUZ: There is a voice.

1                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: No, I don't think there  
2 is.

3                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: I'm telling you the truth.  
4 There is.

5                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: No. I mean, I feel you  
6 probably want to kill yourself because of what  
7 happened but --

8                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: No, the voice is telling me  
9 to kill myself.

10                  DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. But the voice is  
11 telling you that the AR-15's his -- you like  
12 guns, man. You wanted to be a ranger. You like  
13 guns. It's all right. There's cops like that.  
14 There's cops who got 15 million guns. You  
15 didn't buy guns because the voice said, hey,  
16 today I like Mossbergs. Tomorrow I like AR-15s.  
17 You like guns.

18                  NIKOLAS CRUZ: Can you -- can you call the  
19 psychologist?

20                  DETECTIVE CURCIO: I got -- I've already  
21 got the questions from some of the  
22 psychologists. Some of the questions I asked  
23 you were from --

24                  NIKOLAS CRUZ: Is it?

25                  DETECTIVE CURCIO: Yeah.

1 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Can I see?

2 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Those ones I asked you.  
3 Look. Voices, are they inside or outside your  
4 head? What do the voices say? These are all  
5 questions I asked you. How many voices? You  
6 said one. Whose voice do you think it was? You  
7 didn't know.

8 NIKOLAS CRUZ: What the fuck is wrong with  
9 me?

10 DETECTIVE CURCIO: I don't know. I don't  
11 understand why you can't admit you like guns.  
12 There's lots of guys who like --

13 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No, it's the voice. Oh,  
14 fuck. Fuck.

15 DETECTIVE CURCIO: You never kept any kind  
16 of diary though, right, with these voices?

17 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No diary.

18 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Why didn't you -- why  
19 didn't you ever tell anybody other than your  
20 brother about the voices trying to get help?

21 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I was afraid.

22 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Huh?

23 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I was afraid.

24 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Afraid of what? The  
25 voice is telling you to kill yourself? What --

1           what more can you be afraid of? I'd be like,  
2           maybe I need to go to -- you want to talk to a  
3           psychologist? Why didn't you talk to a  
4           psychologist when the voices started?

5           NIKOLAS CRUZ: The voices told me not to  
6           and I listened.

7           DETECTIVE CURCIO: The voice was telling  
8           you not to talk to a psychologist?

9           NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yeah. But myself, I wanted  
10          to.

11          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Why didn't you slip a  
12          note to somebody like your mom saying, mom, I  
13          really need to go see a psychologist because I  
14          got problems with hearing voices? Did you love  
15          your mom?

16          NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

17          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Even though she  
18          wasn't --

19          NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes, I loved my mom.

20          DETECTIVE CURCIO: So why wouldn't you  
21          tell that to your mom?

22          NIKOLAS CRUZ: Because I didn't want to  
23          scare her.

24          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Yeah?

25          NIKOLAS CRUZ: I do love my mom.

1                   DETECTIVE CURCIO:  Yeah?  We're gonna --  
2                   we're gonna -- when did she pass away?

3                   NIKOLAS CRUZ:  November.

4                   DETECTIVE CURCIO:  Pneumonia you said?

5                   NIKOLAS CRUZ:  (Nods head in the  
6                   affirmative.)

7                   DETECTIVE CURCIO:  Was she sick long?

8                   NIKOLAS CRUZ:  (Nods head in the  
9                   affirmative.)

10                  DETECTIVE CURCIO:  She was in the  
11                  hospital?

12                  NIKOLAS CRUZ:  I tried taking her to  
13                  the -- I told her to go see a doctor.  I gave  
14                  her medicine.

15                  DETECTIVE CURCIO:  What kind of medicine  
16                  did you try to give her?

17                  NIKOLAS CRUZ:  Cough medicine.

18                  DETECTIVE CURCIO:  She died in the house?

19                  NIKOLAS CRUZ:  No, she -- the doctor told  
20                  me that she drove to the Minute Clinic and they  
21                  took her in and they took her to the hospital.

22                  DETECTIVE CURCIO:  Okay.  And where was --  
23                  where was the clinic at?  What city?  Near your  
24                  house?

25                  NIKOLAS CRUZ:  It was CVS, CVS Minute

1 Clinic.

2 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Close to where you're  
3 staying at in Parkland?

4 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

5 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. So she passed  
6 away in the clinic or she passed away at the  
7 hospital?

8 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Passed away at the  
9 hospital. They took her to the hospital.

10 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Do you remember which  
11 hospital?

12 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Boca.

13 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Boca?

14 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I'm not sure.

15 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Were you -- were  
16 you there when she passed away or --

17 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
18 affirmative.)

19 DETECTIVE CURCIO: So she was in the  
20 hospital like in a room for a couple days?

21 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
22 affirmative.)

23 DETECTIVE CURCIO: You get a chance to  
24 talk to her?

25 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

1                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: Was she in like a coma  
2 or what was she?

3                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: It's like she talked to me.

4                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. But she was able  
5 to communicate?

6                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: She was able to communicate  
7 but I didn't know what to think.

8                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: But it was pneumonia  
9 she died of?

10                  NIKOLAS CRUZ: Pneumonia.

11                  DETECTIVE CURCIO: And even when she was  
12 dying you didn't tell her about the voices?

13                  NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
14 negative.)

15                  DETECTIVE CURCIO: Do you ever go to  
16 church?

17                  NIKOLAS CRUZ: I wanted to.

18                  DETECTIVE CURCIO: No, I'm saying ever in  
19 your life.

20                  NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yeah.

21                  DETECTIVE CURCIO: Do you believe in God?

22                  NIKOLAS CRUZ: I don't believe in God.

23                  I --

24                  DETECTIVE CURCIO: What do you believe in?

25                  NIKOLAS CRUZ: I feel like there's



1 something.

2 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. But if you  
3 believe in demons, do you believe in angels?  
4 Angels is the good. Demons are the bad. When  
5 you say the word demon, do you think it's an  
6 evil spirit or what do you think it is?

7 NIKOLAS CRUZ: A voice, demon voice.

8 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. But going back,  
9 do you believe that there's good angels and God  
10 and afterlife and -- when your mom passed away  
11 that your mom is somewhere right now?

12 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I feel like there's an  
13 afterlife.

14 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. So do you  
15 believe that your mom is somewhere, even though  
16 she's passed away she's somewhere else?

17 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
18 affirmative.)

19 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. But you never  
20 went to church or anything like that?

21 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

22 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Do you ever just, you  
23 know, maybe think about when you were hearing  
24 the voices going to see a preacher or a priest  
25 or something like that?

1           NIKOLAS CRUZ: Just one day where I was  
2 riding my bike and the voice told me not to go  
3 anywhere, just to ride.

4           DETECTIVE CURCIO: Uh-huh.

5           NIKOLAS CRUZ: I stopped by the church.  
6 That was me. I wanted to stop by at the church.

7           DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay.

8           NIKOLAS CRUZ: Just to sit there.

9           DETECTIVE CURCIO: So what did you think  
10 you really had to do other than kill yourself to  
11 get the voice out of your head? You didn't  
12 think a priest or a church could help you? What  
13 did you think you had to do?

14          NIKOLAS CRUZ: Try to kill myself.

15          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Well, above and  
16 beyond all that, was there something else you  
17 could do to get that voice out of your head?

18          NIKOLAS CRUZ: I don't know.

19          DETECTIVE CURCIO: I'm just asking. Did  
20 you pray? You ever ask God to get the voice out  
21 of your head?

22          NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
23 negative.)

24          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Why not? You don't  
25 believe in God? You believe there's something,

1 right?

2 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I don't believe there's a  
3 God. I believe there's something.

4 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. But the voice  
5 just doesn't like me because he thinks I'm too  
6 nice?

7 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
8 affirmative.)

9 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Why do you think I'm  
10 nice? Why do you -- why do you think I'm nice?  
11 Forget the voice. Why do you think I'm nice? I  
12 already told you why. But why do you think I'm  
13 nice? What, what purpose would it be for me not  
14 to be nice?

15 [REDACTED]

16 [REDACTED]

17 [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED]

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20 [REDACTED]

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5 [REDACTED]  
6 [REDACTED]  
7 [REDACTED]  
8 [REDACTED]  
9 [REDACTED]

10 NIKOLAS CRUZ: To listen to music.

11 DETECTIVE CURCIO: What kind of music were  
12 you listening to?

13 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Sad music.

14 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Did you have headphones  
15 on?

16 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
17 affirmative.)

18 [REDACTED]  
19 [REDACTED]  
20 [REDACTED]  
21 [REDACTED]  
22 [REDACTED]

23 DETECTIVE CURCIO: What -- what -- I mean,  
24 I'm sure we don't like the same music. What  
25 kind of music were you listening to? Name

1 the -- name the group.

2 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Muck -- what was it? Mark,  
3 Mark Drain. Muck Drain.

4 DETECTIVE CURCIO: You have to help me.  
5 Mark what?

6 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Mark something.

7 DETECTIVE CURCIO: What was the song  
8 though?

9 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Sad.

10 DETECTIVE CURCIO: That's the name of the  
11 song, sad?

12 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No. Uh, Salad Days.

13 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Salad Days? And was  
14 it -- you know, it was on your phone so it's on,  
15 what, your -- I don't know anything about  
16 phones. I don't listen to music on my phones,  
17 man. It's on your -- I mean --

18 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Uh, SoundCloud.

19 DETECTIVE CURCIO: SoundCloud? Is that  
20 something like Pandora? I don't even know if  
21 anybody uses Pandora any more. That's the only  
22 thing I know. So it's on SoundCloud? [REDACTED]

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DETECTIVE CURCIO: And what, what are the lyrics to that? I mean, you don't have to sing it for me, please. But what are the lyrics about?

NIKOLAS CRUZ: Go home.

DETECTIVE CURCIO: Huh?

NIKOLAS CRUZ: Go home.

DETECTIVE CURCIO: Go home?

NIKOLAS CRUZ: Go home -- sucked -- just it's all mixed together.

DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. But, you know, again, is it a song about a girl? Is it a song about --

NIKOLAS CRUZ: Song about a girl and dying.

DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. So it's a song about suicide? And what's it called?

NIKOLAS CRUZ: Muck Drain.

DETECTIVE CURCIO: Muck --

NIKOLAS CRUZ: Salad Day.

DETECTIVE CURCIO: Muck Drain.

NIKOLAS CRUZ: I don't know how to pronounce it.

1                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: Do you know how to  
2 spell it?

3                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
4 negative).

5                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: Because I want to  
6 listen to it just so I understand what you're  
7 talking about. Hold on one second.

8                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: What else?

9                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: Oh, you listened to  
10 more than one song? What other songs you listen  
11 to?

12                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: Uh, Russian. Russian  
13 music.

14                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: What do you mean  
15 Russian music? Like --

16                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: Russian bass.

17                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: Russian what?

18                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: Bass.

19                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: Bass? That's a group  
20 or that's a style?

21                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: Style.

22                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. What is that,  
23 like, just instruments?

24                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yeah. It's like party  
25 music almost.

1 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Like party music? [REDACTED]

2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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1 [REDACTED]  
2 DETECTIVE CURCIO: I mean, again, I  
3 apologize because I'm pretty stupid about  
4 headphones. You had the big headphones on or  
5 you had the little ear piece in?

6 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Little ear piece.

7 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. What other song  
8 other than the Russian?

9 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Just a lot of sad songs.

10 DETECTIVE CURCIO: All right. Did you  
11 pick the music yourself or did the demon pick  
12 the music?

13 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Demon. And then myself  
14 partially.

15 DETECTIVE CURCIO: All right. Which ones  
16 did you pick?

17 NIKOLAS CRUZ: The sad ones.

18 DETECTIVE CURCIO: And which ones did he  
19 pick?

20 NIKOLAS CRUZ: The evil ones.

21 DETECTIVE CURCIO: The evil ones? What's  
22 an -- what's -- give me an evil one compared to  
23 a sad one. You already gave me a sad one.  
24 What's an evil one?

25 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Panzermensch.

1                   DETECTIVE CURCIO:  What?

2                   NIKOLAS CRUZ:  Panzer Mensch.

3                   DETECTIVE CURCIO:  Panzer Mensch.  And what

4                   does that say?

5                   NIKOLAS CRUZ:  I don't know.

6                   DETECTIVE CURCIO:  I mean, there's no

7                   lyrics to it?

8                   NIKOLAS CRUZ:  No.  Well, there is lyrics

9                   but I don't know what it means.

10                  DETECTIVE CURCIO:  But is it in English?

11                  NIKOLAS CRUZ:  No.

12                  DETECTIVE CURCIO:  What language is it in?

13                  NIKOLAS CRUZ:  German.

14                  DETECTIVE CURCIO:  German?  You're --

15                  you're Latin, right?  Why do you listen --

16                  NIKOLAS CRUZ:  I'm not Latin.

17                  DETECTIVE CURCIO:  What's Cruz, isn't

18                  that -- what is Cruz?

19                  NIKOLAS CRUZ:  I thought it was white.

20                  DETECTIVE CURCIO:  Well, your last name is

21                  Cruz so I'm assuming you have some Spanish

22                  heritage.  Why, why particularly were you

23                  listening to German music?  Is it because you

24                  like it?

25                  NIKOLAS CRUZ:  No.  The demon wanted it.

1                   DETECTIVE CURCIO:  Okay.  But do you  
2                   always listen to German music?  You're listening  
3                   to Russian and German?

4                   NIKOLAS CRUZ:  Yeah.  The Russian, the  
5                   German, the sad, the suicidal.

6                   DETECTIVE CURCIO:  Okay.  Well, do you  
7                   speak German?

8                   NIKOLAS CRUZ:  No.

9                   DETECTIVE CURCIO:  Do you speak Russian?

10                  NIKOLAS CRUZ:  No.

11                  DETECTIVE CURCIO:  Do you have -- then how  
12                  do you know what the lyrics mean?

13                  NIKOLAS CRUZ:  I don't.

14                  DETECTIVE CURCIO:  So they could be happy,  
15                  right?

16                  NIKOLAS CRUZ:  I don't know if they're  
17                  happy or not.

18                  DETECTIVE CURCIO:  Again, you don't  
19                  because you can't speak it.

20                  NIKOLAS CRUZ:  The demon chose it.  I  
21                  didn't choose it.

22                  DETECTIVE CURCIO:  But you had them on  
23                  your -- how long do you think you had them on  
24                  your -- on your play list?

25                  NIKOLAS CRUZ:  A long time.

1           DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. So you've  
2 listened to them a lot of times? And you never  
3 wanted to know what the lyrics were? Hmm.

4           NIKOLAS CRUZ: It's whatever he choose.

5           DETECTIVE CURCIO: Now, I mean, I got to  
6 ask the question with all this German stuff. I  
7 mean, you don't speak German at all. Is German  
8 in your heritage at all? Russian?

9           NIKOLAS CRUZ: I don't know what my  
10 heritage is.

11          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Well, you -- is Cruz  
12 your -- your adopted name. Do you know what  
13 your, your name was before that?

14          NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
15 negative.)

16          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Do you think you were  
17 German or Russian?

18          NIKOLAS CRUZ: I don't know.

19          DETECTIVE CURCIO: You don't know? You  
20 ever want to look into who your real parents  
21 were?

22          NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
23 affirmative.)

24          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Did you ever do  
25 anything like that to try to find out under that

1 ancestry.com or anything?

2 NIKOLAS CRUZ: My mom tried to.

3 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. So you tried to  
4 find your birth parents?

5 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No, not my birth parents.  
6 My ancestry.

7 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. But you never  
8 tried to find your birth parents?

9 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I wanted to.

10 DETECTIVE CURCIO: But did you ever try to  
11 find them? I mean, you wanted to, but I'm  
12 saying did you ever actually try to do anything?

13 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

14 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Do you know what city  
15 you were born at all?

16 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I said -- fuck. I don't  
17 know. I, I think it's Margate.

18 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Margate, Florida?  
19 Okay. So you had a play list of music the demon  
20 helped you pick out but you picked out some of  
21 them. I'm just having a tough time  
22 understanding this demon thing.

23 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I know. Nobody  
24 understands.

25 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Well, I mean, you have

1           your brother. I mean, I understand your brother  
2           and you don't get along all the time but -- what  
3           does your brother tell you to do when, when you  
4           told him about the demon or voices?

5           NIKOLAS CRUZ: To focus on life.

6           DETECTIVE CURCIO: Focus on life? Did you  
7           ever do that?

8           NIKOLAS CRUZ: I try to.

9           DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. But when you  
10          would focus on life did things work out?

11          NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
12          affirmative.)

13          DETECTIVE CURCIO: You're making good  
14          money, man. You spent \$4,000 on guns. So not  
15          everything in your life was bad. Did you pay  
16          rent to live at Brother's place? How much did  
17          you pay rent-wise?

18          NIKOLAS CRUZ: Fifty.

19          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Fifty a week or a  
20          month?

21          NIKOLAS CRUZ: I think every two weeks.

22          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Fifty?

23          NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yeah.

24          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Did you buy all your  
25          own food and stuff?

1 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

2 DETECTIVE CURCIO: No? Okay. So what did  
3 you do with -- how much money do you think you  
4 made a week working?

5 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Under 300.

6 DETECTIVE CURCIO: A hundred to 300?

7 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No, under 300.

8 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Under 300 a week. So  
9 that's pretty good money. \$1,200 a month. And  
10 you're paying 50 every two weeks, so that's a  
11 hundred. What did you do with the other \$1,200  
12 a month you made?

13 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Uh --

14 DETECTIVE CURCIO: You got -- I mean, you  
15 had your mom's money, too. So what did you do  
16 with your money?

17 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Food.

18 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Food?

19 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Food.

20 DETECTIVE CURCIO: I mean, did you eat out  
21 every day or what? That's a lot of money to  
22 spend \$1,200 a month on food.

23 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Food. Uh, B.B. guns.  
24 Ammo.

25 DETECTIVE CURCIO: The Xanax you were

1 talking to me about earlier.

2 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yeah.

3 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Where did you get the  
4 Xanax? On the street or --

5 NIKOLAS CRUZ: On the streets.

6 DETECTIVE CURCIO: So you used to buy  
7 that. Other than Xanax and marijuana, what  
8 other drugs you ever -- you ever tried flakka?

9 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
10 negative.)

11 DETECTIVE CURCIO: PCP?

12 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
13 negative.)

14 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Cocaine?

15 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
16 negative.)

17 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Heroin?

18 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

19 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Xanax, how many of  
20 those did you take when you used to take them?

21 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Five.

22 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Five of what --  
23 what -- what size bar? How big a -- I mean,  
24 what color was it?

25 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Half. Sometimes full.



1           DETECTIVE CURCIO:   Okay.   What color?

2           They all --

3           NIKOLAS CRUZ:   White.

4           DETECTIVE CURCIO:   White?   All right.   But  
5           that was off the street?   Did they help you  
6           sleep?

7           NIKOLAS CRUZ:   Made me drowsy.

8           DETECTIVE CURCIO:   All right.   Did it make  
9           the demon go away?

10          NIKOLAS CRUZ:   Yeah.

11          DETECTIVE CURCIO:   When was the last time  
12          you think you did Xanax?

13          NIKOLAS CRUZ:   A long time.

14          DETECTIVE CURCIO:   So if the Xanax helps  
15          you get the demons away --

16          NIKOLAS CRUZ:   Marijuana does it better.

17          DETECTIVE CURCIO:   Marijuana does better.  
18          When was the last time you smoked marijuana?

19          NIKOLAS CRUZ:   Last week.

20          DETECTIVE CURCIO:   Last week.   Because  
21          you're making \$1,200 a week.   Why didn't you  
22          smoke marijuana every day to get rid of the  
23          demon?

24          NIKOLAS CRUZ:   Illegal.

25          DETECTIVE CURCIO:   It's illegal?

1 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yeah.

2 DETECTIVE CURCIO: If it's illegal, it was  
3 illegal whether you do it once a week or once  
4 every five minutes. So why didn't you choose to  
5 get rid of the demon by doing it, any time you  
6 heard the demon just light up a blunt? I mean,  
7 you had the money, man.

8 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Because I knew it was  
9 illegal and I didn't want to do wrong but he  
10 wanted to do wrong.

11 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. So the demon  
12 wanted you to do wrong but then your good side  
13 didn't want to do wrong by smoking marijuana?

14 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Even though it made him go  
15 away.

16 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Even though it made him  
17 go away. Hmm. Why didn't you go to the doctor  
18 and get a prescription for Xanax or marijuana?  
19 You could've got a medical prescription, right?  
20 Did you ever think about that?

21 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I thought -- I thought it  
22 was illegal.

23 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Doctors can prescribe  
24 you marijuana now and they can prescribe you  
25 Xanax. I don't even know what the -- how much

1 of the population's on Xanax, but Xanax is  
2 probably one of the most prescribed drugs in the  
3 country.

4 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I did not know.

5 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Why didn't you think  
6 about that? When you went and had your, your  
7 broken finger looked at by the doctor, did you  
8 tell him about your anxiety?

9 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
10 negative.)

11 DETECTIVE CURCIO: No?

12 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No. I was -- I was -- I  
13 was scared to tell him the truth.

14 DETECTIVE CURCIO: And how did you break  
15 your finger?

16 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I -- I fell off the porch.

17 DETECTIVE CURCIO: What were you doing  
18 when you fell off the porch?

19 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Running.

20 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Running? Why were you  
21 running?

22 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Because I was happy.

23 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Whose porch?

24 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Brother.

25 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Your brother's? Where

1 your brother stays at? Did you actually have a  
2 splint on your finger?

3 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Cast.

4 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Cast?

5 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I removed it.

6 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Huh?

7 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I removed it.

8 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Well, I don't know why  
9 you didn't tell the doctor then you had anxiety  
10 problems and marijuana and Xanax cured your  
11 anxiety and made the demons go away. Seemed  
12 like an easy fix, man, if that's true. You sure  
13 you didn't like the demon's voice?

14 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I don't like the demon  
15 voice.

16 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Are you sure?

17 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I'm sure.

18 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Then why didn't you go  
19 to a doctor to get rid of it?

20 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I was afraid. I'm, I'm  
21 just afraid of being --

22 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Why -- why -- well,  
23 forget that for a second. Let me ask you  
24 another crazy question.

25 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Okay.

1           DETECTIVE CURCIO: The demon -- was the  
2 demon there that night Ian beat you up on  
3 campus?

4           NIKOLAS CRUZ: Huh?

5           DETECTIVE CURCIO: Was the demon there  
6 that day when Ian beat you up on campus?

7           NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes. He told me to go up  
8 to him.

9           DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. So -- so who did  
10 Ian beat up, you or the demon?

11          NIKOLAS CRUZ: Me.

12          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. So why didn't  
13 the demon do something to stop it?

14          NIKOLAS CRUZ: Why didn't it do it?

15          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Huh?

16          NIKOLAS CRUZ: Why didn't it?

17          DETECTIVE CURCIO: I don't know. That's a  
18 good question. Because the demon is telling you  
19 to do all of these bad things. Why couldn't the  
20 demon get you mad enough to get the best of Ian?  
21 I mean --

22          NIKOLAS CRUZ: I don't know.

23          DETECTIVE CURCIO: I don't know either.  
24 Doesn't make any sense.

25          NIKOLAS CRUZ: I don't know. But why the

1           fuck? Why the fuck?

2           DETECTIVE CURCIO: I don't know. The  
3 demon's this --

4           NIKOLAS CRUZ: I don't know why.

5           DETECTIVE CURCIO: -- all powerful thing  
6 that tells you to do bad things and you're  
7 afraid of it. Why didn't the demon just take  
8 over right then when Ian was getting the best of  
9 you and get the best of Ian? Why, why did the  
10 demon not do that? Why do you think?

11          NIKOLAS CRUZ: Trying to figure that out.

12          DETECTIVE CURCIO: I don't know. I don't  
13 know. I can't figure it out either because I  
14 don't think the demon exists.

15          NIKOLAS CRUZ: Can I -- can I think?

16          DETECTIVE CURCIO: I don't think it  
17 exists.

18          NIKOLAS CRUZ: No, like, can I --

19          DETECTIVE CURCIO: I think the -- go  
20 ahead. What?

21          NIKOLAS CRUZ: Am I able, like, to think  
22 to myself about it?

23          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Yeah. Sure.

24          NIKOLAS CRUZ: That's all I'm asking.

25          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Yeah, you can think all

1           you want. I'm just --

2                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: No, I'm just thinking about  
3 the demon.

4                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: All right. Well, do  
5 you want me -- I'll leave to you think for a  
6 while. Then I'll come back and talk to you. I,  
7 personally, I think you're using the demon as an  
8 excuse.

9                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: I'm not. I promise.

10                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: You could have stopped  
11 the demon by getting a prescription for  
12 marijuana. You could have stopped the demon by  
13 getting a prescription for Xanax. You could  
14 have stopped the demon by illegally doing  
15 marijuana, which you were doing anyway. You  
16 could have stopped the demon by doing Xanax  
17 illegally, which you were doing anyway. You  
18 could have stopped the demon any time you want.  
19 You didn't want to stop the demon.

20                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: No, that's not true.

21                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: You didn't. You could  
22 have. I've given you four ways you could have  
23 stopped the demon, man. Okay. Now, you know,  
24 you're just acting like that because --

25                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: No. No. No. No. No.

1           No.   No.   No.

2                   DETECTIVE CURCIO:   Okay.   Well, relax.  
3   You're just acting like that because I'm making  
4   sense.

5           NIKOLAS CRUZ:   No.   No.   No.   No.

6                   DETECTIVE CURCIO:   Calm down.   I'm making  
7   sense and you don't like when it makes sense.

8           NIKOLAS CRUZ:   No.   No.   No.   I --

9                   DETECTIVE CURCIO:   Because it doesn't fit  
10  into the story you're telling right now.

11                  NIKOLAS CRUZ:   No.   No.   No.   I'm telling  
12  you the story.   It's just -- it's true.   It's  
13  just --

14                  DETECTIVE CURCIO:   Why are you looking at  
15  your arm now?

16                  NIKOLAS CRUZ:   I'm not -- I'm trying to  
17  understand why --

18                  DETECTIVE CURCIO:   Why didn't you want to  
19  stop the demon?

20           NIKOLAS CRUZ:   I don't know.

21                  DETECTIVE CURCIO:   Because you -- I think  
22  you like the demon.

23           NIKOLAS CRUZ:   No, I don't.

24                  DETECTIVE CURCIO:   Why didn't you stop it  
25  then?



1           NIKOLAS CRUZ: I don't like the demon. I  
2           don't like the demon. I don't like the demon.  
3           I don't like the demon.

4           DETECTIVE CURCIO: That's if the demon  
5           even exists.

6           NIKOLAS CRUZ: Can I get an attorney or  
7           something?

8           DETECTIVE CURCIO: You want what, an  
9           attorney?

10          NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yeah.

11          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Did the demon -- or the  
12          voice just tell you to get an attorney? Okay.  
13          All right. Well, you tell the voice that --  
14          don't hit yourself in the head. Because the  
15          attorney -- the demon just requested it, I  
16          will -- I will stop talking to you.

17          NIKOLAS CRUZ: I'm scared. I'm scared.  
18          I'm scared. I'm scared.

19          DETECTIVE CURCIO: You're scared of what?

20          NIKOLAS CRUZ: I'm scared. Why, why the  
21          fuck wouldn't he protect me? Why?

22          DETECTIVE CURCIO: What?

23          NIKOLAS CRUZ: Why wouldn't he protect me,  
24          man? Fuck.

25          DETECTIVE CURCIO: I don't know.

1 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Why wouldn't he protect me?

2 DETECTIVE CURCIO: All right. Well,  
3 again, your demon wants an attorney. Does  
4 the -- does the demon know an attorney, any name  
5 in particular?

6 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
7 negative.)

8 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. All right.  
9 Well, just relax. You're done talking to me.  
10 All right?

11 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yeah.

12 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Calm down. Once  
13 again I grabbed the wrong key. If you need  
14 something, just yell. My desk is on the other  
15 side of the room. All right? I'm just on the  
16 other side of the wall.

17 (Detective Curcio exited the interview  
18 room at 20:56:05.)

19 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Why didn't he kill me? Why  
20 didn't he kill me? Why didn't he kill me? Why  
21 didn't he kill me? Why didn't he kill me?

22 (Detective Curcio entered the interview  
23 room at 20:57:40.)

24 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Do me a favor. Stay  
25 seated. Put your hands -- kind of sit forward

1 in the chair. Put your -- no, put your butt  
2 this way a little bit. I'm going to put  
3 handcuffs behind you since you keep talking  
4 about hurting yourself. All right. Hold on.  
5 Put your hands behind your back. No, no, not  
6 behind the chair. Behind your back. I don't  
7 want to make you that uncomfortable. But if you  
8 sit forward you won't put pressure on your -- on  
9 yourself. No, you don't have to lean forward.  
10 Just bring your butt this way. Come up out of  
11 the chair a little bit. Lift your butt out of  
12 the chair. Now sit back down so you have room  
13 so you're not sitting on your arms. Okay?  
14 That's so you don't hurt yourself. All right?

15 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Why don't you want me to  
16 hurt myself?

17 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Because -- what did the  
18 demon say about me? I'm a nice guy, right? Why  
19 would I want -- why would I want to have you  
20 hurt? Okay?

21 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yeah.

22 DETECTIVE CURCIO: If you need something,  
23 just yell. I'll be right back. My office is  
24 just on the other side of that wall.

25 (Detective Curcio exited the interview

1 room at 20:59:00.)

2 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Unintelligible). I don't  
3 understand. I just want to die. I want to die.  
4 I want to die. I just want to die now. I just  
5 want to die now. Oh, my eyes. Oh, fuck. My  
6 eyes. My eyes. My eyes. My eyes. My eyes.  
7 My eyes. What the fuck? My eyes. My eyes. My  
8 eyes. My eyes. My eyes. I can't see. I can't  
9 see. Fuck. Oh, my eyes. My eyes. My eyes.  
10 My eyes. My eyes. Fuck. My eyes. My eyes.  
11 My eyes. Fuck. Oh shit.

12 (Detective Curcio entered the interview  
13 room at 21:27:45.)

14 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Do you want water?

15 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Just a little.

16 DETECTIVE CURCIO: What?

17 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Just a little.

18 DETECTIVE CURCIO: All right. Hold on,  
19 let me get something because you got slobber all  
20 over it. Just going to give him a little drink.  
21 Where am I going? The bathroom's over here.  
22 Dark in here.

23 All right. Hold your head back a little  
24 bit. You don't want water or you do? Yes?  
25 Come on.

1 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I'm all right.

2 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Do you want it or not?

3 I'm not coming back again.

4 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Okay. Okay.

5 DETECTIVE CURCIO: You were just trying to  
6 drink it. You want more?

7 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Little more. Okay.

8 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. I'm going to  
9 leave the water out here so you don't do  
10 anything to misbehave with the water. All  
11 right? If you need water, what are you going to  
12 do? You're going to yell so I can hear you.  
13 Right?

14 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Okay.

15 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Thank you.

16 (Detective Curcio exited the interview  
17 room at 21:28:48.)

18 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I want to die. I want to  
19 die.

20 (Detective Curcio entered the interview  
21 room at 23:56:40.)

22 DETECTIVE CURCIO: You doing all right?  
23 You want some more water?

24 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yeah.

25 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Well, do me a

1 favor. Put your head back. You got your  
2 handcuffs still on you? Let me make sure your  
3 handcuffs are still on. You haven't squeezed  
4 them? They're still really loose. Okay. Sit  
5 back.

6 NIKOLAS CRUZ: It's tight.

7 DETECTIVE CURCIO: They're not tight.  
8 Open your mouth a little bit. You want a little  
9 more?

10 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

11 DETECTIVE CURCIO: What's that from? Oh,  
12 that's the sticker on --

13 NIKOLAS CRUZ: It was on me.

14 DETECTIVE CURCIO: No, it's on the thing.  
15 You want more?

16 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Little more.

17 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Like I said,  
18 I'll be back in just a little bit. I just don't  
19 want to see you doing anything to hurt yourself  
20 because that's all you keep talking about, so  
21 that's why I have the handcuffs on you. If  
22 you -- if you weren't talking like that I'd take  
23 the handcuffs off you. Okay? You want more?

24 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
25 negative.)

1                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: All right. I'll be  
2 back.

3                   (Detective Curcio exited the interview  
4 room at 23:57:28.)

5                   (Detective Curcio entered the interview  
6 room at 00:37:54.)

7                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: You doing all right?

8                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yeah.

9                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: We'll bring some more  
10 water in. Handcuffs still on?

11                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yeah.

12                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: Let me see? They're  
13 still pretty loose. They're not hurting you,  
14 right? That one's really --

15                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yeah, they are.

16                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: Which one? This one?

17                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yeah.

18                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: You got to kind of lean  
19 forward. Let go of your pants. If they start  
20 to fall, they fall. I got to be able to get to  
21 the handcuff hole.

22                   NIKOLAS CRUZ: Okay.

23                   DETECTIVE CURCIO: God dang it. Put them  
24 on upside down, huh? They ought to really give  
25 you a belt with those hospital gowns. Okay.

1 That's really loose now. See, what it does --  
2 sit down. What it does is when you lean back  
3 too far, they have a lock, it clicks. All  
4 right. Want more?

5 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I'm good.

6 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. You need  
7 anything else?

8 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

9 DETECTIVE CURCIO: All right. We're  
10 trying to -- we did -- we did find your brother,  
11 so.

12 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Huh?

13 DETECTIVE CURCIO: I said, we did find  
14 your brother, so.

15 NIKOLAS CRUZ: He is okay?

16 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Yeah. I know that was  
17 one of the things you asked me. Why do -- why  
18 do you think he wouldn't have been okay? I  
19 mean, you didn't think he's okay about this or  
20 you think he was physically okay?

21 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Physically.

22 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Why do you think  
23 something would be physically wrong with him?

24 NIKOLAS CRUZ: He would be like --

25 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Well, he's upset for



1           what happened.

2           NIKOLAS CRUZ:   Is he?

3           DETECTIVE CURCIO:   Yeah.

4           NIKOLAS CRUZ:   Am I able to talk to him?

5           DETECTIVE CURCIO:   Excuse me?

6           NIKOLAS CRUZ:   Am I able to talk to him?

7           DETECTIVE CURCIO:   No.   Not at the moment.

8           NIKOLAS CRUZ:   Okay.

9           DETECTIVE CURCIO:   I mean, unfortunately  
10          you're under arrest so we -- you know, we can't  
11          bring him in here.

12          NIKOLAS CRUZ:   Okay.

13          DETECTIVE CURCIO:   Especially since you've  
14          been doing all that stuff about wanting to hurt  
15          yourself.

16          NIKOLAS CRUZ:   Yeah.

17          DETECTIVE CURCIO:   You know?   Anything  
18          else?   I mean, the thing about it is, is since  
19          you said you wanted to talk to an attorney I  
20          can't talk to you unless, you know, you want to  
21          talk to me, and you said you don't want to talk  
22          to me.   So, I mean, if there's something else  
23          you want to know or whatever, you just, you just  
24          got to let me know but -- all right?

25          NIKOLAS CRUZ:   (Nods head in the

1 affirmative.)

2 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay.

3 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Thank you.

4 DETECTIVE CURCIO: No problem. I'll be  
5 back in a little bit.

6 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Uh-huh.

7 (Detective Curcio exited the interview  
8 room at 00:40:30.)

9 (Detective Curcio and Zack Cruz entered  
10 the interview room at 00:45:00.)

11 DETECTIVE CURCIO: All right. I did talk  
12 to Zack. He's right here. Okay. Now listen up  
13 though. If you want to talk to Zack, because of  
14 some of the things you said, I'm going to have  
15 to sit in the room. I'm not going to talk to  
16 you. I'm not going ask you -- ask you any  
17 questions, but I can't leave you two alone  
18 because of some of the things you said about  
19 harming yourself.

20 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yeah.

21 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Do you want to talk to  
22 Zack?

23 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

24 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Zack, have a  
25 seat. And again, I'm not saying anything at

1 all, so.

2 [REDACTED]

3 [REDACTED]

4 [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED]

6 [REDACTED]

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8 [REDACTED]

9 [REDACTED]

10 [REDACTED]

11 [REDACTED]

12 [REDACTED]

13 [REDACTED]

14 [REDACTED]

15 [REDACTED]

16 [REDACTED]

17 [REDACTED]

18 ZACK CRUZ: What do you think mom would  
19 think right now if she was --

20 NIKOLAS CRUZ: She would cry.

21 ZACK CRUZ: She would cry. [REDACTED]

22 [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED]

24 [REDACTED]

25 [REDACTED]

1 negative).

2 ZACK CRUZ: You -- your -- people think  
3 you're a monster now.

4 NIKOLAS CRUZ: A monster?

5 ZACK CRUZ: You don't have anything and  
6 you're not acting like yourself. Like, why?  
7 Like, we've -- this is not who you are. Like,  
8 come on. Why did you do this? This is -- don't  
9 even laugh at me. Dude, this isn't --

10 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I'm sorry, dude.

11 [REDACTED]  
12 [REDACTED]  
13 [REDACTED]  
14 [REDACTED] I  
15 [REDACTED]  
16 [REDACTED]

17 I tried -- what happened to your  
18 Instagram? I tried to text you, like, literally  
19 a couple days ago because I had this bad feeling  
20 in my heart. What happened to your Instagram?  
21 Why didn't you text me? What happened to it?  
22 Why did you stop with your social media?

23 NIKOLAS CRUZ: People.

24 ZACK CRUZ: What do you mean people, dude?  
25 It's -- irrelevant people. What? Who? Tell me

1 exactly who. Who made you delete your  
2 Instagram? Who?

3 NIKOLAS CRUZ: People.

4 ZACK CRUZ: What people?

5 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Just people told me --

6 ZACK CRUZ: Do you think -- this is not  
7 even a game. You're not gonna wake up and be  
8 out of here.

9 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I know.

10 [REDACTED]  
11 [REDACTED]  
12 [REDACTED]  
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14 [REDACTED]  
15 [REDACTED]  
16 [REDACTED]  
17 [REDACTED]  
18 [REDACTED]

19 ZACK CRUZ: You remember when we were in  
20 the hospital and I told you I had your back?  
21 You remember when mom died? Remember we were  
22 walking down the hallway and I told you?

23 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
24 negative).

25 ZACK CRUZ: You don't remember? You

1           probably don't because you just did some fucked  
2           up shit. I told you when we were walking down  
3           the hallway that it's just me and you and I had  
4           your back. All right? I know you, you probably  
5           felt like you had nobody but I, I care about  
6           you. I literally would pull my heart out for  
7           you.

8                        I know I make it seem like I didn't care  
9           about you at all. I know I made it seem like  
10          when we were growing up that I hated you, I  
11          didn't like you. But truth is I just didn't  
12          want to look like a -- I didn't want to look  
13          weak.

14                       I love you with all my heart. Like, I  
15          will tell you -- I'm telling you right now. I  
16          love you. All right. I know what you did  
17          today. Other people look at me like I'm crazy  
18          for even -- and I don't -- I don't care what  
19          other people think. Like, you're my brother. I  
20          love you. I want -- I want you to -- you  
21          can't -- how you -- can I hug him?

22                       DETECTIVE CURCIO: Yeah, as long as --

23                       ZACK CRUZ: You want a hug?

24                       DETECTIVE CURCIO: Yeah, as long as you --

25                       NIKOLAS CRUZ: I'm sorry. I love you.

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ZACK CRUZ: I love you too, bro. I know what you going through.

NIKOLAS CRUZ: I'm sorry.

ZACK CRUZ: That's okay, bro. I know how you grow up. I know -- we've -- I know exactly -- people don't understand you like I understand you.

NIKOLAS CRUZ: I can't --

ZACK CRUZ: I don't --

NIKOLAS CRUZ: I love you.

[REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED]

2 [REDACTED]

3 [REDACTED]

4 [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED]

6 [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED]

8 ZACK CRUZ: You don't know what you want  
 9 to do with your life? You didn't know what you  
 10 wanted to do with your life? How, how did you  
 11 not know what you wanted to do with your life?  
 12 You talk about the Army.

13 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I know.

14 ZACK CRUZ: You talk about -- hmm, I think  
 15 that's really it. I mean, you never really told  
 16 me about what you want to do with your whole  
 17 life.

18 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I'm sorry.

19 [REDACTED]

20 [REDACTED]

21 [REDACTED]

22 [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED]

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25 [REDACTED]



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6 [REDACTED]  
7 [REDACTED]

8 ZACK CRUZ: Now you can never even -- you  
9 couldn't -- why would you jeopardize that?  
10 Like, you can't even own a gun now. You can't  
11 even -- man, it's not even about the gun. I  
12 don't know why I'm talking about that. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

13 [REDACTED]  
14 You're only 19, dude. You know how many years  
15 you had ahead of you? You know how many years  
16 you had? Years. You're stuck -- you're still  
17 stuck in your teenage mindset and you did this  
18 dumb shit. You're not thinking about your  
19 future.

20 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I still care for you.

21 ZACK CRUZ: What? I still love you.

22 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I still love you, too.

23 ZACK CRUZ: Bro, like, I mean, just -- I  
24 wish I could have prevented this till I feel  
25 like this -- this is a big part of, like, my

1 fault also because, you know, I grew up -- we  
2 grew up together, like. I know -- I know I  
3 wasn't the nicest to you. I know I probably  
4 made you feel like shit. You've told me that  
5 I -- I'm pretty sure that you've told me that I  
6 made you want to kill yourself or something.

7 Now I'm sorry that I've -- I grew up being  
8 a dumb jerk to you and made fun of you and  
9 didn't want you to hang out with my friends even  
10 though there's nothing wrong, like. I think  
11 about it, like. I was just -- I don't know,  
12 man. I don't -- I don't even know how to talk  
13 right now.

14 [REDACTED]  
15 [REDACTED] You can't even see Colby any more  
16 or Mazy. And that's what you would text me.  
17 You'd be like, oh, how are Colby? How are Mazy?  
18 And they're good.

19 Like, dude, you had -- you had me, dog. I  
20 swear, like -- I even cried, dude. I think --  
21 I've thought about, like, you killing yourself  
22 and I cry about it. And by myself I think,  
23 damn, like this kid -- like, if he killed  
24 himself, like, I would feel like -- I would feel  
25 like shit because this is my brother. Like, I

1 love him.

2 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I'm a -- I'm a failure,  
3 dude.

4 ZACK CRUZ: I mean --

5 NIKOLAS CRUZ: There's no question about  
6 it.

7 ZACK CRUZ: No, you're just -- you're  
8 lost. You're not in your head. Like, you're  
9 not -- you're not with yourself. You're -- I  
10 feel like you're caught up in some -- like,  
11 something in your head is not -- you're not  
12 right in the head. That's, that's for sure.  
13 You're not right in the head. Even though we,  
14 we chilled and, like, I've understood you and  
15 like -- you remember those days when we would go  
16 to the pool?

17 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yeah.

18 ZACK CRUZ: And we'd talk. We'd talk  
19 going there and walking back about crazy shit.  
20 I really -- I liked hanging out with you, dog,  
21 but, you know, like, we have different, like,  
22 thought -- like, we didn't really like -- I  
23 don't know. We do different stuff. That's why  
24 we -- I wasn't always there.

25 You know, I like to skate. You like to --

1 guns. Just you like guns. That's all I knew.  
2 I wasn't into -- I didn't feel it like that. I  
3 was like the --

4 Man, I don't even want to leave. I want  
5 to stay here with you but I can't. I can't,  
6 dude. I want to talk to you, like. I don't --  
7 I would love to just talk to you one on one  
8 without anybody. Like, I wish I -- I wish you  
9 could just get up and walk with me and we could  
10 walk. But nope. We can't talk. We can't do  
11 none of that.

12 DETECTIVE CURCIO: All right. Well, like  
13 I said, I gave you guys some time together.

14 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Thank you.

15 DETECTIVE CURCIO: No, I understand that.

16 ZACK CRUZ: I mean, I'm -- I'm gonna come  
17 to your trial. I'll come to everything. All  
18 right? I'll come see you when, whenever I'm  
19 allowed to. I will -- everything. I swear to  
20 God I will -- every time I have the chance to  
21 see you I will come see you.

22 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Thank you.

23 ZACK CRUZ: I swear on everything I love,  
24 I will come see you every chance I'm given. All  
25 right? No matter what happens, I'm gonna come

1 see you. All right? I'm gonna come see you. I  
2 care about you. All right? I'm gonna come see  
3 you. All right? I promise I'm gonna come see  
4 you every time. I care about you. All right?  
5 I care about you, dog. Like, I hope you know.

6 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I care for you too, man.

7 ZACK CRUZ: You, you really messed up this  
8 time, like, at a point where, like, it's not  
9 even like a joke. It's not -- no one can get  
10 you out of this, dog. Like --

11 DETECTIVE CURCIO: All right.

12 ZACK CRUZ: We'll have -- I'll have one  
13 other conversation with you another time. All  
14 right? I'll try to talk to you. All right.

15 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Like I said, I would  
16 let you guys talk privately but, you know, his,  
17 his concern to me was --

18 ZACK CRUZ: Just -- just stay -- just stay  
19 solid. All right? Just don't -- don't hurt  
20 yourself. All right? [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

21 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
22 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] All right? So  
23 just -- just -- just live your life. All right?  
24 Please do not kill yourself. All right? You're  
25 given one life. Like, you don't understand. I

1 don't think you understand that. You're given  
2 one life. You only can live one time. All  
3 right? Don't just end it because you don't like  
4 how it is. Live your life. See how it is.  
5 Even if -- if -- it's gonna feel hopeless. If  
6 it feels hopeless, you got to -- you just got to  
7 push through, dog. That's all I can tell you  
8 right now. All right?

9 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Okay.

10 DETECTIVE CURCIO: All right, Zack. Come  
11 on.

12 ZACK CRUZ: Shit. I have -- you see I  
13 have to go. I can't -- I literally can't stay  
14 here with you. Like, I want to stay here with  
15 you. I don't want to go. I don't want to go  
16 back out there. All right? And people are  
17 crazy out there right now. I do not want to go  
18 back out there but I have to.

19 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Okay.

20 ZACK CRUZ: All right? I'm gonna come see  
21 you, bro. Please, don't forget. All right?

22 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Okay.

23 ZACK CRUZ: When you're feeling hopeless,  
24 think about me. All right? I'm gonna -- I love  
25 you. I believe good things --

1           DETECTIVE CURCIO:  You're going to have  
2           the chance to talk to him on the phone.  They  
3           have phones and everything over there and  
4           everything else, so.  Once he gets situated he  
5           can call you.

6           ZACK CRUZ:  Just stay solid.  All right?  
7           Stay -- just be strong.  Be strong for me.

8           NIKOLAS CRUZ:  I'll do it for you.

9           ZACK CRUZ:  All right?  If you're not --  
10          don't -- if you're not for yourself, remember,  
11          think of me.  Be strong for me.

12          NIKOLAS CRUZ:  Okay.

13          ZACK CRUZ:  Please.

14          NIKOLAS CRUZ:  Yes.

15          ZACK CRUZ:  I love you.  I don't -- I  
16          don't care about anybody else in my life right  
17          now.  I don't care about skate boarding.  I  
18          don't care about nothing.  I don't care about  
19          being cool.  I don't care none of that.  I only  
20          care about you right now.  All right?

21                 I don't care what people think about me  
22                 for thinking that I love you and I care about  
23                 you.  I don't care what nobody thinks.  I care  
24                 about you.  I care about you.  I don't care what  
25                 other people think.  I just want you to know

1 that. I love you, dog. Like, I really do,  
2 like. Like, I feel like I had a better bond  
3 with you than mom, like. All right. So I  
4 got -- I really gotta go.

5 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Okay.

6 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Like I said, you're  
7 going to get the chance to talk to him once he  
8 gets phone privileges and they have visitation.

9 ZACK CRUZ: I'll see you. All right? I  
10 believe -- just stay solid for me. All right?

11 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I will.

12 ZACK CRUZ: And try to find God. All  
13 right?

14 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Okay.

15 ZACK CRUZ: Just -- you say you have a  
16 demon. Try to find God because God is good.  
17 God will be there for you. Just -- when you're  
18 thinking in your head, just try to connect with  
19 God. All right?

20 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Okay.

21 ZACK CRUZ: Try to see like -- just try to  
22 connect with some -- just try to connect with  
23 someone except besides negativity in your head.  
24 Try to think of positive things. All right?

25 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.



1 ZACK CRUZ: All right. I love you.

2 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I love you, too.

3 ZACK CRUZ: I'll see you. All right?

4 This isn't the last time I'm gonna see you. All  
5 right?

6 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Okay.

7 ZACK CRUZ: So stay strong. All right?

8 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Okay.

9 ZACK CRUZ: All right, dog.

10 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I love you.

11 ZACK CRUZ: I love you, too. I really do.

12 I love you with all my heart. I don't -- I

13 don't care about no one else but you right now.

14 Even -- I still don't -- even when this wasn't

15 happening, I only care about you. Sorry, that

16 might not make sense but --

17 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Come on Zack.

18 ZACK CRUZ: If I keep --

19 DETECTIVE CURCIO: I think he

20 understands --

21 ZACK CRUZ: If I keep talking I'm just

22 going to keep jumbling my words.

23 DETECTIVE CURCIO: No, I know. That's why

24 I understand -- he understands what you're --

25 ZACK CRUZ: Can I give him one more hug?

1 Just one. Just one.

2 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Go ahead. Make it  
3 quick.

4 ZACK CRUZ: One hug. I want you to know,  
5 bro, I really care for you and I love you. All  
6 right?

7 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Okay.

8 ZACK CRUZ: You'll get through this. All  
9 right? Just stay solid. All right? It's gonna  
10 suck for a while but -- all right? Just -- just  
11 stay strong.

12 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Okay.

13 (Zack Cruz exited the interview room at  
14 01:00:45.)

15 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Let me see if he wants  
16 some more water before I go back to my desk. Do  
17 you want some more water?

18 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

19 DETECTIVE CURCIO: You want more? All  
20 right. Like I said, you wanted to talk to him  
21 so I followed through for you. All right?

22 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Thank you.

23 DETECTIVE CURCIO: No problem. You want  
24 anything to eat?

25 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

1           DETECTIVE CURCIO: All right. Well, same  
2 thing applies. Because of the things you said  
3 I'm going to take your handcuffs off. I'm going  
4 to have to sit in here and watch you eat. All  
5 right?

6           NIKOLAS CRUZ: That's fine.

7           DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Let me see if I  
8 can find something. It may not be nothing but a  
9 couple snacks.

10          NIKOLAS CRUZ: Okay.

11                   (Detective Curcio exited the interview  
12 room at 01:01:32.)

13                   (Detective Curcio entered the interview  
14 room at 01:06:01.)

15          DETECTIVE CURCIO: All right. Stand up so  
16 I can take your handcuffs off. And I'll keep  
17 the handcuffs off of you if you stop talking  
18 about hurting yourself and trying to scratch  
19 your arms up. Is that all right?

20          NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

21          DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. As long as  
22 that's a deal. Dang this handcuff. Okay. Turn  
23 your hand. Have a seat. You can open up those  
24 pretzels. That's the best I can give you.  
25 They're all the same even though they're --

1 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Do you want any?  
2 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Huh?  
3 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Do you want any?  
4 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Why what?  
5 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Do you want any?  
6 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Say it again.  
7 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Do you want any?  
8 DETECTIVE CURCIO: No, no. I'm good.  
9 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Are you sure?  
10 DETECTIVE CURCIO: I'm fine. Appreciate  
11 you asking. I've got more if you want more.  
12 I'm just going to sit with you till you're done  
13 and I can take the water out again.  
14 Even though it's got nothing to do with  
15 the case, when was the last time you ate other  
16 than this?  
17 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yesterday.  
18 DETECTIVE CURCIO: You didn't eat anything  
19 today?  
20 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
21 negative.)  
22 DETECTIVE CURCIO: You sure about that?  
23 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
24 affirmative.)  
25 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Yesterday what time?

1 NIKOLAS CRUZ: 6:30.

2 DETECTIVE CURCIO: At night?

3 NIKOLAS CRUZ: (Nods head in the  
4 affirmative.)

5 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Do you remember  
6 what you had?

7 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

8 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Just, just  
9 wondering.

10 You don't have to eat them all if you  
11 don't want. I mean, I can bring them back later  
12 or whatever you want to do. You can eat them or  
13 not eat them. Just don't feel like you got to  
14 eat them all.

15 All right. You good for a little bit?  
16 Let me have all the wrappers. All right. Take  
17 a couple last swigs of water if you need it and  
18 then I'm going to take the water with me because  
19 I don't want to see you, you know, do anything  
20 with the bottle. All right. I'm going to leave  
21 the handcuffs off you. And what's the agreement  
22 if I leave the handcuffs off you?

23 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Agreement?

24 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Yeah, you're not going  
25 to do anything?

1 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I won't.

2 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Where I -- where  
3 I don't have to get concerned that I want to put  
4 the handcuffs back on you.

5 NIKOLAS CRUZ: You're good.

6 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. All right.  
7 Again, if you need something just yell and I'll  
8 come back in. I'll come back in in a little bit  
9 just to check on you anyway. All right?

10 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Thank you.

11 DETECTIVE CURCIO: No problem.

12 (Detective Curcio exited the interview  
13 room at 1:13:15.)

14 (Detective Curcio entered the interview  
15 room at 03:41:27.)

16 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Still doing all the  
17 paperwork I need to do. You all right?

18 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Can I use the bathroom?

19 DETECTIVE CURCIO: I gotta get a couple  
20 guys in here to, to move you next door to the  
21 bathroom.

22 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Okay.

23 DETECTIVE CURCIO: All right. Let me go  
24 get them. Other than that, you're all right?

25 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yeah.

1 (Detective Curcio exited the interview  
2 room at 03:41:42.)

3 (Deputy Tim Shaub entered the interview  
4 room at 03:50:16.)

5 DEPUTY SHAUB: You gotta go to the  
6 bathroom?

7 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Yes.

8 DEPUTY SHAUB: Put your hands out.

9 (Nikolas Cruz and the deputy exited the  
10 interview room at 03:51:17.)

11 (Nikolas Cruz and the deputy entered the  
12 interview room at 03:53:00.)

13 (Deputy exited the interview room at  
14 03:53:36.)

15 (Deputy Greg Edlund and Deputy Reginald  
16 Cleophat entered the interview room at  
17 05:11:50.)

18 DEPUTY EDLUND: All right, buddy. It's  
19 time to go. Stand up. Put your hands behind  
20 your back.

21 DEPUTY CLEOPHAT: You got a handcuff key  
22 on you?

23 DEPUTY EDLUND: I do.

24 DEPUTY CLEOPHAT: I can bend down and get  
25 the shackles for you.

1           DEPUTY EDLUND: Let me double lock them  
2           real quick. Sit back down. Okay. Stand up.  
3           You got your pants up? All right.

4                   (Nikolas Cruz exited the interview room at  
5           05:13:07.)

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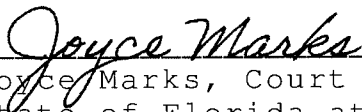
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2 STATE OF FLORIDA )  
3 COUNTY OF BROWARD ) SS

4 I, JOYCE MARKS, Registered Merit Reporter a  
5 Notary Public in and for the State of Florida at  
6 Large,

7 DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing recording  
8 was transcribed by me to the best of my ability; and  
9 the foregoing pages 1 through 216 inclusive, are a  
10 true and correct record.

11 I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am not a relative or  
12 employee of any of the parties, nor relative or  
13 employee of such attorney or counsel, or financially  
14 interested in the foregoing action.

15 WITNESS MY HAND this 22nd day of February, 2018,  
16 in the City of Fort Lauderdale, County of Broward,  
17 State of Florida.

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21 Joyce Marks, Court Reporter  
22 State of Florida at Large  
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