

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.

7
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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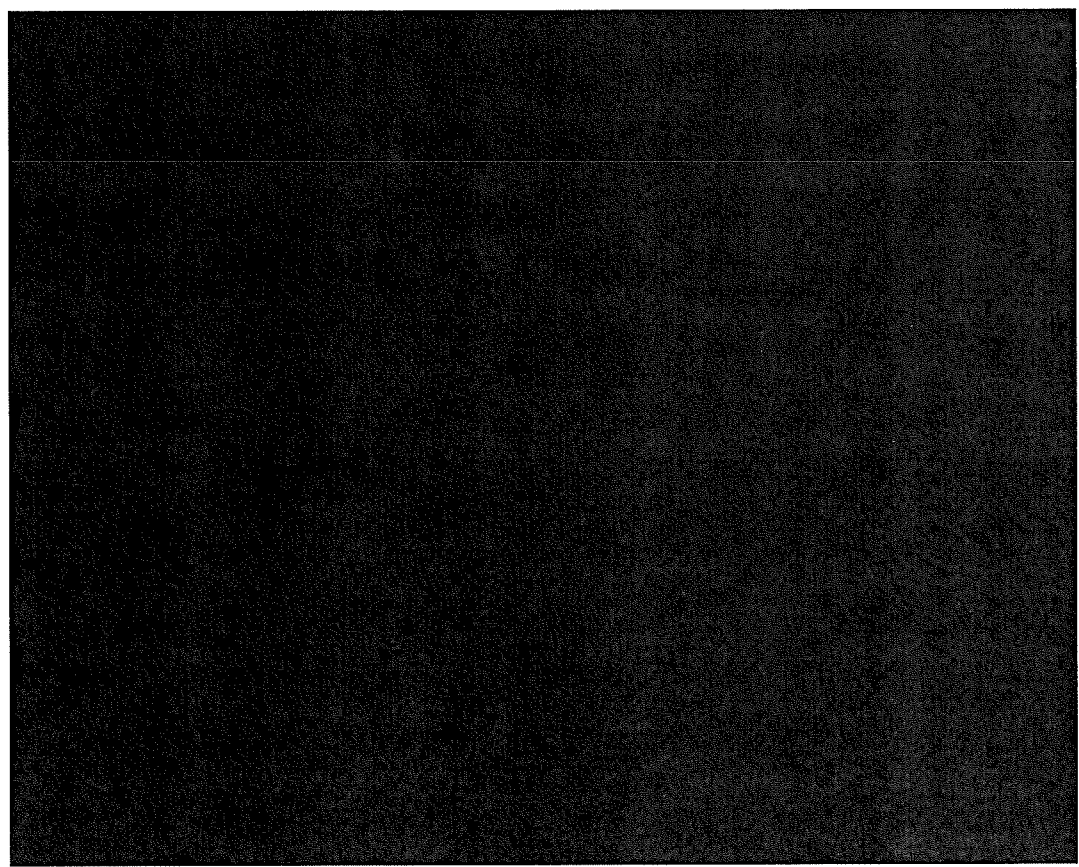
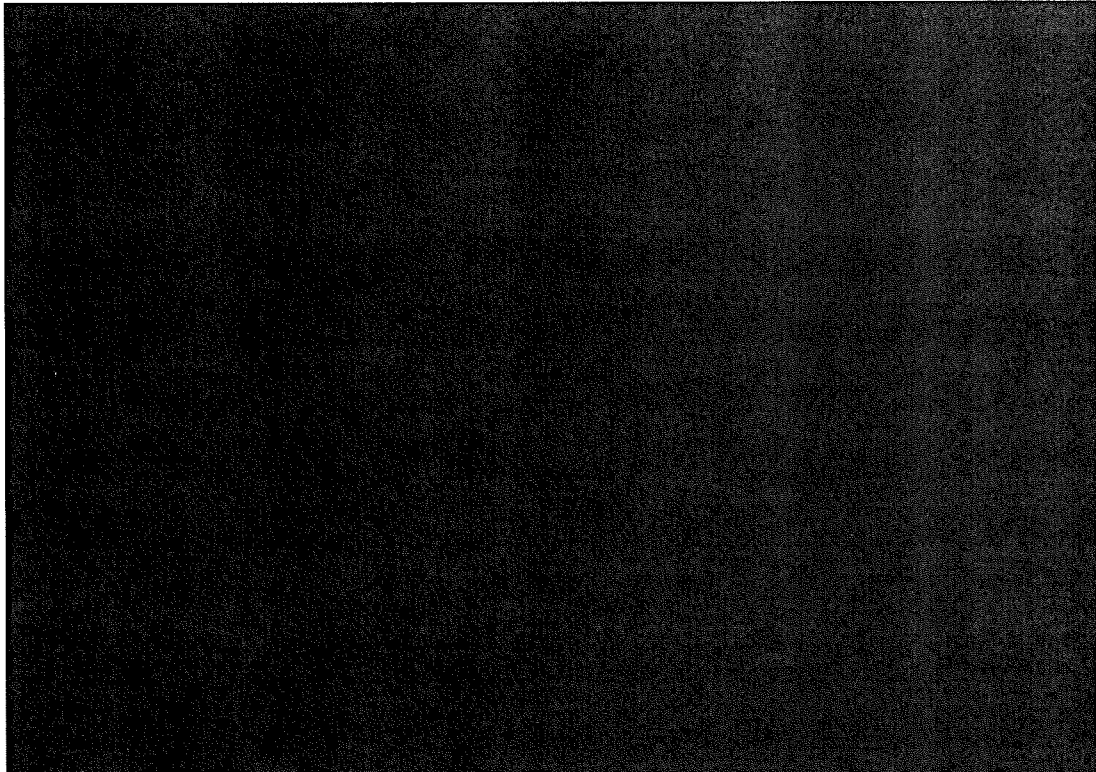
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[REDACTED] If you want the water, that's fine. Do you want something to eat or not?

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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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.

15 [REDACTED]

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17 [REDACTED]

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.

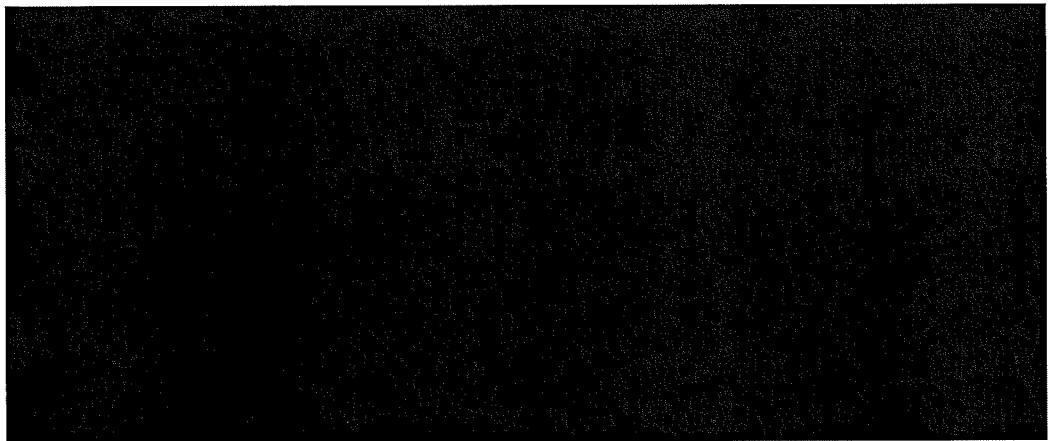
8 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. Because you
9 legally bought it but -- so you didn't hide it
10 from anybody?

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

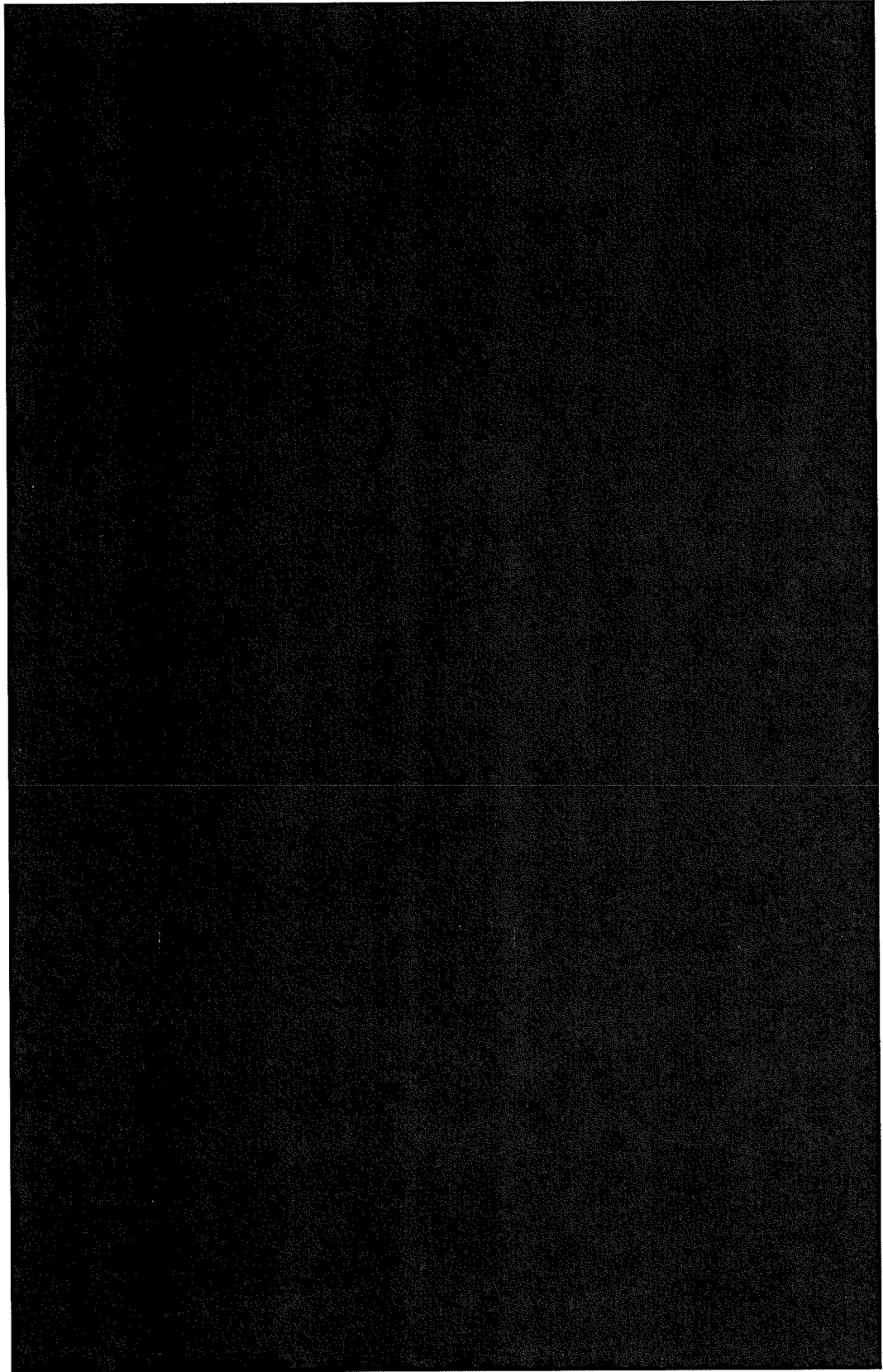
13 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay. And you only
14 fired it a couple times in your mom's garage
15 before she passed. You never been to the range
16 with it at all?

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

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DETECTIVE CURCIO: I understand that.

NIKOLAS CRUZ: I hear demons.

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

NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

DETECTIVE CURCIO: -- in front of your peers.

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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4 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Think you could get me a
5 psychologist here?

6 DETECTIVE CURCIO: I can certainly ask.

7 NIKOLAS CRUZ: Okay.

8 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Have you ever seen a
9 psychologist before?

10 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

11 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Okay.

12 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I thank you.

13 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Don't thank me. Has
14 all the policemen, other than the circumstances
15 been kind of bad today, has anybody treated you
16 unfairly?

17 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

18 DETECTIVE CURCIO: No?

19 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

20 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Anybody even yell at
21 you?

22 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I mean, when I get pulled
23 over they have to --

24 DETECTIVE CURCIO: No, but I mean today.

25 NIKOLAS CRUZ: No.

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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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 --

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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?

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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]
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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: Panzermensch.

3 DETECTIVE CURCIO: Panzermensch. 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]

7 [REDACTED]

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]
13 [REDACTED]
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.

1 ZACK CRUZ: I love you too, bro. I know
2 what you going through.

3 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I'm sorry.

4 ZACK CRUZ: That's okay, bro. I know how
5 you grow up. I know -- we've -- I know
6 exactly -- people don't understand you like I
7 understand you.

8 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I can't --

9 ZACK CRUZ: I don't --

10 NIKOLAS CRUZ: I love you.

11 [REDACTED]
12 [REDACTED]
13 [REDACTED]
14 [REDACTED]
15 [REDACTED]
16 [REDACTED]
17 [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED]
19 [REDACTED]
20 [REDACTED]
21 [REDACTED]
22 [REDACTED]
23 [REDACTED]
24 [REDACTED]
25 [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]

24 [REDACTED]

25 [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED]
2 [REDACTED]
3 [REDACTED]
4 [REDACTED]
5 [REDACTED]
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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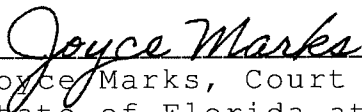
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