

Firestorm Task Force Evidence: Transcript of tapes made during the kidnapping by a major drug trafficker of small-time drug trafficker. A gun is being held to the head of the small-time dealer.

Subject: Ah, trabajo con la [REDACTED]. Es la cruzadora. Ah, trabaja ella con este.. [REDACTED] y el hijo del señor [REDACTED], el [REDACTED].
(Ah, I work with [REDACTED]. She's the crosser. Ah, she works with this .. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] son, [REDACTED].)

Mexican: El tiempo que tienes trabajando con ellos.
(How long have you been working with them?)

Subject: Ah, como un ano.
(Ah, about a year.)

Mexican: Donde viven?
(Where do they live?)

Subject: Ah, ellos.. ellos viven alli atras de la [REDACTED]. La [REDACTED] es vecina de ellos.
(Ah, they .. they live there behind [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is their neighbor.)

Mexican: El es inspector?
(Is he an inspector?)

Subject: El es inspector de la linea.
(He is an inspector of the line.)

Mexican: Que carro tiene?
(What kind of car does he have?)

Subject: Tiene un carro Victoria, azul.
(His car is a Victoria, blue.)

Mexican: Las características del chaval- .. del señor?
(What are the characteristics of the guy-.. the man?)

Subject: Del sen-..
(The man-)

Cuban: Como es?
(What does he look like?)

Subject: El señor es, ah .. tiene el pelo ondulado, ah, canu-.. poco canuzco. Como unos-
(The man is, ah .. has wavy hair, ah, gray- .. a little bit grayish. He's about-)

Cuban: Características. Es-.. como se mira el cabron, pues.
(Characteristics. What does the bastard look like, well?)

Subject: Ah, mide como unos 5'8".
(Ah, his height is about 5'8".)

EXHIBIT



Cuban: Y por que dices que no estabas enredado con ?
(And why do you say that you weren't involved with ?)

Subject: O sea, con nunca le di ni un cinco.
(That is, I never gave one cent.)

Cuban: Eh?

Subject: Con nunca le di ni un cinco. Al-Al-Al.. A los otros, a los-.. a los companeros de el, porque ellos si me ayudaban a mi.
(I never gave one cent. To the other ones, his buddies, I did, because they would help me.)

Cuban: Corruptos, los putos?
(Corrupted, the bastards?)

Subject: Eh.
(Yep.)

Background: Corruptos.
(Corrupted.)

Cuban: Y que tiene que ver el contigo?
(And what does have to do with you?)

Subject: El ? Nada. Fue el que me-.. el que me bajo todo.
(? Nothing. He's the one that stole everything from me.)

Cuban: Si?
(He did?)

Mexican: Como dices que se llama la muchacha de la linea?
(What do you say the girl's name is that is on the line?)

Subject: La .

Mexican: ? Y el hijo?
(? And the son?)

Subject: El .

Mexican: Y el papa?
(And the father?)

Subject: .

Mexican: Y estan de acuerdo?
(And they are in agreement?)

Subject: Estan de acuerdo.
(They are in agreement.)

Cuban: Y te cobran cuanto?
(And they charge you, how much?)

Subject: Pues me cobran cuarenta y cinco y hay veces que doce mil..
por carro.
(Well, they charge me forty-five (45) and sometimes twelve
thousand (12,000) .. per car.)

Cuban: Son cuatrocientas por semana?
(That's four hundred per week?)

Subject: Mas o menos. Es lo que-.. Es lo que aventaban ellos. Ah, y
hay veces que en el carro del senor.
(More or less. That's what they would throw. Ah, and
sometimes in the man's car.)

Cuban: En el mismo carro del senor?
(In the man's same car?)

Subject: Si.
(Yes.)

Cuban: Pues, esta mal, [REDACTED].
(Well, that's bad, [REDACTED].)

Subject: No, yo se que esta mal.
(I know that it's bad!)

Cuban: Y tu hermano?
(And your brother?)

Subject: No, el no sabe. El esta trabajando. El no esta trabajando
conmigo. El a veces que anda alli-
(No, he doesn't know, he's working. He isn't working with
me. Sometimes he's around-)

Cuban: De donde saco para comprar todas las alhajas que traia?
(Where did he get money to buy all the jewelry he had?)

Subject: Mi jefa vende alhajas.
(My mother sells jewelry.)

Cuban: Por que tiene carro del ano?
(Why does he have a late model car?)

Subject: Mi jefa vende alhajas.
(My mother sells jewelry.)

Mexican: Era de ustedes?
(It was yours?)

Subject: A mi me la mandan de alla del sur y yo la recibo aqui en Nogales.
(They send it to me from down South and I receive it here in Nogales.)

Mexican: Si? De donde la traen? En Guadalajara no se puede sembrar. Donde-Donde..Donde la siembran?
(They do? Where do they bring it from? It can't be planted in Guadalajara. Where-where .. Where do they plant it?)

Subject: Pues, de Guadalajara.
(Well, from Guadalajara.)

Cuban: No hay siembra alli.
(There's no crops there.)

Subject: Pues de la sierra, me imagino.
(Well, from the mountains, I imagine.)

Cuban: De cual sierra?
(From what mountains?)

Mexican: A de ser de Michoacan.
(It must be from Michoacan.)

Subject: Ah, veras.. como me dijo? Ah .. o sea que hace creo que esquina con Durango y ... y no se que otro-.. otra parte por alli pero, segun tengo entendido, creo que viene de alli.
(Ah, lets see .. How did he tell me? Ah .. I believe it's on the corner of Durango and .. and I don't know which other.. other part around there but, to my understanding, I think it comes from there.)

Cuban: Esta mal ... mal. Sabes que con esta pinchi declaracion vas a- .. a (unintelligible), tu y el senor Silva y el hijo y .. y tu amiga?
(It's bad .. bad. Did you know that with this damn statement, you are going to (unintelligible)? You, Mr. ~~silva~~, his son, and .. and your girlfriend?)

Subject: Si, es cierto.
(Yes, it's true.)

Cuban: Vas a perder todo lo que tienes .. por andar de puto. Cuanta "merca" te van a entregar el martes?
(You are going to lose everything you have .. for being such a bastard. How much merchandise are they going to deliver to you on Tuesday?)

Subject: Como unos trecientos, trecientos cincuenta.
(About three hundred, three hundred and fifty.)

Cuban: Kilos?

Subject: Si.
(Yes.)

Cuban: Que fecha es? Que fecha viene siendo para el miercoles?
Veinti que? Veintisiete? Veintiseis, veintisiete?
(What day is today? What day will it be on Wednesday?
Twenty what? Twenty-seven? Twenty-six, twenty-seven?)

Mexican: No, a que estamos? El miercoles fue el 22, 24 el jueves, 25
viernes, 26 sabado, 27 domingo, 28 lunes, 29 martes ..
treinta.
(No, what is today? Wednesday was the 22nd, 24 on Thursday,
25 Friday, 26 Saturday, 27 Sunday, 28 Monday, 29 Tuesday...
the thirtieth.)

Cuban: Dime lo que vas a recibir el dia treinta (unintelligible).
(Tell me what you're going to receive on the 30th
(unintelligible.)

Subject: Para el dia treinta voy a recibir trecientos a trecientos
cincuenta kilos.
(On the the 30th, I'm going to receive three hundred to
three hundred and fifty kilos.)

Cuban: El treinta de que?
(On the thirtieth of what?)

Subject: De .. Agosto, ah, y la pienso cruzar por alli mismo, por la
linea.
(Of .. August, ah, and I'm planning on crossing it through
the same place, through the line.)

Mexican: Por quien?
(By who?)

Cuban: Por las mismas personas que acabas de mencionar?
(By the same people you just mentioned?)

Subject: Si, por las mismas personas, la ~~misma~~-
(Yes, by the same people, ~~same~~-)

Mexican: Nombres, nombres.
(Names, names.)

Subject: La ~~señora~~ ~~María~~, ~~María~~ ~~María~~, y el señor ~~María~~ ~~María~~.
(~~María~~ ~~María~~, ~~María~~ ~~María~~, and Mr. ~~María~~ ~~María~~.)

Cuban: Inspectores de Nogales?
(Inspectors of Nogales?)

Subject: Si, inspector, el senor [redacted].
(Yes, inspector, Mr. [redacted].)

Cuban: En el propio carro del dueno?
(In the owner's own car?)

Subject: En el propio carro del senor [redacted], Victoria azul.
(In Mr. [redacted]'s own car, a blue Victoria.)

Cuban: Y a donde la vas a llevar?
(And where are you taking it to?)

Subject: Aqui a Tucson.
(Here to Tucson.)

Cuban: Aqui la vas a vender?
(You're going to sell it here?)

Subject: Si.
(Yes.)

Cuban: Cuanto le vas a ganar?
(How much are you going to make?)

Subject: Pues, ah, voy a ganar como unos seiscientos por libra.
(Well, ah, I'm going to make about six hundred per pound.)

Mexican: Repite otra vez el nombre del comprador que te la va a comprar.
(Repeat again the name of the person that's going to buy it from you?)

Subject: El [redacted].

Mexican: Y te la va a pagar a que tanto?
(And how much is he going to pay you for it?)

Subject: Me la paga... El me la paga a mil quinientos.
(He pays me 1,500 for it.)

Cuban: Y le vas a ganar seiscientos dolares?
(And you're going to make six hundred dollars?)

Subject: Si.
(yes.)

Cuban: Si 'le voy a ganar... Cuanto le vas a ganar?
(Say: 'I'm going to make...' How much are you going to make?)

Subject: Pues, ah, como de seiscientos-.. seiscientos, setecientos.
(Well, ah, about six hundred- .. six hundred or seven hundred.)

Mexican: Dolares por libra?
(Dollars per pound?)

Subject: Por libra.
(Per pound.)

Cuban: Y que haces con el dinero? Por que no tienes dinero?
(And what do you do with the money? How come you don't have any money?)

Subject: Pues, es el primero que voy a hacer asi. O sea-
(Well, this is the first one that I'm going to do like this. That is-)

Cuban: Como que es el primero si tienes mas de un ano trabajando,
~~si~~?
(What do you mean that it's the first one if you've been working for over a year, ~~si~~?)

Subject: Si, pero a este precio... a este precio. O sea-
(Yes, but at this price .. at this price. In other words-)

Cuban: Lo demas lo hacias gratis o que?
(Were the other ones free or what?)

Subject: No, no, pero no le gastaba-
(No, no, but I wouldn't spend-)

Cuban: Me dijistes que (unintelligible), que ya tenias trabajando desde hace mucho tiempo.
(You told me that (unintelligible), that you had been working since a long time ago?)

Subject: Si, pero no le ganaba tanto.
(Yes, but I wouldn't make that much.)

Cuban: Lo que le hayas ganado.
(Whatever you made.)

Subject: En la otra le ganaba- ..le ganaba, que? cincuenta.. asi, poquito. Hasta a mi me daban precio tambien.
(On the other one I would make-.. I would make, what? fifty.. like that, a little bit. They used to give me a price, too.)

Cuban: Cuanto tiempo tienes trabajando?
(How long have you been working?)

Cuban: Bueno, eso es tu trabajo y de eso vives?
(Okay. That's your job and that's how you earn your living?)

Subject: Si, aja.
(Yes, aja.)

Cuban: No hayaban ni un muertito por alli?
(They wouldn't find any dead person around there?)

Subject: No, ninguno.
(No, not even one.)

Cuban: Pues, ah..ah.. nos vas a tener que ayudar para sacar a ese
senor ~~_____~~. A la senora ~~_____~~, al senor ~~_____~~, y al hijo.
(Well, ah .. ah .. you're going to have to help us take Mr.
~~_____~~ out. Mrs. ~~_____~~, Mr. ~~_____~~, and the son.)

Subject: Como dices?
(What are you saying?)

Cuban: Lo vamos a (unintelligible), lo vamos a (unintelligible), y
lo vamos a guardar.
(We're going to (unintelligible), and we're going to
(unintelligible), and put him away.)

Mexican: Que (unintelligible).
(That (unintelligible).)

Subject: Oh, a guardar?
(Oh, put him away?)

Cuban: Que tu los vas a poner en la cruz.
(That you're going to put them on the cross.)

Subject: Oh, si.
(Oh, yes.)

Cuban: Si que?
(Yes, what?)

Subject: Yo-Yo los pongo con ... con ustedes.
(I'll .. I'll put them with .. with you.)

Cuban: Repite: 'Yo voy a poner en la cruz al senor ...'
(Repeat: 'I'm going to put on the cross Mr...')

Subject: Yo voy a poner en la cruz al.. al senor Silva, al hijo, y a
la muchacha Mercy.. Mendoza.
(I'm going to put on the cross Mr ~~_____~~, his son, and the
girl ~~_____~~ .. ~~_____~~.)