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**Abstract of Interview:**

ENS Will Parks enlisted in the Navy in 1985. Originally served as an ABH bur changed rates after a short period of time to YN subsequently selected for Chief and later LDO.

1. Worked in OPNAV N09B located in the Pentagon 4A664. They work directly for Admiral Tracey who works for the DCNO. ENS parks is the Manpower Support Officer as well as being in charge of the PSD in the Pentagon.
2. On September 11<sup>th</sup> he became aware of the WTC attacks when he heard reports over his radio in his office. His office watched the coverage gathered around a small television he had in his office, receiving reception with the help of a coat hangar (no cable).
3. After a period of time most people went back to work but he kept the television on. He heard and felt an explosion and opened up the curtain covering the window in his office and looked out to see flying debris. He noticed all the other people with windows doing the same thing and knew something was wrong. He told the others in the office to leave, took care of the secret material, closed the door and left.
4. As he left the office he began to see smoke. People were pouring out of their offices and he was trying to tell to go in the direction away from the smoke. He made his way to Admiral Tracey's office and was helping her evacuate when she decided she wanted to go back for the VCNO. ADM Tracey told them to leave and she was going back. It took him about 25 minutes to get out of the Pentagon.

5. During the evacuation the perimeter was secured and everyone was told to go to the courtyard. People were unsure of what to do. No evacuation procedures had been set as they are on a ship.

6. Initially, for about 45 minutes, he helped evacuate several injured people on stretchers to vehicles allowing them to be transported to the hospital. Later he assisted the triage teams by evacuating more people. Eventually he was directed to help in setting up a morgue. The morgue was set up in a location to keep it away from the media although they never had bodies at this morgue due to the FBI refusing access to the building.

7. They tried to go in to find bodies, but the FBI (at an hour after impact) had already stopped allowing people to access the building. He eventually found a way into the building in order to look for more people. The smoke got very bad and he used his T-shirt that he had taken off and moistened to filter the smoky air as he found his way back out of the building.

8. A Colonel was outside explaining how they were not going to go into the building to try to evacuate any people for at least 3 hours because the FBI wanted the building secure in order to gather evidence. He snuck into the building a third time to try to look for people because he felt that people were more important than evidence. He felt that maybe he would find someone else and then he could say, "I told you so".

9. By 1930 they were able to tell who was and was not accounted for. He was impressed at how quickly, with all the Admirals, they were able to relocate and get things running. That evening before he left they had made plans for where to locate at the Navy Annex the next morning.

10. Lessons Learned/Observations:

-Navy training helped – carrying a stretcher, first aid

-There was no plan to evacuate the Pentagon. Putting people in the courtyard and cutting off the perimeter, thus cutting off escape was not a good idea.

-People did not have designated areas to meet in.

-Cell phones were useless because the lines were overused making the cell phones useless.

-The FBI denied access to the building in order to collect evidence, when rescue procedures could have still been ongoing and the possibility exists that other people could have been rescued.

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**Interviewee Information:**

Originally joined the service in 1985. First person in his family to join the Navy on mother's and father's sides. Enlisted in Nov 1985. Originally came in as AKA, went to AK school, there for 6 months, got kicked out with 17 other guys for cheating on exams. Ended up losing his orders to Puerto Rico. Received orders to USS Midway in Yokosuka Japan. For those two years worked as an ABH. They wanted him to pursue a career as an ABH, didn't want to do that. Didn't like carrying chocks and chains. A year later decided to become a yeoman. Took the exam after four and a half years in the Navy. I was a nondesignated seaman. Stationed in the Phillipines for three and a half years, arduous duty. While there made Third and Second Class, Junior Sailor of the Year. Received orders to Jacksonville, FL to USS Leyte Gulf. Worked there for 6 months. Blew out his knee, had knee reconstructed. Went to the USS Harper's Ferry. A precom unit. Pretty fortunate to start the life of the ship. 1993-96, 1995 first Senior Sailor of the Year for Harper's Ferry. Transferred to NAF Adak Alaska. There three months and selected for Sailor of the Year there. I've Sailor of the Year at different commands and it's because you take care of your people. After that, decommissioning at NAS Adak. I had orders to HSL 44 in Jacksonville, FL. They flew LAMPS. While I was there for 6 months, got Sailor of the Quarter, selected for Chief and from there got selected for LDO. I got my orders to VFA 105 Oceana, Virginia flying FA-18's. On deployment on the Harry S. Truman, maiden voyage, received orders to OPNAV N09B.

**Topics Discussed:**

**Q: (5:49) Where is OPNAV N09B located?**

A: Right now it's located in the Annex. Prior to Sept 11 it was located in the Pentagon, 4A664.

**Q: What is the organizational command structure for your office?**

A: We work for the Director of Navy Staff, Admiral Tracey. She works directly for the VCNO. Administratively I work through CDR Advey and NO91 but with my office being near ADM Tracey's office they tell me to do something I do it. I'm the Manpower Officer, but also in charge of PSD at the Pentagon. So my office does the ID cards, DEERS enrollment for the Pentagon. There are DK's and PN's next door, in my office we have DK's, PN's and YN's. In my office we have six people, next door we have two for a total of eight who all report to me.

**Q: Challenges in working in this environment.**

A: Adm Tracey has taught me a lot, working hours extended. Challenges of working with the ins and outs of last minute fire items. ADM Tracey has a big plan and towards the end you will see it. She just took over 6 to 8 weeks prior to this at the beginning of August. I've only been under her for a couple of months but she's an intelligent lady.

**Q: Describe your office.**

A: Four cubicle desks, three wall desks, third ID card machine in it's little cubicle area and an office area that is mine. I found I'm losing that. Probably some 06 took it from me. We were at the time getting ready to relocate to the Annex or somewhere else. That Monday I had two of my folks transfer to Anacostia, their parent command, because I didn't have room for them. They were out of the office.

**Q: Walk us through a normal day.**

A: Get in between 6 and 6:15, start up my computer. Check email, get coffee. Come back, sit down, around 0700 front office comes in and I say hey, good morning to let them know I'm here. Give CDR Arvey, my other boss, in the Navy Yard, a call. Check emails. Have a meeting with my buys Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Let them know what's going on. The day ends around 17-1800 every day. That's normal.

**Q: What happened on September 11?**

A: The day started as a normal day. It was about 730 I called CDR Arvey and told him everything fine. Went to front office to drop something off. On way back sat down and have a radio behind me. In past this radio would pick up sounds from aircraft. A few months ago I was joking there's nothing stopping an aircraft from crashing into us. The radio was on and I heard an airplane just hit one of the World Trade Centers. I have a TV next to the radio and used a coat hangar to get a TV station. We were watching it and I was telling a lot of people in the office about it. As we're watching it we see another one hit. YN2 Malone with N8, PN2 Lewis, YN2 Brown were in my office. Miss Lopez was in there and is originally from New York. Talking, eventually going on for about 20 minutes after the first one hit. Eventually people started dispersing. The only ones in my office by this point were YN2 Brown and PN2 Lewis. They're in the front office doing their normal job and I had the TV on and it got quiet. At that time we heard and felt the explosion. I turned around and opened the curtain to my window and saw flying debris. It's falling down and I see everyone else opening up their windows. I knew something was wrong. I told my guys to get out of here. Our office is classified up to [REDACTED] so I secured it, set the alarm and did the combination. I walked down a passageway and went to the security folks and told them to get out, something bad happened. Everyone was coming this way and I told them get out. I went towards ADM Tracey's office and I'm trying to tell them which way to go. We got ADM Tracey and got her to the stairwell and decided to go back and see

where the VCNO was. The smoke was getting thick and she said “Just go without me”. So we went on and Chief Dunham and I left. The first thing I think went wrong was when we were being evacuated they secured the perimeter. Everyone was in the courtyard, 1000-2000 people. If another aircraft hit we could have lost 1000-2000 people. Evacuation procedures really sucked. Being on a ship you learn how to evacuate, here nobody had a clue. (18:54). On a ship they teach you about GQ. Word came down that another plane was inbound and people started panicking. They said go to the basement. Now after the World Trade Center we know the basement is the wrong place to go. You have to let people get out and scatter so in case another airplane hits not all will be hurt. At the Annex they had their people go to the cemetery. That’s a good idea, if a plane hits you’re only going to take out 20 or 30 people. If you have the people all in one area you’re going to take out 1000, 2000 people. Chief Dunham and I were out here waiting to decide what they’re going to do. They said we could exit by North Parking. We start to exit by medical. As we got to North Parking the day care center was letting out. Chief Dunham was taking the kids across to the park across the street. At that time someone was asking for relief to carry one of the stretchers. I didn’t have anything to do so I said no problem. I grabbed one of the stretchers and we took this guy from the beginning of the street ( a tall, skinny black guy weighing about 150 lbs.) with six of us on the stretcher, we took him all the way down to the bridge by North Parking. We flagged someone down. He looked like he had a broken ankle and something wrong with his eye. It looked like he had either something hot burned his eye or spilled some kind of hot, burning liquid in his eye because we had to keep pouring water. So they took him to the hospital. So we took the stretcher, and there was an IT1 who is with JCS. He and I were walking back to where people were being placed on the stretchers. He ended up walking back and I grabbed a lady about 300 lbs. She was complaining about her chest and her heart. There were only 4 of us and I thought we were going to drop her. We got her out of the way and into a Ford Explorer and on her way. We had the triage outside in

the parking where they were treating a lot of people. They decided to go ahead and move the triage from North Parking to inside the courtyard. I didn't know if I wanted to go in there or not because we actually had to walk. I said okay what else am I going to do. They wanted to move all the medical supplies into the courtyard. So we started to move all the medical supplies into the courtyard. Another thing they said if you take your t-shirt off and wet it a little bit it will help with the smoke and stuff. The fireman later on said no that's not right, it will help a little bit but it's not worth it. When you're carrying stuff through the corridor that's a long entrance if you're walking through. We made three or four trips getting stuff in there. They divided us up into fours in the courtyard. I was in group two and they sent group 3 and 4 out to North Parking. They divided up groups 1 and 2. Group 1 was to help the immediate personnel who were evacuated. When it hit all we were concerned about right away was E and D ring. That's all we really knew about at that time. Group 2, we knew we had casualties as far as deaths. Group 2 was directed to set up the morgue by a ceremonial platform. We were over there and I didn't know anything about morgue stuff, and we were talking about how we were going to set it up. They had toe tags, body bags and chalk for where they would put down the body bag, write a number on the body bag and write a number on the sidewalk.(26:35) and the toe tag. There were no bodies brought out there and later on you'll hear why. The reason the morgue was set up there was because they wanted to keep the media away from seeing the bodies. We waited, set up the morgue and group 1 was waiting to go in. I tried to go over to group one and see if we could find some people. This really pissed me off. The FBI wouldn't let us go in and see if we could find people an hour or hour and a half after it. I ended up sneaking in. They put FBI agents on the entrance and would not let us go in. Me being the wise ass I am you're not going to tell me I can't go find someone. The corridor entrance at the bottom you can go into. Well just off the side you have two walkarounds you can go up to go around and up to the next deck. That tells you how smart the FBI guys are. I went up in there and the smoke was really bad. I

said smoke is elevated so I'll go up to the fifth deck and if it's bad there the third deck should be okay. That wasn't true, it was just as bad there (28:36) . I got down as far as probably, Master Chief's office, the Command Master Chief's office on the fourth deck around C ring, I couldn't go any farther. The smoke was bad, I had no ventilation, it was dark and I was getting scared. The smell was so bad at that time. I did what they said, took my t-shirt off and kept my uniform on. My wet tshirt was on my nose and the smoke came right through. I had to be careful of how I came back down because I remembered the FBI agents were there and I didn't want to get into trouble or get caught. I came back down further east, ( the third wedge) I came down being slick. I used the deck level exit so they wouldn't see me and start asking questions. As I came down I asked one of the Colonels that was there why can't we go in. Why are we breaking windows out. The fire department is trying to fight fires over here. The Colonel gathers everyone around and says we aren't going to go in and try to rescue people for about three hours because the FBI is trying to gather evidence. (31:51). I thought you got to be kidding. We care more about evidence of an airplane that hit us that you're barely going to find anything if you do, right now we should be worrying about our people. This is the third time I went in there and I heard someone say "Make sure you secure that hallway". I was hoping I would hear somebody so I could say, "I told you so". To this day, I do all the burial stuff, CACO stuff, I'm coordinating all the funerals and stuff. We had two people who had open caskets. Those two people are an AG1 and AG2 who died of smoke inhalation., Maybe if they had let us go back in, I think about that all the time. To this day I think maybe if I had run a little farther. I made it down to C. I'm afraid to look and see where they were. Why did the FBI stop us. I can say we could have been more proactive. We have two guys who maybe could have been found if we hadn't worried about securing the scene for evidence. This is the first time I've said what really bothered me. Looking for people, bodies, that didn't bother me. To have people tell us we couldn't go back in because they were looking for evidence, that was hard to accept.



**Q: (34:22) Did the smoke encompass the whole building do you think?**

A: I would think it did, because we came from North Parking and the smoke was heavy down in the basement in North Parking. Whatever wing the medical ring is that the eighth. It wasn't that thick, you could see through it, but you could taste it and smell it. I would say it was throughout the whole spaces.

**Q: Did you try to assemble any of your people when you got out initially?**

A: On board the OPNAV staff I distro all the enlisted folks so a lot of the enlisted folks I know even though I've only been here a short time. It goes back to taking care of your people. I believe in looking who's on my staff, we have 170 or 180 enlisted folks on the staff. I remember YN2 Blah, the first person I saw who was a YN. I asked her and a brand-new first class who had checked in, they were beat bad. They were crying and feeling bad. I gave them my cell phone number and I told them to go home and call me and I'd give them direction as to what you have to do, when you have to come in. I'd talk to their boss, Lt John Henson. He's an LDO, too. All the other LDOs work really well with me, and these are his people so it's really easy for me to call him and find out what the tasking was and when they should report. Then I ran into YN2 Brown who was in my office. He told me that he had been with YN2 Lewis and they had both gotten out. I went back in when I was carrying people on the stretchers someone asked me if I saw Admiral Keating. I said "No". They said "If you go back in there and see him and let me know." I thought I had to go find him. I went back in there and started looking over the casualties to see if Keating was there. We couldn't find him. I have some close friends who are in his office. N4 just moved a few days ago. Everybody thought his office got hit. I ran into LT(jg) Mowery and she asked me if everything was okay. I said "No, everybody is asking for ADM Keating". It turned out that later on that they evacuated over here instead of where

everyone else went. I'm going to go into a couple of events that really upset me about somebody. Kelly Ennis, a JG, saw me carrying somebody on the stretchers. After we were done he asked if we needed any more help. I said "All's we're doing is carrying the supplies back in, we'd be more than happy to have your help." He didn't want to help at that time. I was in the courtyard until 1730 or 1800. I got involved with CAPT Toti around 1730. I saw the destruction for the first time. It hit me hard. I saw some of the parts of the plane, big chunks of it. When you first seen that I knew we'd been hit hard. CAPT Toti and I got separated. I found the on scene leader, a Colonel, and he turned me over to the three star general, he was what we call the on scene leader. He wanted to argue with me when I told him there were people back in there. He argued with me. I told him "Sir, I just came from there just over a minute ago and there's over 100 people in there." I told him we set up a morgue, got people set up for triage. He said you go back there and tell them I want it secured. I don't want anyone back there. At that time Kelly Ennis seen me. I had hospital gear over my khakis so I didn't get the stuff on me. An Army Captain briefed us before we went in. He told us we would see human remains and what to do if we had problems. They gave us the smocks. I had that on and Kelly Ennis and YN2 Hazelwood decided to follow me in. Before that Kelly Ennis said "Can I help you?" and I asked "What are you going to help with, all I'm going to do is secure". And he said "No I want to go in there because I want to make sure I get what's mine." (43:07). When he told me that I was so pissed off, because I'm thinking about all the people who were dying, that died, the casualties and whatever. I know he talked about helping earlier and when he said that I knew he wasn't out to help but to take care of himself. I've talked to a lot of my LDO's because he's an LDO as well. Two days later I saw him on TV explaining what he did. What he has to say and what he did, at first I don't know about. But what he has to say and what he did, when he went back in with me all he was doing was bullshitting with the firefighters. I had to get permission from the FBI, from ADM Tracey, from the on-scene leader, who was a Colonel, so I could go back up in

my office and grab my CACO stuff. He was just B.S. ing. I was getting pissed off because he was just B.S.ing instead of, if you're going to go in there in help, go help, don't bullshit. I went back into my office, got my stuff, and of course I had to be escorted now so I couldn't nose around. They escorted me, the FBI, so when I went up there about 1830 that night, I got my stuff. Before all that there's a phone on the bottom that was still working. That allowed me to call ADM Tracey's new office, the new command center. While I did that YN2 Hazelwood and Kelly Ennis were just bullshitting with the fireman. I was getting ready to leave. I said if you guys are going to hang around do something constructive with the fireman. What he told me then still eats me up. I'm going to talk to him on the side one day and let him know what I think about him. I still have personal problems with him. I left, walked back out. When I left this courtyard (at Pentagon) to go to the Navy Annex I think it only took me 20 seconds because I don't remember getting back from here to there. The only thing I remember is crossing the highway, there's no traffic at all and someone asked me if I wanted a bottle of water. I got a bottle of water. When I got here I started to set up the CACO and got the ball rolling. We had to do the muster reports, N3 and 5 were mustering their people. Everybody started having a sense of what was going on, who was lost. From what happened and where it hit I think we did pretty good in relocating as fast as we did. We may not have been able to go from point A to point B in tasking the fleets but in getting everybody relocated in one area with all the flags. The office had Adm Tracey, ADM Keating, CNO, VNCO and that told me that the organization started right away. That got that stuff together right away. ADM Tracey asked me what I saw and some things I refuse to talk about. About 2100 that night I ended up leaving. To this day I've only been back one time. That night I took a shower and kept pulling ash out of my nose. That night I went to bed and woke up the next morning and knew I had to go back in and be back in by 6 I was up at 5.

**Q: To go where?**

A: To the Annex,.

**Q: Did you have that space before?** No, but we set that up the night before. The priority went

A: CNO, VCNO, ADM Keating, ADM Tracey, so we got our space. When I came in that morning I refused to look at the Pentagon. I knew what happened, how many people had died that night. From the time that plane hit to the time I carried my first casualty on a stretcher to today I'm still dealing with death.

I'm in charge of all the funerals right now. I'll be glad when the last person is finally buried and dealing with this stuff is all done. I deal with death all day from CACO to burying people.

I just want to help the people and get done with what you have to do. For example today one of the CACO's called me and Navy District Washington originally authorized all the flags flown over the Pentagon as the family wanted. The CACO's put that out and one family requested four flags. Navy District Washington said no only one flag per command. I use to be a chief so you're not going to tell me no. I had a Captain tell me N1 said only one flag per family. Well I'm not going to put my CACO's in that situation to go back and have to tell the family,"No, only one flag". So I went out on my own and got some flags and I actually know the Master Chief who flies the flags so he said he would fly the flags and I would FEDEX them to NY. This is on PO North, he's Jewish and his family is going to have a burial at sea. His mother and the rabbi want to witness the burial at sea but you can't have civilians witness a burial at sea. They want a full burial at sea and its bad enough you have to tell them they can't see that but now you can't have four flags. I talked to Capt Sweeney and told him I'm going to make sure they have the flags. I took care of somebody's family, that's all I care about. When I'm finally done dealing with all this death I'll be glad, but I want to see it through because I want to make sure nothing gets dropped.

**Q: (52:51) How long would you guess it took to get out of the window from the first time you saw material flying to getting out of the Pentagon?**

A: 25 minutes

**Q: How long carrying people on stretchers?**

A: 45 minutes to an hour and half. You don't look at your watch. I remember carrying one guy almost one mile. It was a good haul and we kept stopping because everybody said another plane inbound. We stopped underneath a tree. We had to keep them in shade.

**Q: When you're going down the corridors following ADM Tracey was there lighting, could you hear the fire alarms?**

A: Yes, you could see lighting. Could hear fire alarms.

**Q: When you went into the courtyard, was there lighting then?**

A: There had to be because we were going down and up, we were in a basement. With the smoke and things I can't remember if there was lighting or emergency.

**Q: With the FBI, was there lighting?**

A: No lighting. I remember Master Chief's office was dark from the smoke and warm but no lighting.

**Q: Which khakis were you wearing, cotton or fire retardant or what?** Not the old polyester.

A: Gabardine.

**Q: Did you stick around when you went into the courtyard after going in the third time?**

A: Yes. When I came down I walked out with Capt Toti, went inside to get my CACO manual.

**Q: Did you notice the corpses were piling up?**

A: There weren't any.

**Q: There weren't any at all?**

A: No. The FBI would not let us go back in. They had guards posted here and here with weapons on the side. They kept asking me for trash bags for evidence. I thought where are you getting evidence, the plane parts are on fire. If they're going in there to get evidence why can't we go in to try to save people? You got the first and second class who died of smoke inhalation. Well if you're going in to look for evidence why couldn't we have gone in there and tried to save those two guys? That's what pisses me off about the FBI

**Q: Could you see firefighters and hoses strung into the building when you were in the courtyard?**

A: Yes. This stuff was on fire but this stuff wasn't on fire. I was in there, when I was in there it was warm but there was no fire. It wasn't on fire a couple hours after that plane hit.

**Q: Debris on the floor in the fifth corridor?**

A: Not really. Paper but just stuff off the walls. When the plane slammed it was like you knew something hit because you felt everything shake but it's not that big of a jolt where things fell on the floor like soda machines falling over.

**Q: If the two planes hadn't hit the Trade Towers first I wonder if the FBI wouldn't have been so suspicious and try to keep everyone away.**

A: My opinion is you're talking about an airplane hitting. You're not going to find anything, it's on fire. I disagree with the FBI keeping us from going in the building. We had the right people there, we could have gone in the building and saved some people. If we had the right breathing devices there, I'm off a ship, I was a scene leader. If you have the right devices you can get pretty close to a fire and you can hear.

I felt the heat. The smoke was bad. There was no common sense at all.

**Q: Have you spent any time with the SPRINT team?**

A: No.

**Q: Any specific training from the Navy that helped you with this?**

A: Of course you know carrying a stretcher, you carry them on the ship. First Aid. The lady that had an apparent heart attack I think it was because she was big and having a hard time breathing. After I was done carrying her I was having a hard time breathing too. First aid training, if I didn't have that training I wouldn't have been able to volunteer for the things I was asked to.

**Q: Did you get an idea that there was a disaster plan in place?**

A: No, there was nothing. It was ridiculous. They need to come up with a plausible plan. But then you can say if everyone locates in one place out in town they could come by and shoot everybody. I disagree with the fact that we went out to the courtyard.

**Q: When ADM Tracey told you to separate she didn't tell you I'll meet you outside at this place?**

A: No.

**Q: Did anyone in the chain of command tell you I'll meet you outside.**

A: No. Captain Sweeney had asthma so she had to go down right away. After ADM Tracey told us to go down Chief Donovan and I we went down and that was it. Nobody asked where should we meet. Word got out about cell phones and then they got useless because everybody used their cell phones. There needs to be another plan. This is the second time in five months this has happened. That accident on 395 that shut down southbound for 6 hours. Was that an ammo truck. Same thing, everything went down. If these are our only lines of communication what are you going to do when things go down?

Something I forgot. Two SEALS, one CDR and one LT, They were inside. We were talking the other day about the same thing. It is going to be hard for us to get back at Afghanistan because they have all these caves over there. It will be hard as a Navy for us to get back with planes and Marines and all. This will have to be fought on the ground. As a nation we need to be more aware. The cockpit on planes have to be bulletproof. Pilots need protection. Maybe not carry guns but some protection I like that the president has given authorization to two and three stars if there's a plane out there that has been hijacked they can authorize it to be shot down. It sounds kind of harsh, but if those two planes had been shot down earlier that hit the Trade Center we would have lost fewer people. (1:07:00) We as Americans shouldn't change our lifestyle. We shouldn't be caught up but we shouldn't be afraid to ask questions. If people see something they think may be wrong bring it to someone's attention. If they see people who look mysterious bring it to authorities' attention. For example if you have a foreigner asking questions about a



crop duster, tell someone. We as a nation have to pay attention, look for certain signs. As far as the Navy, I don't care if you're black, white, whatever gender or race don't make a difference. It's not about questioning authority; sometimes you have to have your rights violated. If it means going through metal detectors. Some people are going to feel offended. I don't care. I don't think we should live in our houses in fear, but we need to be smarter.

**Q: Anyone else we should talk to?**

A: LTJG Mowery. With N8. If anything I said can help out Especially with the evacuation.

**Q: Did you mention the FBI to anyone else.**

A: I may have mentioned it to one or two. But not the way I went into it with you guys .

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