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On 07/08/2013, pursuant to a proffer letter, KHAIRULLOZHON MATANOV, was interviewed at the office of his attorney, 250 Summer St., Boston, Massachusetts. Present during the interview were MATANOV, his attorneys Paul Glickman and Stephanie Marzouk, Assistant United States Attorney Alope Chakravarty, Task Force Officer Thomas J. Daly Jr., Massachusetts State Trooper Joel D. Gagne, and writer. After being advised that the interview was being conducted under the proffer letters signed in the previous two(2) interviews, MATANOV provided the following information:

MATANOV was shown a timeline of his activities on April 15, 2013 as provided by him in previous interviews and proffer sessions. He got up at approximately 4:30am for morning prayer and then went back to sleep. At approximately 7:00am, he was contacted by a regular taxi customer and may have given her a ride to the T station. He continued to work until approximately 1:00pm when he went to the mosque on Prospect St. in Cambridge, Massachusetts. When he is at the mosque, MATANOV usually turns his phone on silent. He learned of the bombing from runners he picked up near Stuart and Tremont St. in Boston as he drove them to a hotel near the airport.

At approximately 3:30pm, MATANOV telephoned TAMERLAN TSARNAEV (TAMERLAN). During this conversation they discussed the bombings in Boston. MATANOV suggested that maybe something blew up in a kitchen near the finish line, to which TAMERLAN responded "maybe, maybe not." MATANOV stated that if it was not a kitchen explosion, it was not going to be good for Muslims. TAMERLAN did not express a lot of emotion about the bombings during this conversation and stated that he believed terrorists would be blamed, which MATANOV understood to mean Muslims. The two(2) also discussed if TAMERLAN was mad at MATANOV, TAMERLAN not playing soccer, and going to dinner together that evening. It was MATANOV's idea to have dinner together. MATANOV asked TAMERLAN where he was and TAMERLAN told him that he was getting milk from the store. TAMERLAN did not mention if DZHOKHAR was with him. During this conversation TAMERLAN never said he was involved with the bombing or knew who did the bombing. TAMERLAN did not say anything that would make MATANOV suspect TAMERLAN's involvement.

Before it got dark that evening, MATANOV went to TAMERLAN's residence.

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He called the Man O Salwa restaurant to ask if it was open that night. MATANOV could not recall if he made the call before he got to the house or after he arrived. On the way, MATANOV stopped at a Halal store on Prospect Street to purchase dates and juice, which he gave to TAMERLAN. When MATANOV arrived, he parked in the 30 minute visitor parking. The downstairs door was unlocked. MATANOV entered and knocked on the door at the second level. TAMERLAN shouted, "open" and MATANOV went upstairs. DZHOKHAR TSARNAEV (DZHOKHAR) was sitting on the couch playing with the cat. He might have been wearing a hooded shirt but MATANOV does not specifically recall what DZHOKHAR was wearing.

News coverage of the bombing was playing on the television and the computer. MATANOV greeted both DZHOKHAR and TAMERLAN and remarked that the bombing was very bad. TAMERLAN replied that it was the biggest thing that happened since the attacks on 9/11. MATANOV expressed sympathy for the eight (8) year old boy who died. TAMERLAN responded by asking if MATANOV thought the U.S. drones that released bombs in Pakistan and Afghanistan did not kill any children. He further stated, "so what if a kid dies, God will take care of him." TAMERLAN seemed happy when they saw the images of an older man falling down at the finish line as a result of the explosion; he smiled. Although MATANOV thought TAMERLAN's reaction was strange, he did not ask about it because he did not want to argue with TAMERLAN and was afraid of losing TAMERLAN's friendship. DZHOKHAR did not react verbally to the images of the older man and MATANOV did not look at him to notice if he had a non-verbal reaction.

MATANOV sat down on the couch next to DZHOKHAR. No one was in the apartment aside from DZHOKHAR and TAMERLAN. MATANOV inquired about Zahira's whereabouts and TAMERLAN stated she was with KARIMA.

When MATANOV entered the apartment, TAMERLAN was wearing a white t-shirt and big boxing shoes. MATANOV does not recall the color of TAMERLAN's pants. MATANOV stayed on the couch during his entire visit. He may have played with the cat as well. TAMERLAN was in DZHOKHAR's room for a while before they left for dinner. He seemed to be busy doing something, although MATANOV did not know what TAMERLAN was doing. MATANOV was only in DZHOKHAR's room one (1) time during all of the times he visited TAMERLAN's residence. It is a small room with a bed, desk and desktop computer. MATANOV did not look in DZHOKHAR's room that evening. He does not remember seeing pipes, a caulking gun, BBs, boxes of nails or fireworks in TAMERLAN's house. He has never seen TAMERLAN play with a remote control toy. He did not notice any backpacks or trash bags.

While he sat on the couch with DZHOKHAR, MATANOV asked DZHOKHAR about

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his studies. DZHOKHAR reported that everything was good. They also discussed the bombings. At first, MATANOV could not specifically recall what the two(2) said and said that DZHOKHAR did not really give MATANOV an answer about the bombings. DZHOKHAR is quiet by nature and MATANOV always had to ask him questions to get him to speak. Later in the interview, MATANOV stated that after he expressed concern that the bombings were going to be a big problem for Muslims because innocent people were killed, DZHOKHAR responded that he did not know, for some people the bombing was a good thing for others it was a bad thing. DZHOKHAR was very quiet that night, even for him, which is why MATANOV eventually asked if he was sick. MATANOV may have asked if DZHOKHAR was sick in the car or at the restaurant.

After the three(3) ate dinner, MATANOV dropped off TAMERLAN and DZHOKHAR in front of their house.

Neither DZHOKHAR nor TAMERLAN asked MATANOV to bring them anything nor did they give him anything to take with him on the night of the bombing. MATANOV realized on Friday, 4/19/2013, after it was released that TAMERLAN and DZHOKHAR had been the bombers, that the things he saw the night of the Marathon were not normal. If he knew what TAMERLAN really thought, he would have distanced himself, as MATANOV does not want to be involved with someone else's problems.

On 04/15/2013, MATANOV spoke with his friend, Brother AHMED, several times. All of these calls concerned soccer. Specifically, the calls that afternoon pertained to their usual Monday game, which was cancelled due to the bombing. The two(2) met at a mosque and initially played soccer together in Cohasset, Massachusetts. AHMED drives a yellow taxi cab in Quincy, Massachusetts, where he also resides. AHMED is in his early 40's, has a wife and kids and lives in an apartment building on Washington St. around the corner from the Quincy mosque. AHMED did not know TAMERLAN.

MATANOV does not recall telephoning anyone else and does not remember talking to ALIKHAN. When MATANOV calls ALIKHAN it usually concerns soccer.

On Thursday, 4/18/2013, MATANOV saw the pictures of the bombers released to the media. He saw these pictures on the Internet, either on his phone or computer. At first, MATANOV stated that he "didn't really recognize the pictures" and later stated that it is not possible he recognized them. Agents showed MATANOV several pictures of MATANOV with TAMERLAN wearing sunglasses and MATANOV with DZHOKHAR and placed them next to the pictures of the bombers released by the media. After viewing the pictures, MATANOV initially stated that he was not minimizing his thoughts

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on Thursday, 4/18/2013, MATANOV did not recognize his friends in the pictures that evening. After consulting with his attorney, MATANOV stated that he did suspect TAMERLAN and DZHOKHAR after he saw the pictures but he did not want to blame them without being certain. He did not have an excuse to call TAMERLAN that evening but he had an excuse to call DZHOKHAR. Specifically, MATANOV needed DZHOKHAR to unlock his iPhones. He tried to call DZHOKHAR but the two(2) never spoke. If he had spoken to DZHOKHAR, MATANOV would have asked him if he was the bomber. If DZHOKHAR confirmed it, MATANOV would have contacted the police. MATANOV was afraid to call TAMERLAN because he thought TAMERLAN would no longer be his friend if MATANOV wrong about thinking TAMERLAN could be the bomber.

MATANOV did not discuss his suspicions with anyone, including his roommate, and did not call anyone to talk about the pictures. He did not look at the Internet again on Friday morning before he left for work. MATANOV learned from the radio about the manhunt and TAMERLAN dying. He did not know of their possible involvement prior to the release of the pictures on Thursday.

MATANOV was shown a timeline of his activities on April 19, 2013 as provided by him in previous interviews and proffer sessions. At approximately 6:55am, MATANOV picked up his regular customer, Ann. He attempted to drop her off at the Braintree T Stop but it was closed. He then attempted to drop her off at the Quincy Adams T Stop and it was closed. While they were at the Quincy Adams T stop Matanov asked the T employees why the T stops were closed and they told him about the two(2) Chechen brothers who bombed the marathon and the elder one getting killed. He knew for certain that TAMERLAN and DZHOKHAR were the bombers. As he drove Ann to her job in Boston, he heard on the radio about the manhunt and again about TAMERLAN being killed. He began to panic. He attempted to call DZHOKHAR while Ann was in the taxi.

After he dropped her off, he went home. While there, he deleted items from his computer to include photographs of TAMERLAN and MATANOV, videos of Islamic lectures, and Word documents pertaining to his citizenship. He tried to delete anything that would connect him to TAMERLAN. MATANOV had downloaded the videos but never watched them. He does not know why he would download them if he never watched them. In one of the deleted pictures, TAMERLAN and MATANOV were seated in front of a black flag with a sword and a shadada phrase. This picture was taken at the mosque on Eid. A few male students from Saudi Arabia were also in some of the pictures. They took pictures outside and then went inside the mosque where they took more pictures in front of the flag.

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After he finished deleting the material, he asked his roommate AHMED how to reformat his computer. AHMED asked MATANOV why he wanted to reformat the computer and MATANOV told him about TAMERLAN's participation in the bombings. AHMED advised MATANOV not to reformat his computer because he could get in trouble. Consequently, MATANOV did not reformat his computer and is grateful that he received that advice.

MATANOV then went to TAHA's residence, where he told TAHA that he (MATANOV) had a problem and attempted to give TAHA "illegal" cell phones. TAHA refused to take the phones and told MATANOV not to worry, he would not be in trouble if he did nothing wrong. MATANOV was worried that he would be investigated if law enforcement found the phones because he did not have a receipt. He found the two (2) iPhones in his cab when he cleaned it; one was under the front seat and another was in the crease of the backseat. Instead of returning the phones as directed by company policy, he kept them and is concerned that he will get fired. The battery on the phones were dead when MATANOV found them. MATANOV purchased the third phone found in his residence when it was searched, a Samsung.

Aside from the data on the computer and the cellular phones, MATANOV did not attempt to get rid of anything else before law enforcement searched his residence on the night of 4/24/2013. He did not throw anything else away, either on his own will or on the behalf of TAMERLAN or DZHOKHAR.

Afterwards, MATANOV picked up Ann from work. On the ride to Braintree, they discussed MATANOV going to the police. Ann suggested that they try to talk to her neighbor, who is a policeman. They knocked on his door but he was not home. She then accompanied him to the Braintree Police Department.

After TAMERLAN returned from Russia, TAMERLAN watched videos of SAID BURYATSKY, an Islamist killed by the Russians. He also encouraged MATANOV to watch them. While MATANOV never watched any BURYATSKY videos with TAMERLAN, he did watch them alone. TAMERLAN described BURYATSKY as smart, although MATANOV did not like the videos. They contained lectures on Hadith as well as propoganda. One video showed a jihadist attack in which a lot of people were killed. TAMERLAN never told MATANOV how he initially found the videos.

During the interview, MATANOV first stated that he never heard TAMERLAN talk about "going into the forest" while he was in Russia. When initially asked about the phrase "going into the forest", MATANOV stated that he did not know what it meant. He later acknowledged that it means to join a terrorist group because in Dagestan and Chechnya most of the jihadist

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fighting occurs in the forest. MATANOV learned this phrase from reading articles on the Kavkaz Center website.

Later in the interview, MATANOV conceded that while in Russia TAMERLAN was interested in learning how people became involved with terrorist groups and found that they would be very hard to join. TAMERLAN had also met several people from the group HIZBUT TAHRIR, which MATANOV understands to be comprised of non-Salafi individuals against terrorism and pro-human rights. The people of HIZBUT TAHRIR told TAMERLAN not to attempt to join the fighting because he would get caught. MATANOV did not think that TAMERLAN could spend time with the people of HIZBUT TAHRIR and terrorists because they believed in different things. While he was in Russia, TAMERLAN's father told him not to judge people so harshly. TAMERLAN obeyed his father.

MATANOV did not pursue these conversation topics with TAMERLAN because he had previously told TAMERLAN that he did not want to be involved with discussions about terrorism-related topics. He does not know where the above conversation took place.

TAMERLAN told MATANOV that while he was in Dagestan and Chechnya he learned how to read the Qu'ran and spent most of his time in the mosque. He did not talk about shooting guns or bombings and MATANOV does not think that TAMERLAN fired guns while he was there. TAMERLAN also spent time with his sister's husband but did not provide a lot of details. MATANOV did not notice any big changes in TAMERLAN after his trip overseas; he was not more devout. For example, TAMERLAN took MATANOV to a boxing match in Lowell, Massachusetts in 2013 and despite the fact that they were surrounded by people drinking, TAMERLAN did not criticize anybody. He introduced MATANOV to boxing coaches and talked with them a lot. The two had previously discussed MATANOV's time in the military and the fact that MATANOV knew how to shoot an AK-47.

Sometime after he returned from Russia, either in the Fall or Winter of 2012-2013, TAMERLAN talked to MATANOV about having a gun. MATANOV initially stated that TAMERLAN never showed him his gun. He later stated that he saw the gun, he may have touched the gun but he never fired it. TAMERLAN told MATANOV that he had a license for the weapon, which he purchased from a store in New Hampshire. MATANOV never saw TAMERLAN's license. TAMERLAN did not say when he bought the gun or how much he paid for it. It was a black handgun with a magazine that loaded into the handle; it was not a revolver. TAMERLAN stated that he shot the gun in New Hampshire and bought the bullets from either WalMart or KMart. MATANOV only saw one magazine of bullets, he did not see boxes.



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MATANOV found out about the gun when he was at TAMERLAN's house and saw a box set up with a little target for BB gun practice. TAMERLAN's home usually had a dart board and MATANOV occasionally played darts while he was there. MATANOV asked about the little target and after TAMERLAN explained it, he let MATANOV shoot to the BB gun into the target inside the house. Zahira was in the house at the time; DZHOKHAR was not. The BB gun fired little metal pellets.

On that day, TAMERLAN took out his real gun from a drawer behind the television. The gun was not locked and fully loaded. TAMERLAN unloaded the gun and functioned it for MATANOV. MATANOV assumed that TAMERLAN was showing off for him. TAMERLAN gave MATANOV advice on how to obtain a gun for himself. While he believes that TAMERLAN was a U.S. citizen, MATANOV is not certain of TAMERLAN's citizenship status.

While he would have liked to shoot it, MATANOV never fired the gun, never accompanied TAMERLAN while he shot the gun and has never been to a gun range. TAMERLAN never stated that the purpose of obtaining the gun was for training and MATANOV never asked TAMERLAN how he learned to use the gun. MATANOV does not know if TAMERLAN brought the gun with him to dinner the night of the bombing.

MATANOV also saw TAMERLAN with two(2) different knives. On the day of their hike up Mt. Monadnock, MATANOV saw a large knife in TAMERLAN's CRV. He did not notice if it was in a sheath. TAMERLAN carried the knife with them in his backpack and they used it to cut watermelon. The other knife was small and MATANOV does not know if it was a lock blade or a switch blade. The small knife was in the front of the car on the day of the hike.

MATANOV did not wear anything resembling the mujahideen on the day of the hike.

TAMERLAN attempted to give MATANOV his desktop computer on Wednesday evening and a few months before the bombing TAMERLAN gave MATANOV some clothes. TAMERLAN had collected the clothes to send to his mother in Russia but she told him to give them to his friends instead. MATANOV does not know how TAMERLAN obtained the money to buy the clothes he sent to his mother.

MATANOV was not involved in sending any clothes to Russia but once, while talking to a friend on the computer they thought they could make a lot of money selling name brand shoes in Russia. MATANOV purchased approximately \$1100 worth of Nike, Adidas, and Reebok shoes and sent them overseas. Russian Customs took a few pairs and his friend gave the rest to some guys to sell on their behalf. The men never paid MATANOV's friend for

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the shoes and consequently MATANOV lost his initial investment. This attempt was the only time he tried to sell items overseas.

MATANOV knows KHASAN SALGEREEVE by playing soccer. When IBRAGIM TODASHEV (TODASHEV) returned to Massachusetts in 2012 he took MATANOV to a soccer game and introduced him around the group. SALGREEVE was one(1) of the players. He works as a mover at the same Russian moving company as ANTON. MATANOV does not know anyone else who works for that company.

ANTON came to Massachusetts from Florida with TODASHEV in 2012. SALGREEVE is originally from Chechnya, currently resides in Brookline, Massachusetts and uses phone number 617-792-2006. MATANOV identified him in a picture of several soccer players as the third individual from the left (picture enclosed). MATANOV is unaware if SALGEREEVE and TODASHEV were friends outside of soccer. Prior to TODASHEV introducing him into this soccer group, MATANOV played indoor soccer with primarily Somali players. He no longer plays soccer.

MATANOV was asked questions about TODASHEV during his first interview with the FBI and subsequently he became worried for TODASHEV. He called TODASHEV to ask why the FBI asked so many questions about him. He does not remember if TODASHEV asked him to conceal the true date of TODASHEV's departure from Massachusetts during the two(2) conversations he had with TODASHEV after his first interview with the FBI. MATANOV made up the dates on his own, he does not know if TODASHEV asked him to do it. The two(2) did not discuss TODASHEV's EBT card during these conversations. MATANOV does not have anything to worry about surrounding the events of August-September 2011, except for the fact that TODASHEV stayed with him during that time.

MATANOV was provided a timeline of his activities during the end of August-September 11, 2011 as provided by him in previous interviews and proffer sessions. MATANOV lied during the previous proffer session. He does not remember the date of TODASHEV's departure and confused TODASHEV's moving in with his moving out. MATANOV made up the story that he helped TODASHEV move his belongings out of MATANOV's residence into a waiting car driven by a Russian male named ABDI. He has been concerned about using TODASHEV's EBT card.

VISHKAN, VISHKAN's brother, and TODASHEV dropped off TODASHEV's belongings at MATANOV's residence at the end of August. MATANOV was home at the time and they all hung out for a few minutes before VISHKAN, his brother and TODASHEV left. TODASHEV did not stay with MATANOV every night

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he left his belongings there and he did not sleep there on that first night. MATANOV does not know where he stayed when he did not stay with MATANOV.

On the night before TODASHEV left Massachusetts, he stayed with MATANOV. MATANOV came home from work that evening and TODASHEV was not there. The door to the outside was ajar and the door to the basement apartment was unlocked. At that time, MATANOV either worked at the Man O Salwa or McGarr Security Services and had relatively the same schedule at each place. If he worked at Man O Salwa he may not have reached home until approximately 11:00 or 11:30. He went to the garage to use TODASHEV's computer, a brand new computer given to him by his Armenian girlfriend.

TODASHEV only had one(1) computer but does not believe it was an Apple but is not sure of the make of the computer. MATANOV wore headphones while he used the computer. When he finished using the computer and returned into the living space of the apartment, TODASHEV was home and in the shower. No one else was in the residence and MATANOV did not hear anyone enter the residence with TODASHEV. After he got out of the shower, TODASHEV smoked and packed his belongings to get ready to leave the next day. MATANOV asked TODASHEV why he left one door unlocked and another door open.

TODASHEV told MATANOV that he forgot. MATANOV is not aware if TODASHEV made any calls that night.

The next morning, MATANOV left for work anywhere between 8:45am -9:30am so he could be at the Man O Salwa restaurant at 11:00am. TODASHEV was still sleeping in the apartment when MATANOV left. When he returned home later that day, TODASHEV was gone. He left behind some clothes, a towel and boxing gloves. TODASHEV had brought the towel with him when he moved in. MATANOV threw all of TODASHEV's belongings away except for one(1) shirt and a hooded sweatshirt. TODASHEV also left an EBT card in the house along with a note containing his PIN number. The EBT card, note and TODASHEV's keys were on a small piece of furniture next to the door.

MATANOV is not sure who picked TODASHEV up or how he left.

MATANOV did not kill anybody and does not know anyone who killed someone. He did not see any blood on TODASHEV, his clothes or his towel that night. He has never been to either 12 Harding St., Waltham, Massachusetts or anyone's house in Waltham, Massachusetts. He does not know the names Brendan Mess, Raphael Teken or Erik Weissman. MATANOV was shown their photographs and did not recognize them. He has never been to TODASHEV's residence. He did not learn about the Waltham murders until after the Boston Marathon bombings. TODASHEV has never given MATANOV any

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money. MATANOV has not been pressured by anyone to say anything to law enforcement and no one has given him any money to provide a specific story. No one has advised him not to talk to the police.

In 2012, MATANOV gave TODASHEV money for gas to get home to Florida and for rent. MATANOV has no source of income other than driving the cab. He has neither sold nor is currently selling anything to make extra money, aside from attempting to sell the shoes in Russia. He has sent almost every dollar he has made overseas to his family; he is not aware of the total but knows it equals a lot of money. MATANOV works every day and during a good week he averages approximately \$700-900. If he has a great week, MATANOV makes approximately \$1000. He pays \$360/week to lease the cab and \$500 month in rent. His portion of last month's utility bill was \$147 and he paid \$40 for Internet service at his apartment. He spends approximately \$800/month on food and living expenses. In a year, he makes approximately \$30,000 after he pays his cab bills.

MATANOV's cab business is strictly based on cash as his credit card capabilities were suspended due to someone complaining that he overcharged them. MATANOV explained to the company that he did not overcharge anyone and offered to give the money back in order to maintain his ability to use the credit card services but the company invoked their right to deactivate any account for 180 days.

When he was asked about going to the Quincy beach in the 5/31/2013 proffer session, MATANOV was confused by pictures he had recently seen on his phone of TAHA on the beach and told law enforcement that TAHA had accompanied them. TAHA did not go to the beach with MATANOV, TAMERLAN and MOHAMED. TAHA has told MATANOV that he was questioned by the FBI and expressed anger that MATANOV put him in a bad position. TAHA advised MATANOV to be honest with law enforcement.

MATANOV feels sorry for wasting time and "screwing up" the investigation by lying. He mislead law enforcement because he wants to stop being investigated and is scared. His father is very sick and his parents are very proud of him for moving to America. He does not want to disappoint his parents and be labeled a criminal. MATANOV is very angry at TAMERLAN for putting him in this position.

During the proffer session, MATANOV took several breaks to consult with his attorney. He was offered and accepted water from his attorney. He was offered a granola bar from investigators but he refused.

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