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SUMMARY OF TRANSCRIBED TAPES

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TAPE 210-01, SIDE A		
2	15	Trenkler tells Shea that he's "facing a murder rap right now for a Boston cop."
2	17	Shea says she's heard, and accuses Al of telling them she made the last bomb .
2	20	Trenkler said he told them that he made the last bomb (1986).
3	3	Trenkler said he told them they made the thing for a 4th of July.
3	14	Al said they brought her name up, she said they've already been to her home.
3	19	Trenkler: "That's what brought me into this is my record from before. You know, that's why my name's in the hat, because it's supposedly identical to the thing that was made that this guy used...I don't know this kid form a hole in the wall."
4	2	Trenkler said he's seen him [Shay] in town and he gave him a business card for BCN.
4	14	Trenkler said they know everything, even about his relationship with Rich.
5-6		Discussion between Trenkler and Shea regarding "John" and some picture.
6	23	Shea said she told Trenkler not to detonate the bomb (1986).
7	1	Trenkler said that a guy named Mike gave a statement to Trenkler's lawyer that he saw someone stick it [the bomb, 1986] on the thing.
7	10	Shea says Al's the one who stuck it on. She says he called her up at three o'clock in the morning and said "Guess what; I didn't blow it up...I forgot to

flip the safety switch; I got to go back...my fingerprints are on the fucking thing"

8 10 Shea said Tom Shay was a male hustler in Boston and that Trenkler has been seen with him.

8 18 Trenkler said they want to know what the similarity is between devices.

9 4 Trenkler says he has nothing to do with this bomb that killed a cop and maimed another.

9 10 Shea tells him to cop a plea.

9 16 Trenkler says he's seen Shay four times over the last year, and the last three times, he avoided the kid. He didn't know that Shay hangs around the block where Al drives around.

10 4 Trenkler says this bomb was built for an insurance job, to set up the people Shay's father is currently in a law suit with so that they will settle, but it backfired.

11 4 Trenkler says they are trying to say that he made the detonator for the bomb.

12 13 Trenkler and Harding discuss that they want the guy who contracted the bomb. Harding says Al should tell them if he knows anything, because then they will lay off him.

14 3 Trenkler met Shay at the Fenway and gave him a ride home, but on the way they stopped at John's house and Rich was there.

14 11 Shay is in jail, Trenkler doesn't know if he knows what is going on or not, he hopes Shay isn't giving them his name, because he is clean, had nothing to do with it.

14 17 Shea said she told the cops that Al bought the parts for the 1986 device at

Radio Shack, and that he put it on the truck.

15 17 Shea says that ~~she doesn't know why Al does things like drive highways to pick up young boys to give them drugs and turn the queer.~~ Al says he doesn't do that anymore.

16 13 Trenkler says: "The only thing I can do is I have to conduct an investigation myself. I have to start probing around. I don't know what this guy's father looks like, where he lives, where the business was. I know this kid lives in Quincy with his mother. That's it...That's all I know."

17 10 Shea says she drew a map of where Al lived and she found out where he was going to be so they could get him if they wanted.

18 11 Shea says Al owes her money, he says he doesn't have any to give her.

19 2 Rich has control of the checkbook. Trenkler hasn't seen Rich for almost a week and a half, he doesn't know if Rich is doing drugs or not.

20 12 "They" told Trenkler that if he did that [went to speak with Shay] it would jeopardize the case for the fellow working for the Boston police.

20 22 Harding advises Shea to go speak with Shay alone, not under police or federal supervision.

21 9 Trenkler said: "...I don't know if this kid's (Shay) sitting there saying that I did it. But he has no idea about my past with Donna where -- that I could build something like this. What I'm thinking is he's clammed up, not saying anything, or he's heard my name and said I did it."

21 21 Trenkler doesn't know if Shay has the know-how to make a detonator.

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- 22 18 Trenkler: ~~"For the first time~~ I've got nothing to do with it, other than the kid has my business card. Now, if I was going to build something for someone would I be stupid enough to hand them my business card?"
- 23 7 Trenkler: "The last six months I've seen the kid maybe three times in the street and I walk right past him. 'Hi. How are you?' 'Fine.' 'See you.' Because I was told the kid's a flake."
- 23 21 Shea says Trenkler was in a lot of trouble with a guy named Michael Coty. "Michael Coty is out to get you for what you did".
- 25 9 Shea says Trenkler told them she was the one who thought of making the 1986 device.
- 26 10 Trenkler: "The only thing is everyone they've interviewed has nothing against me, knows nothing about bombs, and in fact doesn't even know what I do for work. And they've interviewed quite a few people. And as far as, you know, 'Does Al know Tom?' 'Tom who? I never met the person before, and Al has never talked about him' because I have nothing in common with him."
- 27 4 They showed Shea a picture of him, she didn't know the kid, never met him. Rich said he knew him from Al, she thinks they talked to Rich yesterday.
- 27 12 Shea says he's got a technical background just like Al does.
- 27 15 Trenkler says that anyone who can do two-way radio work has the capability to built it.
- 28 18 Shea says "they" are telling her that the only way Al can get out of this is to work with them.
- 29 2 Shea says Al was stupid to admit to the last bomb.

29 18 Shea says they think she hates Al and would never tell him what they tell her..

30 22 Trenkler, Shea and Harding discuss the possibility of guilt by association, even though Al had nothing to do with it.

31 19 Trenkler ~~denies~~ that Shay was over his house for a day or two.

32 11 Trenkler says Shay would call him on his beeper and ask him to drive to Boston or something. Trenkler says he never answered him, never called him back.

32 23 Trenkler said he hasn't touched drugs in eight months, he didn't do any drugs with Tom Shay.

33 8 Harding says Al should conduct his own investigation, and he should go talk to Shay, but not with them listening.

34 2 Trenkler doesn't think it would look good for him to go visit Shay.

34 15 Shea said that they told Rich that it was either ten years or the electric chair, they just want him.

35 16 Shea said she heard them talk about dynamite and asked her if she knew where Al could get some, and that he's into construction.

36 6 Trenkler says he doesn't even know where to get explosives, he knows to go to New Hampshire to get fireworks, but that's about it.

36-7 12 The 1986 device, he plead guilty for a lesser charge and "they didn't go any further...they brought it down to professional fireworks...it's a flash and a boom. Kind of neat...a stick of dynamite."

37 8 In the 1986 device, Al used a remote control from Radio Shack and "just wired it up so you hit the turn button it would send the tickle through to set it off"

he used speaker magnets to keep it on the car.

37 17 Trenkler says they know all about the 1986 device. "I read it in the paper they said it was a black box. But now they're saying that -- They said to Rich that it's the exact same thing the I made, you know, for the first one."

38 9 Harding tells them all they have to show is cause, could be money, could be jealousy, but they have to prove it. It is all up to what the jury believes.

39 16 Harding says it was in the national news, that a cop from Boston was blown up. Trenkler says that if they print his name in the paper, he would have to find a new career.

40 15 Harding says to look at the media blow up of John Shea's case and how that adversely effected him.

42 20 Shea said she gave a picture of Al to the feds.

43 17 Trenkler said "they told Rich last night that it was an exact duplicate of what I made." Shea says they told her it was similar, the way it was attached.

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44-5 18 He used a remote control for the 1986 device so he could set it off without getting hurt...he put it in a box in his car and ate dinner, the next thing he knew, it was gone.

45 9 Trenkler told them he put it in a box because he was going to stick it in a dumpster and set it off.

46 19 Shea said they were most interested in the part where she told them there was a safety switch in the 1986 device. They asked her what the safety switch was, but she didn't know.

48 4 The safety switch used in the 1986 device was a shorting bar, not a toggle switch...it came with a tank simulator.

49 12 Trenkler: "I don't even know how to set off a stick of dynamite. You need blasting caps for that stuff. And that's stuff I never could access or have tried to access. I don't know where the hell you could get it except a construction company."

50 1 Trenkler: "They're trying to say now that I just made the detonator, the thing that sets it off, the remote control thing, and that someone else provided the bomb and someone else put it together."

50 12 Trenkler: "The only remote control I ever bought in my life was that one we got at Radio Shack." meaning the one for the 1986 device.

51 22 They, Shea, Trenkler, and Harding, think that if Trenkler says he made the remote control for Shay for a legitimate purpose, then they would leave him alone because Shay is the guy they really want.

53 24 Shea says they've bugged her house and her phone.

55 11 Trenkler still maintains that he had nothing to do with it, if he makes a deal, he will look like he did have something to do with it.

56 11 Trenkler says he's got his freedom now, he might as well use it.

57 10 Harding: "It's a game they play; get everyone to go against everyone."

57 21 Shea's still paranoid they are going to do something to her, she's willing to do something to keep her out of it.

58 16 Trenkler's attorney at the time is Martin Cosgrove. Harding tells them that Cosgrove cannot tell Trenkler to do anything but keep silent, go about his everyday business and say nothing.

59 11 Trenkler: "Everyone they're interviewing doesn't know this kid from a hole in the wall. It's just as though I or Richie knew this kid. You know, it's like I don't know there they're getting the thing that's tying this together unless Tommy's singing a tune that I did it to protect somebody."

60 7 Trenkler: "You know, maybe this kid is trying to blow his father up so he could get the money, if he's that much of a crackpot. In my mind, if the father's trying to sue, who's going to be creative to try to get the [inaudible]? The father."

61 6 The three of them discuss who actually called the police regarding the bomb, Trenkler thinks Shay Jr. did.

62 9 Tom told Al that his father was a biker, Al thinks he's got connections everywhere. Al doesn't know which way to turn, he doesn't know enough about the family.

62 19 Shea said they wanted her to set Al up, the DEA came to her house. But she wouldn't do it.

63 9 Shea talks about the money Al owes her, says she was going to take him to court. Al said that he's convinced Rich is into drugs.

63 19 Al is convinced that Rich is into drugs.

64-5 24 Shea: "~~You know this drug thing that I've got going down in Hull.~~ I look like the biggest drug dealer n the south shore because I have nothing to show after four years -- three years that we were working together you fucking supposedly lost all the fucking things."

66 17 Shea told the cops about the telephone bugging stuff that Al had.

67 1 Harding thinks they are trying to find a motive.

67 14 Trenkler is worried because they seem to be building such a case. Harding and Shea keep saying they just want to convict someone, they don't really care if it's the wrong person.

68 1 Shea: "And they want me to set you up, Al. They brung a DEA guy in there with them. Brang one right in my fucking house."

68 9 Shea: "They wanted me to come in and fucking wear a wire and fucking set you up." She told them she would talk to her attorneys, who told her not to do it.

70 1 Trenkler and Shea discuss what Al said about John Shea, he said he would be out of it for about five minutes when he was drinking, then he would come back around.

72 17 They are still discussing John Shea, and Al maintains that they never paid him for the picture.

75 9 Shea threatens Al: "If my husband gets fucked because of what you said, Al, I'm sorry, but I'm going to have to do the wrath of Donna again."

76 5 Shea says that they are telling her they want Alfred. Al says that's what they're telling him too.

76 21 According to Shea, Rich thinks Al did it too. But Rich wants to be a cop.

78 14 Shea admonishes Al for going to the cops and admitting he made the first device. But she thinks they don't care who made it, only who planted it.

80 18 Shea asks Al if he made something like the bomb that someone could have stolen, but Al says he didn't.

83 4 Trenkler is getting a settlement for a car accident he was in with Rich.

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84 7 Trenkler is talking about a business deal with someone on the phone, someone named Randy.

87 8 Trenkler and Harding discuss the fact that the prosecutors and Kelly have to get something new on Shay or they will have to let him go.

88 3 Harding reads part of an article with Al's name in it. They are worried about their jobs.

88 15 Trenkler's got 2 jobs, MIT and Grant, but his name was just in the paper regarding this. He hasn't heard anything about it from them.

90 8 Harding asks Trenkler to ask his attorney to keep his name out of the paper. Al says he tried, but they will put his name in the paper any time they get a chance.

91 9 Trenkler: "My lawyer, he says that the jury or whatever it is that put this information in, they said I've known him since 1989. 1989 I was living in Hull. I didn't have my own apartment. I was living with eight guys...Rich Brown's giving them information."

92 11 Trenkler and Harding are concerned that Al's name in the paper and being indicted is going to mess up their business.

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98 11 Jeff Kerr is with Harding, 12/2/92, about to go to Weymouth, into the office of Al Trenkler.

99 4 Trenkler and Harding are conversing about their business, parts that Trenkler got for a cheaper price.

102 10 Trenkler and Harding are taking a radio from one job to another, and telling the first job that the radio has got problems.

104 17 Trenkler is getting headaches when he reads about himself in the paper, he fears it will hurt his business.

105 5 Trenkler and Harding are talking about the fact that Al's name has been in the paper several days in a row, and will likely be there the next day. They are wondering about the ramifications this might have on their business.

105 23 Trenkler says that if no one says anything to him, he's not going to bring it up himself.

106 9 They are going to talk with Al's brother, and Al went to go see him beforehand. They suggested that his brother not speak with Al's old attorney from the 1986 case so that if the grand jury asks him about it, he says he knows nothing about it, which is the truth.

107 8 Harding says that the article said that Shay was expecting to get indicted the week of December 14th....and that he gave information that implicates Trenkler.

108 1 Al said that he saw in the paper that Shay said Al did it on his own.

108 7 Trenkler: "I guess the feds said they did find a receipt at the Radio Shack with his name on it. Not mine, not my phone number like the feds told my lawyer."

109 7 Harding says that even if they phase Al out of working on the sites, people will still recognize his name and connect it with the company anyway. He thinks that if Al doesn't show up to do the work, it will look as if he is admitting he is guilty.

112 19 Harding says all they did was pump Shay for information, then they figure out which statements are lies and which are true.

113 14 Harding is convinced Shay is setting Al up to save his own skin.

- 114 5 Harding says they'll indict Shay and then try to come up with some more information. Then, 3 or 4 weeks later, they'll indict Alfred. Harding figures then Al will be in jail, and if a remote control bomb goes off while Al's in jail, they will set him free, but keep Shay because of his involvement with his father.
- 116 3 Harding is sure Trenkler will get indicted, but Shay will be also, the pressure, according to Harding, is on Shay, because of his connection with his father. So, Harding proposes that Trenkler duplicate the bomb, and then he will set it off while Trenkler is in jail. That way Trenkler will be cleared, but Shay will still be in jail because they never said he made the bomb anyway.
- 117 3 Trenkler doesn't go along with this idea, he doesn't even want to hear about it. He doesn't think they have enough evidence to convict, even if he's indicted.
- 118 3 Some conversation between Trenkler and Harding about a man named Habbib (the name Trenkler calls him, he doesn't know his real name) who worked at Radio Shack. Al thinks it is just a ploy by Kelly.
- 119 13 Trenkler figures they are just trying to scare him, to make him run. If he runs, it is an admission of guilt. He will not run away from this because he maintains that he is not guilty.
- 120 10 The bomb exploded on the 28th. Kelly told Al's lawyer that they had a receipt for the 18th with his name and phone number on it and he was there with Tom Shay. But Al says this is a lie, he was never there with Tom Shay, and Kelly told his lawyer that the worker couldn't be sure if Al was there with Tom Shay, after looking at pictures of the two.
- 121 5 On the 28th, the day the bomb blew up, Trenkler was in his office with his secretary.

122 2 His secretary doesn't want to talk to the detectives, but Al is going to tell her she will have to talk to someone. She likes him and wouldn't say anything false to hurt him, but Al doesn't think she will lie for him.

123 1 Trenkler is looking for the time cards for that day to prove that he and his secretary were there.

123-24 19 *Chubs* ~~Trenkler and Harding are planning to bring someone to kill Shay, but Trenkler doesn't think it will work.~~

126 19 Al thinks they are counting on him to make a stupid move to incriminate himself, so if he just goes on as normal, maybe that's the best thing to do.

127 16 Harding advises Al not to meet with his uncle, because if he does, they will subpoena him too.

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129 7 Al recounts the story Kelly has put together of how Shay bought the parts at Radio Shack while Al waited for him in the car across the street at Christian Science. Trenkler doesn't know how they say that they have an invoice with his beeper number on it.

130 10 Everything Trenkler has in the form of records and receipts for the 18th is missing. The paper he broke everything up on for the month of October is missing, everyone else has their copy, but the original, his copy is gone.

131 10 Trenkler thinks that possibly they have something on the guy working at Radio Shack and that's why he is saying he saw Shay and Trenkler together.

132 8 Someone (Alex) is explaining the computers from one Radio Shack to another are not connected on any kind of a mainframe system.

133 1 They discuss the possibility of Radio Shack changing the dates on receipts.

135 3 Trenkler thinks Paul Kelly has something on Habbib, the Radio Shack worker, to make him cooperate.

136 14 The ~~guy at~~ Radio Shack told Kelly that he thinks, he can't be sure though, that he saw Al there with Shay on October 18th.

138 1 Al talks about how improbable the story Kelly is telling is. Al said he has all the necessary parts already, why would he go to Radio Shack, with Shay, and buy the parts there.

140 1 The voice (unidentified) thinks the guy at Radio Shack's name is Rami, he's going to check him out from his assistant manager.

142 6 Trenkler thinks it might not be Rami, because this guy still works there. But, once he finds out the guys name, he is going to check up on him.

142 21 Trenkler: "...it's always been, every time I've gone to that Radio Shack, there's always been three guys there. How come only one guy can recognize me? Or how come one guy can step forward and the other two can't?"

144 2 The unidentified person doesn't think there is any way to print up a receipt with an old date on it.

145 4 Trenkler thinks they should be able to analyze the ink on the receipt to see how old it is to prove when it was printed. He also says the receipts are sequentially numbered, to print a new one up would ruin the sequence.

149 19 Tom Shay has never admitted to actually doing anything, he wants to say that Trenkler acted all on his own.

150 13 Trenkler thinks Shay is trying to say he convinced him to do it, told him killing his father would be a good way to get

some money, he'll make the bomb, and Shay can place it on the car.

151 5 Trenkler says that the only thing that could get him indicted is the testimony from the Radio Shack worker, but Trenkler admits that he has some of the same parts at home, why would he need to buy them.

153 2 Trenkler and Harding are discussing the Channel 56 interview of Shay. Trenkler says that Shay supposedly mailed a copy of it along with a letter to Al's lawyer.

154 7 Al thinks they think there's a third person involved, "I made the timer, Tom Shay contracted to do the job, and someone else provided the dynamite."

154 3 Shay has also said that Trenkler recovered the dynamite out of the quarry, that he just remembered it was up there.

155-6 22 Trenkler: "Paul Kelly even said that tom Shay could change his story completely tomorrow. He's already said -- He's already admitted the kid's totally mental and that everything he says you can't take for truth. And yet they're moving on everything he says."

157 8 Al said his lawyer told him not to make a deal. Paul Kelly has told his lawyer that he's doing time no matter what.

158 11 Trenkler: "If I admit anything to do with it, it's five years automatically. But if I shut up, and they prove it's me, I get life, and Tome Shay gets the deal..."

160 10 Trenkler says he's never been to any store with Shay because he doesn't want to be seen with him.

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163 14 Trenkler states again that he had nothing to do with this bomb.

164 2 If Al had anything to do with it, he would have told his lawyer and they would

have made a deal, but he didn't have anything to do with it.

166 20

Trenkler says Shay will get indicted first and then he will get indicted.