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 DETECTIVE BUREAU
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CASE # : 12-3-IV
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CONTACT REPORT

Case Identification (Name/Offense):		Michael Corso/38 Studios	
Person Interviewed:	Tony Marandola		
	First	Middle	Last
Address:	[REDACTED]		DOB
	Street	City	Telephone #
Place Interviewed:	Merit Mechanical		
Was Person Previously Interviewed?	N	Formal Statement to be Taken?	N
	Yes / No		Yes / No
Juvenile or Adult?		Parent or Guardian Present if Juvenile?	
	Yes / No		Yes / No
Place of Employment:	Merit Mechanical		
	Address	Telephone #	

Assignment:

Detective:	Corporal Buonaiuto	Supervisor:	
Date:	6/2/2014	Time:	10:00am

Report:

Narrative - On Monday, May 2, 2014, at 10:00am, Detective Corporal Buonaiuto, along with Rhode Island Assistant Attorney General Patrick Youngs, interviewed Tony Marandola of Merit Mechanical. Mr. Marandola provided the following information.

Mr. Marandola is the Vice-President of Merit Mechanical. Merit Mechanical is a plumbing and HVAC System installer located at 24 Minnesota Avenue, Warwick. The company has been in existence since being formed by Mr. Marandola's father in 1946. Merit Mechanical is a union shop.

Mr. Marandola's son John is the President of Merit Mechanical.

As Vice-President of Merit Mechanical, Mr. Marandola is in charge of sales & operations.

Mr. Marandola explained that in late 2010 he was contacted by and met with Steve Nappa of Nappa Construction regarding a quote for the installation of the HVAC system and plumbing system for 38 Studios. Mr. Marandola stated that Merit Mechanical had not done work for Nappa Construction and did not solicit the work from Nappa Construction. Mr. Marandola explained that typically with jobs of this size, the union hall contacts the general contractor and suggests certain union shops. In this case, the union shop suggested Nappa Construction use Merit Mechanical. Mr. Marandola was not sure, if any, what other plumbing union shops the union hall had suggested.

Mr. Marandola explained that Merit Mechanical's initial quote for the plumbing at 38 Studios was \$229,970.00 and increased to \$268,227.95 after final work change orders were processed. The HVAC system quote was initially for \$968,910.00 and after all final work change orders were processed, the cost rose to \$1,168,035.97.

Mr. Marandola stated that Merit Mechanical invoiced Nappa Construction for the work done at 38 Studios and to date all has been paid with the exception of \$45,130.75. Mr. Marandola is in negotiation with Steve Nappa regarding the remaining outstanding amount.

Mr. Marandola stated that shortly after starting the 38 Studios job in January 2011, Steve Nappa asked Mr. Marandola to give him a quote for work at Tazza Cafe'. Merit Mechanical subsequently provided an initial quote of \$15,000.00, which was increased to \$21,277.00 after all final work change orders were processed.

Mr. Marandola stated that Steve Nappa asked him to invoice Scopa/Michael Corso directly for the work. Mr. Marandola stated that he was paid with a single check in the full amount by Scopa, LLC.

Mr. Marandola stated that Merit Mechanical was paid for all of the work his company did at Tazza and at no time did anyone ask him not to charge for the full scope of work done at Tazza Cafe'.

Mr. Marandola stated that he did not know who Michael Corso was before the start of work at 38 Studios and Tazza Cafe'. He stated that he only saw Michael Corso a small number of times when he was at 38 Studios and characterized him as arrogant and in over his head regarding the renovation of 38 Studios.

Detective's
Signature

Supervisor's Signature