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INTERVIEW OF: Representative Kenneth Carter

INTERVIEW BY: Detective Corporal Kenneth Buonaiuto
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SUBJECT: 38 Studios Investigation

1. Q.

A. Hello.

2. Q. Hello, Mr. Carter? How are you? This is Corporal Ken Buonaiuto with the Rhode Island State Police.

A. Yes.

3. Q. Sir, just calling – not an emergency, just calling in regards to 38 Studios. I don't know if you heard in the media, but we're going to reach out to all the representatives and all the senators that were part of the legislative body during 2010, and I understand you're on that list, is that correct?

A. Yes.

4. Q. Okay. Do you have a few moments?

A. Sure.

5. Q. Okay. Not contacting you or anybody within the legislature because anybody's a target of any investigation, just kind of opening up the doors of communication a little bit and doing our due diligence making sure we don't miss something important. So Mr. Carter, you're not with the House at present, is that correct?

A. No.

6. Q. Okay. Well what were your – what was your time that you served?

A. **Jesus, I can't remember tell you the truth. It's it's over two years ago I was there.**

7. Q. So you're – you were last there in 2012?

A. **Pardon, I what?**

8. Q. You were last there in 2012, is that right, is that what you're telling me?

A. **I think it was 2012. I'm not sure of that.**

9. Q. Do you remember when you were elected, what year?

A. **No, I don't.**

10. Q. Were you there for just a couple of years or ...?

A. **No, I was there for a few years.**

11. Q. If you can just estimate, you know, three years, five years, ten ...?

A. **I would think eight years.**

12. Q. About eight years?

A. **Yup.**

13. Q. Okay. All right. And, and during that time, what committees were you assigned to?

A. **I was on the Finance Committee.**

14. Q. Okay. Okay. That whole period?

A. **Yes.**

15. Q. Okay. And in two thou...

A. **[Indiscernible]**

16. Q. Oh. Okay. All right. And in 2010, there was a bill that came to the House floor in May of 2010, and I believe also just prior to that it came through Finance, so you're probably familiar with it for both – from both places, it was the Jobs Creation Guaranty Act?

A. The what?

17. Q. The Jobs Creation Guaranty Program.

A. Oh, I don't remember that.

18. Q. That was a – that was a – a – That was a bill that was actually budgeting \$125 million to be used by the EDC, Economic Development Corporation to give out loans to small businesses that wanted to move to Rhode Island or – or needed assistance with – with capital, do you -- does that ring a bell?

A. Yes, it does. But I can't remember the details of it. It's a long time ago.

19. Q. Okay. And – and do you remember who the chairman of the Finance Committee was at the time?

A. Costantino, I believe.

20. Q. Okay. Steven?

A. Yes.

21. Q. Okay. So you – you don't remember any of the discussion regarding that – that bill?

A. We did a lot of things. I – I just don't remember that bill.

22. Q. All right. Do you remember any talk about the company 38 Studios?

A. There was something about it, but eh, like I said, it's a long time ago now.

23. Q. Mm hmm. And ...

A. I don't remember anything specifically though.

24. Q. All right. Do you – do you remember when you first heard 38 Studios, was that ...?

A. No, I don't.

25. Q. All right. You don't know if that was during the Finance Committee meetings or whether that was on the – the House floor?

A. I w... Before it got to the floor, it was ... probably it come through the Finance Committee.

26. Q. Mm. Okay.
- A. I don't remember anything though.
27. Q. All right. Do you know anybody at 38 Studios?
- A. No.
28. Q. Okay.
- A. Not that I'm aware of.
29. Q. No? Okay. Do you know Michael Corso?
- A. What's the last name?
30. Q. Corso?
- A. Eh, it doesn't ring a bell, no.
31. Q. Okay. Okay. I thank you very much for your time.
- A. Not a problem.
32. Q. All right.
- A. [Indiscernible]
33. Q. You have a good day.
- A. ... anything else, let me know.
34. Q. Okay. Thank you.
- A. Bye.

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