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

Case Identification (Name/Offense):	Corso/38 Studios		
Person Interviewed:	Zachary Darrow		
	First	Middle	Last
Address:	One Turks Head Place, Suite 1200, Providence RI [REDACTED]		
	Street	City	Telephone#
Place Interviewed:	Law Office of DarrowEverett		
Was Person Previously Interviewed?	N	Formal Statement to be Taken?	Y
	Yes/No		Yes/No
Juvenile or Adult?		Parent or Guardian Present if Juvenile?	
	Yes/No		Yes/No
Place of Employment:	DarrowEverett Law Firm		
	Address		Telephone#

Assignment:

Detective:	Corporal Buonaiuto	Supervisor:	
Date:	6/6/14	Time:	10:00am

Report:

Narrative - On Friday, June 6, 2014, at approximately 10:00am, Detective Corporal Buonaiuto and RI Assistant Attorney General Patrick Youngs interviewed Attorney Zachary Darrow at his law office, DarrowEverett, located at One Turks Head Place, Suite 1200, Providence, RI. Also present during the interview was Attorney Darrow's attorney, Charles A. Tamuleviz.

Attorney Darrow provided the following information regarding his knowledge of events and circumstances related to 38 Studios and Michael Corso.

Darrow first met Michael Corso through social circles when Corso was employed as In-House Attorney for Developer Buff Chase/Cornish Associates. During that same time period Corso became interested in tax credits, something that Buff Chase had no interest in. Corso became so involved in his tax credit interest that he personally recruited Darrow to do legal work for Buff Chase. Darrow explained that when he first started doing legal work for Buff Chase through Corso, Buff Chase was not aware of the arrangement. Darrow stated that he eventually received a call from Buff Chase who told him, "I think you're my Lawyer."

Soon thereafter, Corso disappeared from Cornish & Associates.



Darrow stated that he has never done business with Corso.

Darrow stated that during a time period when Historic Tax Credits were being clamped down on by the state, film tax credits began to take off. Soon thereafter Corso began making multiple trips to Hollywood, California and was given the nickname, "Hollywood Mike".

Darrow stated that Corso was always late with his rent payment to Buff Chase on the space occupied by Tazza Cafe'.  
[REDACTED]

Darrow stated that based on the information he has heard on the street, Corso was the quarterback on the team that help bring 38 Studios to Rhode Island.

Darrow explained that shortly before 38 Studios closed their doors and laid off all of its employees, Corso and Tom Zaccagnino approached one of Darrow's clients in an attempt to obtain a bridge loan for 38 Studios. Darrow stated that Corso and Zaccagnino attempted to use tax credits as collateral for the loan. Darrow stated that as attorney for his client he would not let his client close the loan until they showed him the tax credit certificates. Darrow stated that they never showed him the tax credit certificates so his client did not provide the loan.

Darrow stated that after unsuccessfully attempting to obtain the loan from his client, he knows Corso and Zaccagnino contacted another investor in California who provided the loan.

Darrow stated that Corso recently purchased a home in Chatham, Massachusetts (Cape Code). He also explained that [REDACTED] with Corso.

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Detective's  
Signature

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Supervisor's Signature