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

Case Identification (Name/Offense):		38 Studios	
Person Interviewed:	Steve Nappa		
	<small>First</small>	<small>Middle</small>	<small>Last</small> <small>DOB</small>
Address:	473 WASHINGTON Street, Providence (Nappa Construction)		
	<small>Street</small>	<small>City</small>	<small>Telephone #</small>
Place Interviewed:	Nappa Construction		
Was Person Previously Interviewed?	N	Formal Statement to be Taken?	Y
	<small>Yes/No</small>		<small>Yes/No</small>
Juvenile or Adult?	Adult	Parent or Guardian Present if Juvenile?	
	<small>Yes/No</small>		<small>Yes/No</small>
Place of Employment:	Nappa Construction		
	<small>Address</small>	<small>Telephone #</small>	

Assignment:

Detective:	Buonaiuto/Brown	Supervisor:	
Date:	3/28/14	Time:	1:05PM

Report:

Narrative - On Friday, March 28, 2014, Corporal Buonaiuto, Detective Brown, FBI Special Agent Pitcavage and Consoli interviewed Steve Nappa of Nappa Construction. Nappa provided the following information.

Nappa is the owner/operator of Nappa Construction located at 473 Washington Street, Providence. The majority of Nappa Construction work is industrial, but the company does take on a small amount of residential work at times.

Nappa Construction was the General Contractor for the 38 Studios renovation and the Tazza Restaurant renovation. According to Steve Nappa, Nappa Construction was paid a 10% Management fee for the work done at 38 Studios. Steve Nappa explained that he was contacted by Michael Corso regarding the 38 Studios renovation project and asked to submit a quote. Steve Nappa described Michael Corso as a lawyer or consultant hired by 38 Studios. Nappa Construction employee Bill Brozza was the project manager assigned to 38 Studios and Tazza.

Steve Nappa knew Michael Corso prior to the 38 Studios renovation as a result of some home renovations Nappa Construction had done on Corso's home. Steve Nappa does not socialize with Michael Corso on a personal level, only on a professional level.

Nappa Construction hired Rossi Electric as the electrical subcontractor for the 38 Studios renovation, who in turn hired Synet Inc., to install the low voltage wiring.

Steve Nappa stated that shortly after the start of the 38 Studios Renovation, Michael Corso asked him to renovate Tazza Restaurant. Steve Nappa described the work done at Tazza as a "facelift, not a complete gut." Steve Nappa stated that he charged Michael Corso \$10,000.00 for his companies work at Tazza, which included labor. All other contractors and suppliers were paid by Corso directly. Steve Nappa stated he believes Corso asked him to do the work at Tazza because several years prior he had done a small renovation for him at Tazza.

Steve Nappa stated that he contacted Dana Caggiano from Synet and spoke with him about doing work at

Tazza. Steve Nappa stated that as a result of contacting Caggiano, they met at Tazza to talk about the work on a Sunday morning. Only he and Caggiano were present. Initially, Steve Nappa stated that he told Caggiano to "give Corso a good deal, no one is looking over the change orders for 38 Studios with detail, you can make it up there." Steve Nappa then attempted to correct himself by stating that he "did not tell anyone to bury the Tazza work in the 38 Studios job", but did state that he "intentionally gave Caggiano the

impression to bury it by implying that he could make up the money through 38 Studio change orders." Steve Nappa further stated that he now knows that he should not have given Caggiano that impression.

Regarding Rossi Electric and the Tazza job, Steve Nappa stated that he dealt with John Ciacciarelli. Steve Nappa stated that he knew from talking with Ciacciarelli that Rossi Electric lost money on the Tazza job, but he never asked anyone not to charge Corso for work that they did at Tazza. Steve Nappa stated that he asked Ciacciarelli to give Corso a good deal, but also told him to charge what he felt comfortable with.

Steve Nappa was contacted by Ciacciarelli by phone a few months ago and told that the State Police were investigating him regarding the renovations to 38 Studios and Tazza.

Steve Nappa stated that Michael Corso often works with businessmen outside the state who are considering moving their business to Rhode Island. Steve Nappa stated that Corso is involved in securing state tax credits for potential clients who are considering a move to Rhode Island, which typically involves a renovation to a historic building. Because renovations are involved in most of these potential deals, Corso often asked Steve Nappa to attend meetings he had with the business owners to provide estimates on the cost of renovations to specific locations. Steve Nappa remembers one specific meeting that involved a business man that was considering moving his Charter School into a historic building on Roosevelt Street in Pawtucket. The meeting took place in the evening at Tazza restaurant. Steve Nappa stated that Gordon Fox was also at the meeting and believes he was there to assure the business owner that the General Assembly would be in support of his move to Rhode Island. Steve Nappa could not recall any specific comments that Gordon Fox made during the meeting.

Detective's
Signature

Supervisor's Signature