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DETECTIVE BUREAU
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CASE #: 12-3-IV
LEAD #:

CONTACT REPORT

Case Identification (Name/Offense):	38 Studios		
Person Interviewed:	Steve Nappa		
	First	Middle	Last
Address:	[REDACTED]		DOB
	Street	City	Telephone #
Place Interviewed:	Nappa Construction		
Was Person Previously Interviewed?	Y	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:	Nappa Construction	274-3917	
	Address	Telephone #	

Assignment:

Detective:	Lieutenant Buonaiuto	Supervisor:	
Date:	12/2/2015	Time:	1:00pm

Report:

Narrative - On December 2, 2015, at approximately 1:00pm, Lieutenant Buonaiuto and Assistant Attorney General Patrick Youngs, interviewed Steve Nappa at his business office located at Nappa Construction, 473 Washington Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

Nappa explained that since being publicly linked to the 38 Studios deal and Attorney Michael Corso in the media, his construction business has suffered dramatically and as a result, he has not contracted any work within the past nine months. Due to this loss of business he has laid off all of his employees and rented his business space out to an individual that will be opening a high end personal training gym in the space.

Nappa indicated that he has conversed with Michael Corso approximately 20-30 times by text message since the closing of 38 Studios. The majority of those contacts where in reference to a home renovation that Corso is doing in Chatham, Massachusetts (Cape Code). Nappa stated that Corso has tried to get him to work on this construction project, but he has refused to work with Corso because he believes by doing so it will bring unwanted attention from the media and continue to be a detriment to his business.



Nappa stated that developer Buff Chase did not renew Corso's lease for the space in which Tazza Restaurant was located [REDACTED]

Nappa was introduced to Gordon Fox by former State Representative Ray Rickman. The introduction was in connection to a Fox fund raising event in 2007 that was organized by Corso and Rickman.

Nappa stated that he had no idea "Fox was on the grab" and typically Fox was always complaining that he was broke.

Nappa Construction renovated Fox's partner's (Marco) hair salon located in a building on Chestnut Street, Providence, which is owned by Michael Corso.

Nappa was the Chair of the Providence Building Board.

Described Corso as extremely cautious and a person that is good a self-preservation.

Nappa named David Cicillini, Gordon Fox, Steven Constantino and Michael Corso as all members of the nicknamed group "Velvet Mafia."

Nappa never spoke with Constantino.

Nappa stated that to his knowledge, Michael Corso wrote Tax Credit legislation that Fox submitted.

Nappa knew who Brandt Andersen. He explained that he was aware Andersen was a movie guy connected to the State of Utah. He knew this as a result of his dealing with movie producer Michael Corrente and a movie that was shot at the old LADD Center location in Exeter.

Nappa stated that Zaccagnino met Corso through their mutual involvement in the renovation of the Stonehouse in Little Compton.

Schilling invited Nappa to his home for dinner to show his appreciation for the work Nappa Construction did on the renovation of One Empire Street for 38 Studios.

Nappa stated that the initial work that Synet was asked to do at TAZza was the installation of some cameras and speakers, but after Synet began the job, the scope of their work grew. Nappa stated that he was not involved in the details of the work done at Tazza because Corso was paying all of the subcontractors directly.

Nappa stated that before 38 Studios came to RI, Corso asked him to located space that could be renovated for a client, but initially Corso did not tell him who the client was.

Nappa believes his company was chosen to do the 38 Studios renovation because he had a good repport with government officials and as a result could work through all the anticipated government issues.

Nappa stated that he never paid anyone a bribe in an effort to obtain a personal or business gain. He also stated that he never saw anyone else pay, or take a bribe, or hear reference to anyone paying or taking a bribe as it relates to 38 Studios or anything unrelated to 38 Studios.

Detective's Signature

Supervisor's Signature