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**INTERVIEW WITH DELILA YOUNG-ALI
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Q. Say my name is...

D.A. My name is Delila Young-Ali and my husband, Said Ali, was incarcerated for a hundred and five days and for terrorists accusations, basically. He was accused of being a terrorist and investigated for being a terrorist when nothing like that ever even came to our minds that he would ever be--you know--accused of something like that.

Q. Now, tell us, like, how you first knew about this? The cops came to your house? Just tell us how that day worked?

D.A. Well, that day my husband took my oldest son to school. He drove him to the bus stop. And my son, at that time, went to a private school in New Jersey and he had to leave very early in the morning. So he left, like, about six-thirty in the morning. And about...I was up late that night for whatever reasons I was tossing and turning. And I actually woke up late. But I woke up to a banging on my front door. And to my surprise, when I opened the door there was about a dozen police officers slash DA investigators from New York City and the local police authority saying... first asking for my husband, which I told them he wasn't here, and then stating that they had a search warrant for the property.

And after I...I looked at the search warrant briefly I went to...I went to the phone, I called my husband and they just made sure that he came in. They said: We have the search warrant; we're coming in and searching the property. And as I was looking through the prop...through the search warrant, I realized that this wasn't just a search warrant that had to do with a dispute that he was having with his company which I thought at first because he was...we put a civil law suit against a company that he worked for...for moneys that they owed him. And I said this can't be possible. But I knew that one of the owners of the company had links into the police department. He was an ex-New York City police lieutenant so I knew he had this kind of contact. But then, when I started reading the search warrant, it stated that they were looking for biological and chemical and nuclear warfare and it just made me shake. And my kids were woken up and I had two friends come over and take them to school. And I couldn't believe this was happening.

And as I'm talking to my husband's attorney on the phone and reading the search warrant, one of the investigators told me I wasn't allowed to read the search warrant to him and he said: your call has ended and say good-by. And then that was it for speaking with the attorney. And at that point he kept telling me to, you know, that I shouldn't be in...in the house while they're conducting it 'cause it's going to take a long time and they were just going through everything. And at that point I just left the house and went to my mother's and my sister's who lived about ten minutes away. When I came back to the house so many things were just taken, I mean, paperwork, my private bills, pictures, family videos--so many things and I was just distraught. And then I spoke with my

husband and he told me that he was going to surrender; that they had a warrant out for his arrest. But we still, at this point, thought it was a misunderstanding and he would wind up being out the same day. And I said: NO problem. Don't worry about it.

And then further on during the day I'm speaking to all his...the people that he used to work with and they're telling me they can't find him; that he's not where he should be, and until later on that night where he was able to call me through somebody that was with him in whatever...the tombs, I had no idea where he was. I didn't speak to him, I didn't know what was happening and the next thing I knew was that he, you know, he was just...he was being arrested and they weren't letting him go. And they didn't...they didn't have the arraignment that night, which they were supposed to. When I went to the City it wasn't happening that night. It happened the next morning and in court all they just kept talking about was how he was...he used to live in Pakistan. He's from Pakistan and that he...they found simulated games in his house from planes which were my sons, and they found a World Trade Center ticket that he took my girlfriend's sister and a friend and her son and my son to the World Center. And they just kept bringing all these little links together and it all came out to discrimination. But the way it...they made him seem was like, you know, he was the head of the...the terrorist organization himself. It ... it was just so tragic.

Q. So tell us a little about these flight simulations games?

D.A. Friends of ours gave it to my son for Christmas. It was like one of these computer games that...with planes and stuff.

No, my husband, he used to be in the Air Force years and years ago and he always liked planes and things like that. But these particular games that they're talking about were actually my son's. They weren't even my husband's. But they were just video games that you could go into so many peoples' houses and find.

At that point I didn't know where I was, where my family was going, what was going to happen to my husband because all you hear about is how terrible people were being treated just because of who they were, because they were Muslim, because they were Arabic, they were Pakistani, they were dark skinned. And at this point what I heard in that courtroom I thought they were going to wind up killing my husband. And just going into the...the jail where he was I could imagine how these prisoners were going to treat him because he was in with murderers and rapists. And what he told me the first day he went in was, like, they were telling him he'd better not go to sleep. And these were things he was telling me. But I had to be strong for my kids. My kids had no...I have a...a eight-year-old daughter now, who to this day I can't explain what happened to her. She thinks that my husband was away looking for a job because I didn't understand what was going on myself so how was I going to explain it to her.

Q. Now, what about your friends? Did they come to your support?

D.M.A. Well, the first day everybody was talking to me and they helped me. They helped me pick up my son because we didn't have any vehicles, and they...they told me not to worry about it. They tried to contact...tried to find my husband with all their contacts in the City and the police departments and such. But it seems like after the second and third day, all my husband's friends that

he's known for years disappeared. Once they heard that he was being accused of being a terrorist, nobody wanted to talk to us. Nobody wanted to deal with us.

It was, like, people told me not to call them: Don't call me. Don't contact me. Leave us alone. And it was just stunning how these are people that came to our house. My kids called these people, you know, uncles. That's how close they were in the family. And they called these people uncles and now they don't want...they didn't want anything to do with us. And even people in other countries that my husband knew from childhood told me not to call...not to call them. You know? They don't want to be involved.

So at this point we had...I had no money, no resources, no help from anybody but my immediate family, which was my mother, my sister and my brother-in-law, and one of my friends, a husband and wife team, and that was it. And they were the only people that were able to help me just watch my children while I had to find out what was going on with my husband, every time I had to go visit my husband in jail. It was just ... It was horrific.

Q. Now, what happened to your ...your house and your money and stuff?

D.A. Well, they...what happened was the house that we were living in was bought for us through the company that my husband worked for and it was supposed to be turned over to us. And they sent us a termination of vacancy...or of tenancy, which was shocking to me because we weren't tenants. You know? That was supposed to be our home that...that we...my husband worked hard for. And it was supposed to be turned over to us and they just took it away from...took it away from us and they took...they told me that everything that the company, which I believed from my husband to be a partner in that company, had to stay in the house.

So we just brought some furniture on the corporate account. We just had renovations done to the house. Everything had to stay. And, I mean, my children had a ten thousand dollar swing set in the back that had to stay. My husband put close to fifteen thousand dollar barbecue grill in the ground set that had to...I had to leave everything there. And they had people come to me and tell me that if I didn't leave these things there that they were going to have me arrested.

Now, at this point I mean, my husband was telling me that I should stay in the house; they have no right to kick me out of the house, but at this point I'm thinking to myself what am I going to do? What if they do arrest me? I don't want that...my kids to see that. My kids already lost one parent that I don't know how long...'cause they already did that...I couldn't even imagine that they did. I couldn't even think that that was possible, what they were doing. And because they knew contacts in the District Attorney's office and because they knew he was from Pakistan they were just able to do whatever they wanted and accuse him of being a terrorist.

And it's just...I couldn't believe what was happening. I mean, we...I remember on September 11th happened and how painful it was just knowing that this was happening, you know, in our country. And we...we were the first ones in our area to put a flag on our house. My daughter loves the United States. She writes letters. She writes "I love the U.S.A.", all these little things she...I mean, we...we were more patriotic than most of the people even beforehand and here they are accusing

my husband of doing something...being part of something that is just evil just because of who he is. And they took our cars because they were the company's and they...they threatened us and they...what I've heard, they threatened the people that wouldn't speak with me and told them that if they talked to me or tried to contact my husband in jail that they were going to be arrested as, I guess, accomplices or what have you.

Q. So what did you tell your kids?

D.M.A. Well, my oldest son was fifteen. He knew everything from A to Z. I didn't keep anything from him 'cause he's extremely intelligent and he's very mature. My daughter, on the other hand, who's eight, she thought Daddy went away to look for a job. He was able to call us and she spoke with him every day so that's one thing I told her. My five-year-old, he knew the same thing but he didn't understand. But these children went through so much: taken out of their home, taken out of the life style that they knew and telling ... telling them we can no longer go to that house. You don't have your home anymore. Your stuff is in storage because we couldn't get to it while we were living...while we were staying with my mother.

Then we had to have my Mother and my sister find some place for us to stay because where they lived it was only a two bedroom house, a three bedroom house mind you, and there was my sister, my brother-in-law and my niece, my mother and then myself and my three children and it could...we couldn't stand living in a three bedroom house because she rented that so we had to find another house and they had to move once again and still without their father. So I just kept saying: Don't worry. Things are going to be okay and...and...but they...I had no clue. Every time they asked me: When is Daddy coming home? When is Daddy coming home?, I said: I don't know. We'll see. We'll see. Hopefully soon.

Q. Now, your husband told us about the Argentinean...go ahead. Your husband was telling us about the Argentinean housekeeper, I guess, who gave you some money and stood by you.

D.M.A. Yes. We had somebody that stayed with us for some time. And it was amazing because she was so concerned about us that when I called her and told her what was happening she had sent me through money orders because she...she's afraid of everything that's going on with the INS, things like that. She had sent me three thousand dollars that she had saved up just for a rainy day. And we're talking about a woman that doesn't have much. And then we have all our friends that my husband has helped in more ways than one- people that were going to lose their homes, that needed money for taxes- everything. He has helped so many people financially, with their marriages, with everything...anything that my husband had he would share. And the person that, you know, that wound up not caring about helping us was our old housekeeper which was the...we couldn't even imagine that she...she did this. And, I mean, I just...I just thank God for her.

Q. Now, did she live...

D.M.A. (Several unintelligible comments) Now she's in Chicago with her son and she's over there because she...she needed to see...stay with him. And I think that was the best thing because if she was still with us they would definitely have tried to come after her. And she wasn't legal so she's somewhere in Chicago. I'm not sure exactly where, 'cause she just calls me. And it's like I said

before, it's just amazing the people that you find out who your true friends are and who's really there for you when something like this happens.

Q. So tell us where you were brought up? Where were you born and brought up?

D.M.A. I was born in Brooklyn, New York, and brought up in New York City and we...I didn't move out of the City until three years...like, 1997 when we moved to Rockland county. But I was brought up in Bensonhurst and Midwood, Brooklyn, and I couldn't believe how people and individuals in authority take advantage of things because of their own prejudice, like people that have contacts with the New York City Police Department who...all those people that helped, granted, but with the amount of people that helped there is an amount of people that do things that are...are just wrong, just wrong just to make their quotas just to show, you know, get a new stripe-things of that sort.

Q. So did you go to school out there in Brooklyn?

D.M.A. I went...I went to school in Brooklyn, I graduated from James Madison High School in Madison...in Midwood, and I had a son at a young age. And I went to Kingsboro Community College for, like, one semester and then I started working in Brooklyn at a mail order company. And then I worked in New York City at the company where I met my husband. And when I had my second daughter. That's when I stopped working, but I still lived in...in the City like I said, up until 1997.

Q. So when this...this all happened what about your...your family? Your family was supportive. They were in shock?

D.A. My immediate family was...was just as shocked as I was. My mother, she has heart problems, she has high cholesterol, rheumatoid arthritis, and as things were going it was hard for us to tell her what was going on exactly but we had to. And we were kind of fearful of her. My sister and my brother-in-law had to tell, you know, first what would happen. But I would try to be strong in front of my mother but it was just so difficult because I was trying to be strong in front of my kids and then to try to be strong in front of my mother.

As for my...my extended family my...most of my family, they didn't really want to get involved but they spoke with me. I had one of my aunts who I thought knew my husband and knew us just as much as our friends did, she came out and said: Well, they wouldn't have picked him up if he wasn't somewhat guilty. So even my own aunt showed signs of the same thing that the friends were showing signs of: Oh, we don't really know him. I mean, my husband has been here and he had been such a good person. And him of all people, I mean, you wouldn't imagine him doing anything like that.

But meanwhile, my landscaper couldn't believe that they said something like this. He couldn't believe that this was happening to him. And he second guessed. But that was a landscaper. That wasn't somebody that slept in our house. That wasn't somebody that, you know...Most of the people that they know that are terrorists, they...the...the FBI knows...

That was the funniest part of all- the FBI didn't...had nothing on my father, my husband. My kids' father didn't do anything wrong for them to want to investigate him. This was all the Assistant District Attorney that was investigating my husband. The smallest county in the United States is investigating my husband instead of, while all this is going on, right after September 11th, the FBI hadn't even questioned about my husband? It...it didn't seem...I couldn't understand it because they kept him for a hundred and five days without even the FBI inquiring about him. And it...it didn't make sense that the District Attorney's office had this much power when such...when terrorism was such a close...September 11th just happened and the FBI wasn't investigating him.

Q. Now, who arrested him in the DA's office? Did you talk ...did you talk to anybody?

D.M.A. No. I...I didn't talk to anybody in the DA's office. My husband's attorney spoke with Assistant District Attorney Witman Nap and they just said that they kept investigating. Now, my husband's family is politically involved in Pakistan who has been helping the United States throughout all this. And even his uncle was trying to get his contacts to...to find out why they were holding my husband. And his contacts called, you know, the...the INS and the Justice Department and they had no clue. They...they said he's not being investigated.

But meanwhile, the District Attorney's office could say whatever they want in court. So we had to fight. And I'm thankful that my husband's uncle did reach out to people because the Ambassador from Pakistan that's in Washington, she really looked into this and she called Mr. Nap's office and she called the Justice Department and she called and she, you know, told them: I don't understand why you're- You know?- we're vouching for this man that he has nothing to do...He's not on any...any flag list. He's not wanted by anyone and we're sure that he has nothing involved, and that wasn't good enough for the District Attorney's office. They just kept on and kept on and kept on.

Q. Did you ever talk to any ... did you ever talk to any federal agent?

D.A. No federal agent contacted me except for the...when the search warrant took place. That was the only time that I was ever questioned, and not even questioned regarding my husband, just questioned on where would paperwork be? Where would this be in my house.

About my husband, I was never questioned, not once. My mother was never questioned. My sister was never questioned. My sisters were never questioned. My brother-in-law was never questioned. All the people...my...my girl friend was never questioned who's always over my house. Immediate friends were never questioned unless they had to do with my husband's company. And that was the ironic part about it because if he's a terrorist then everyone should have been questioned. Even if he's being investigated as being a terrorist everybody should have been questioned. My children, we should have been investigated and nothing like that.

They even said in court...one of the points of their evidence was that my husband went on a lot of trips. He went to trips to Orlando and he went to trips to Vegas and he went trips to Pakistan with people. Those people were me and my kids. We went...we went almost yearly to Disneyworld. We...my husband asked me for my thirtieth birthday last year what I wanted for my birthday. And he always went on business trips with the two other partners in the company to Las Vegas so I told him I want to go to Las Vegas. So, on my thirtieth birthday we went on a extended trip to Las

Vegas. And because the terrorists are known to go to Florida and Vegas they brought this up in court, but they said "these people." Now, they have copies 'cause they have all the evidence. They have all the evidence in their possession 'cause they took it from the house so they knew the people that my husband went with were his wife and children and they didn't bring that out. And the District Attorney's office is supposed to be for the people. They're supposed to be for the people.

Meanwhile, they're withholding evidence just to prove a point; just to have this man spend a hundred and five days in jail in a population of thirty people. He wasn't even put by himself and they said he was in protective custody! I don't think he was in protective custody. The...the building he was in is an NIC and it's supposed to be protective custody in high profile, but he wasn't because he was in a room with thirty other murders, rapers, killers and most...and...and some of them were sentenced already. So these are people that weren't just awaiting trial and things and that, and these were people that first told my husband that I wouldn't go to sleep. Nothing better happen to my family. And the...and this office is supposed to be for the people? They wanted to...they didn't want my husband to have bail. They..they wanted to hold him without bail. Luckily enough, I guess, the judge saw through it and put a bail on him but the bail was...I...I had nothing. They took everything from me. At two hundred and fifty thousand dollars you need a piece of property. You need some kind of equity. We had nothing. And nobody was going to put up anything because he was labeled as being a terrorist.

Q. Right. In...in terms of your attitude to the world how has it changed before and after, I mean, in terms of...of how you felt about everything? I mean, has it...has it been pretty dramatic?

D.A. At first...at first I hated the justice system in this country. At first I felt that me being a U.S. citizen, I was embarrassed to be a U.S. citizen for the first time in my life, that my husband...It's really funny. My husband's not a citizen yet. He's waiting to be a citizen. As a matter of fact, he's waiting for his appointment date. Years ago, when we got married, I told him, you know, you can become a citizen within three or five years because you're marrying me. I could sponsor you. It wouldn't be a problem. And at that time it was no problem. There was no...Now, there's a lot of things that you have to go through whereas at that time you didn't. And he said: NO. I...I don't want anybody to say I married you for that reason. I married you because I loved you and that was it and I want to become a citizen on my own merits. And so many things happened. They lost his paperwork. So many things happened with Immigration which...It's a big organization. Things like that happen. It's understandable.

But every punch they threw at us we went back. And he...he had an attorney and he was getting his citizenship. And we wanted it badly because we wanted his father to see how well he was doing. We wanted his father to come here and see the schools that his children go to and--you know--see how his grandchildren perform their every day life. And he just didn't want...and because of that they were able to do this to my husband, because my husband wasn't a citizen yet. And if they looked into that...that he could have become a citizen, they...they would know that he didn't use me for his own benefit and he's married to an American woman. He has three children with this American woman. What terrorist is going to marry an American? What terrorist is going to marry...at that time I was a Christian-American. I wasn't Muslim. I converted...converted to...to Islam many...like, three or four years after I married my husband on my own will. I wasn't forced

into it or anything like that. So no terrorist is going to do that...what we know of terrorists today. They're militants and they hate Americans and they...they...they say that they're doing Islamic work by all these terrorist actions. So a terrorist isn't about to do that.

And for them to be able to hold my husband, it just...it didn't seem like justice to me and I was embarrassed to say that this was my country. I was embarrassed to say that I can't believe that the justice system and the...the District attorney's office and the government was doing this and wasn't doing anything about it when I would call. I wrote many letters to different politicians and nobody wanted to help me. Nobody wanted...they said: we're sorry because it's a criminal investigation and we can't get into it. But meanwhile your...your officers, the people that you have performing justice for America, look at what they're doing to...to people that came to this country to...to...to want to prosper. My husband wants to be an American citizen. He still, to this day, wants to be and I can't understand it. I can't understand it because I didn't see anything but hardship from people that had control. They were just as worst as the terrorists because they were must taking people ... They were so prejudiced, and the looks and .. just by the District Attorney's office was just .. it was unbearable. So I literally lost a lot of hope in the Judicial system.

But as the...the hearings progressed and he spoke with me and he says: Listen! The law is there. People can't just do this. And the law did come out because the judge did come out and say: Okay, this is ridiculous already. You have a man from a middle class neighborhood, a man...He didn't say a Muslim man. He didn't say a terrorist or anything, and you don't have anything from the federal government. How...how do you...how much further do you think I'm going to let you do this? And the judge is excellent in this manner because he realized. He said you know what? This is ridiculous. He was being cautious, and now that I look back, he was being cautious because of what happened in September 11th and he didn't want to take a chance. But after seeing all the evidence that they had and seeing that it wasn't worth anything, he realized that this man did a hundred and five days for no reason at all. None.

But now, I mean, I'm seeing more that, you know, the judicial system in this country is doing more. I still feel that people in powerful places like the District Attorney's office, they...they don't feel bad about what they did. They're...they're not sorry for what they did and they know that they withheld evidence. They know that they did things that they weren't supposed to do. And it was all because they had, you know, they had somebody whispering in their ear: Do me a favor. This guy's from Pakistan. And the one of the owners from my husband's company that he worked for, somebody told me and my husband before all this happened, before the search warrant, that we're going to use this terrorist thing to the max. We're going to use it to the max. And we...we heard this beforehand. NO way! You know? He's just, you know...you know, opening his mouth and saying these things. You know? But we didn't really think that they could use this and that they could...that people would actually do something like this and it's...it's wrong.

Now...I mean, I want to stay here in America because I think that what happened to us shouldn't happen and I'm teaching my children not to hate people because of who they are. My daughter does see Nickelodeon and she sees these little shows that they have on- how Muslim children are being treated badly. But she knows. And I think my children will be able to teach other people and other children how to be good and not to be prejudiced and not to let these things happen.

Q. ...Children...with a lot of harassing in schools and ...?

D.A. Well, in the school that they're in right now...

Q. She's going to change the tape so...?

D.A. Okay. When it came down to racism, basically the first sign of racism was friends that were supposed to be friends, and when they didn't associate with us and when I would hear things like, well,--you know--he is from Pakistan, so we're not really sure ourselves. We didn't know who he knew, who he goes to see when you take your trips to Pakistan,--things like that. When we would see our family, my husband's family. And another time was in the court. Any time I would go there when ... My husband had to shave his head because he would get very itchy. His head got very itchy so he shaved his head when he was there, and so he started wearing his tofy, which is the Islamic hat that the men wear on their head. And you would see just how the people in the courtroom would whisper: Oh, he probably is, or how the people in the courtroom would say .. when they were saying about him being a terrorist the first time in the courtroom, how they all looked at me because I just started saying no way; no, it's not happening, and they must have known that I was his wife and they would just stare at me. And when we came out of the courtroom people were just staring and staring at me and it almost looked like they were angry with me. And then I when I would go visit him in prison you saw the ... the nasty looks of people. Now, I've ... we've always experienced people staring at us because my husband's darker than me and--you know--he's from Pakistan and he's--you know--he looks like somebody from that part of the world and I'm white. So,--you know--it's a mixed marriage so we always saw people staring and--you know--thing like that. But this was just .. it was different. And people wouldn't talk the same way to me. They would say hello .. even when I would see neighbors and things like that they wouldn't talk to me like they did before, friendly and things like that. Even the people. We had a police detective that lived across the street from us, when he came over he was very in--he wanted to know what was going on and things like that, but then, after the first couple of days after I told him what was going on, he stopped coming around. When I told them,--you know--that they're .. that they accused him of this, he didn't come around any more. and just the prejudice of my family, like my .. my aunt who said that horrible thing. I mean, just by her ... And I knew it. I knew she was thinking what everybody else, when you see on TV, was thinking,--you know,--like people saying they should all be sent back. Anybody who's not a citizen should be sent back,--things like that,--and we knew. But my .. as for my children, they didn't experience it. The only way they experienced it was my daughter would watch Nicolodian and see .. or see the news and see what was happening to kids getting beat up and getting harassed and she said: Mommy, is that really happening? And I said: Yes it is, but that's because people don't know. They're very naive and they're ignorant and they're just very upset and angry. And she was .. She asked me: Is that going to happen to me? And I .. I told her it won't happen to her. And I spoke with her principal and I asked her principal: what precautions are you taking to make sure things like this don't happen? And I guess my children are a little bit lucky because it's hard to see that my kids are half Pakistani because they're .. they don't look it. They're not so dark. They ... they could ... You could think my children are Spanish or you could think my children are from Italy or the y.. Nobody could pinpoint where my children are from except for their last name and I ... even their first names aren't Arabic so you can't relay pinpoint that. And I guess they're lucky compared to the other children that you could tell and they got beat up and things like that. And my daughter would

see that and it was very hurtful for her. And she would make her friends understand that, no, not every Muslim is like that. And she didn't suffer anything when it came down to prejudism. But then again, we live in a suburban area and she has a small school. We don't live in the City, and it was less publicized out here than it is in the City so I guess ...

Q. Well, you husband sort of did. Just in the beginning he would run across people going in the City, in the police station or wherever, who had actually worked for his company and who started to talk to him and then suddenly they shut up. Did you run across that?

D.A. Well, .. Well, the people that we knew that before this they started saying about terrorism,- the people that we knew from his company I was able to talk to. I would call them and I would say: what do I do? You know? I need help. How do I go about it? And they would tell me ... they .. they would help me at first. They would pick up my son because he was in school in Jersey,-he was in a private school,-and they picked him up a couple of times for me because I wasn't able to get there. But then, after a while, they just would stop talking to me and stop ... They wouldn't want anything to do with me or my family. And one of our friends that knew us through ... knew my husband through the company, he stuck with us and he lives in New Jersey. And he stuck with us and But he heard everything that these people were saying. He even heard what the partners were saying, that: Oh, we don't know if he's a terrorist?--you know?--and that the partners literally telling all .. clients and anybody that has known my husband that- you know--he's being investigated for terrorism. He's being investigated for terrorism. So my husband worked with them for the past ... between thirteen and fourteen years and now that whole time his whole professional career is gone because of these things that they're saying that aren't true. It's just a basic .. they're using it just to their benefit. So now all the people that he once associated with look at him in a different way just because he was investigated. that is true. He was investigated for being a terrorist. Will they come out and say the FBI did not investigate him? He wasn't on their ... their list of guys? He wasn't brought to where most of these other people are brought? He was brought to a City jail. I think he was the only one that was investigated for ter--for being a terrorist that was in a City jail, a correctional facility. Who would put somebody there? But they're not doing that. They're telling the truth because he was investigated, but they're not telling the truth because they're not saying how he was investigated; how their influences made him investigated. So nobody wants to talk to us any more except this one person who happened to work for ... I think it was the New Jersey State Police. And he said himself when he found out about this, he spoke to his friends in the FBI and once he got a clearance that my husband had nothing to do with this and that they weren't looking into him, he continued to talk to us and continued to be there as a support and basically to tell us what was going on, what exactly .. which .. how much more destruction is going to be done to my husband and my family. How much more destruction can they .. can they do because of the people they know.

Q. Well now, you said in the beginning that you think this got started because one of the partners .. somehow had an in with the police. So howWhat makes you actually think that? I mean, do you have some kind of, like, knowledge?

D.A. Oh yes, definitely. One of the lead investigators in the .. the District Attorney's office happens to be somebody that one of the partners knows, and even though he said that he didn't know

when my husband's attorney sent a motion or some sort of legal paperwork to the District Attorney's office and stating that—you know--this person knows the client ... I want this investigator off because this .. it's wrong for this to happen, they denied it. But my husband knows for a fact that this gentleman worked for a company that knew the partner and he knew .. and then my husband ,while he was first held,--I'm not sure; he'll be able to tell you more,--if it was the police or the people who held him said to him: Oh, don't you know Gary Wexler who is the partner, or .. or and told other people: Oh, don't you know who Gary Wexler is, who was the other partner? nAd we know that he did good for people through is contacts. He knew a lot of people in the Police Department. He knew a lot of people . He did a lot of public ... political campaigning.

He was helping with, and things like that. He .. he wanted to ...he had his hopes to be the Police commissioner. That's where his head was at, so he constantly made contacts. He was an excellent public speaker. And we went on on va--vacations with this man and with his help and the people he knew he was able to do this because we ... my husband saw what he was able to do if he knew that a friend had a parking ticket or if a friend had a ... a domestic dispute with his wife or things like that. They were in the security business. They knew a lot of .. they .. they must have known anybody and everybody in the New York City Police Department that was worth knowing.

Q. Okay. Do you ... do you ... No. that's really great.

D.A. Okay.

Q. Thank you. Sorry to keep you so long.

D.A. That's okay.

Q. I know it's really hard to do this stuff ?

D.A. No. It's over with. Well, now that that part's over.

Q. Well, let's get a couple of shots actually (inaudible) if you would mind just continue talking to

D.A. ... came from nerves, not from being cold.

Q. You're not cold? You are cold?

D.A. No.

Q2. Mary, could you just move that (inaudible) I'm sorry. If you wouldn't mind,-I know it's awkward,--just kind of talk about something else so that I can get

Q. So you're all living here?

D.A. Yeah. we're all living here helping each other. My sister and my brother-in-law are amazing, my mother.

Q. You know, your kids are in the same schools as they were?

D.A. No. My oldest son, he had ... because he was in a private school he had to leave the private school and .. because we couldn't pay the next tuition payment and ... But even the kids in his school, one of the kids wanted to have a fund-raiser or try to collect money to keep him there but he didn't feel comfortable, I guess. He wanted to be closer to home or whatever.

Q. What did .. what did the school (inaudible) Try to keep him?

D.A. The .. You know what? After September 11th what happened, a lot of people, especially where he was .. He .. He was in Englewood, New Jersey which was right across from the .. so a lot of people were