
William Atchison's FBI Interview

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Early in 2016, William Atchison posted a comment in an online forum about “where to find cheap assault rifles for a mass shooting” (reported somewhat differently in different sources). This comment was flagged, and on 24 March 2016, two FBI agents visited Atchison’s home in Aztec, New Mexico. They spoke primarily with Atchison, but also with others, presumably his parents (as can be seen at the start and end of the transcript). Atchison admitted to his interest in school shooters but denied any intent to commit a violent act. Approximately twenty-one months later, on 7 December 2017, Atchison went to his former high school and shot and killed two people. This transcript has been newly edited and annotated for School Shooters .info. The attribution of speech may be unreliable (for instance, the first few speeches assigned to Atchison were probably spoken by one of his parents). For the text of Atchison’s online posts, see the document “William Atchison Online” at School Shooters .info.

AGENT It’s March 24th, 2016. Time is approximately 2:58 PM. This’ll be a conversation between Special Agent ██████, Special Agent ██████, and William Atchison. She’s gonna pick her up. Hey, how are you?

ATCHISON Hey.

AGENT William? Is William here? Okay. How you doin’? I’m good. Nice to meet you.

ATCHISON ... to meet you.

AGENT ... work with the FBI office here. We just wanted to know if we could chat with William for just a minute. Is he here? I don’t blame you. I will give you my business card. ’Cause you don’t — share a bunch of the information. Perfect. Which one do you work at? I hear you. Yeah, I’ll just tell him that we were — we were lookin’ into some things. I’ll — vague [?] and they won’t — they won’t need to know — and then

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we'll — we'll talk to you guys real quick before we head out. Okay? Sounds good.
Somethin' to do with that, yeah. Okay.

ATCHISON ... goin' on?

AGENT William? How you doin'?

ATCHISON All right [?]. Relating to my internet history or whatever?

AGENT Well, we'd like to sit down and chat with — chattin' in here?

ATCHISON Yeah.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON So, what's goin' on?

AGENT Well, let me show you who I am so that you know I'm not —

ATCHISON Yeah — [*crosstalk*]

AGENT — tryin' to make up anything.

ATCHISON Go [?] up here and relax. All right. So, let me just — [*unintelligible*] this —
so, [*throat clearing*] you guys are FBI?

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*].

ATCHISON This is pretty much gonna be relating to my internet stuff. Whatever.

AGENT Well, y— I guess you tell us, man. What do you think we're here for?

ATCHISON It's relating to my internet. My macabre [?] posting of yourself, yeah.

Like, just —

AGENT Did you talk — for ... [?]

ATCHISON No, not really —

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON But I am talkin' to 'em on Zoom [?] but it was about, like, video games,
you know.

AGENT Okay. But you haven't talked to anybody, William or anything, about that? When
you made those posts, did you — did you think that we may be comin' by just to —

ATCHISON Yeah, obviously, 'cause, like, my — I — I'm not the type to actually do any
of this shit. But I may, like —

AGENT Right.

ATCHISON You know what trolls are, right? Like — like, [*throat clearing*] [*unintelli-*
gible] basically. They take fun of, like, everything goin' on and shit.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON Like, I mean, I don't have any actual weapons. Like, those — those aren't
actually sharp. And — that, like — excuse me. Like, this is the closest thing to any
actual weapon I got and it's not even real, you know.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON It's like — 1700s Moroccan flintlock.

AGENT That's —

ATCHISON Replica.

AGENT Where'd you get that?

ATCHISON It's a heirloom.

AGENT Oh, cool.

ATCHISON 'Cause it was broke, you know. Like, this was fallin' apart so I —

AGENT Been — [*crosstalk*] ... been passed down through your family?

ATCHISON Yeah.

AGENT Then you better hold onto that.

ATCHISON Yeah. We — did [?]. It's pretty much [*mic noise*] [*unintelligible*]. It's like a BB gun thing. Air s—

AGENT Air soft gun?

ATCHISON Yeah, 'cause —

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON ... I'm just — I'm not stupid. So, I'm just [*throat clearing*] [*unintelligible*] 'cause, like, my anti-Islamic history and my, like — oh, is it — about, like — all these crazy guys goin' psycho and shit?

AGENT Okay —

ATCHISON Yeah, dude, I have —

AGENT Well —

ATCHISON ... to be honest, I knew one. I actually had some contact with one, like, when I was eleven.

AGENT Yeah.

ATCHISON This guy — this guy, the Amazing Atheist.¹

AGENT Is that him there?

ATCHISON No, he's not the actual guy who did it. But —

AGENT Oh, okay.

ATCHISON ... on the — so, you guys are FBI. So, I wanna give you the 100%, you know, like —

AGENT Yeah, that's what — William, we wanted to come here so we can get the 100% truth, you know —

ATCHISON You [?] know that I'm not crazy. Yeah, I'm not actually insane like these people are. Like, let me just give you a briefing. So, like, around 2007, this dude, this guy, Pekka Auvinen, he was from Finland.² He went psycho —

AGENT Pekka?

ATCHISON He killed eight people and shit —

AGENT Auvinen, right.

ATCHISON His — channel was Sturmgeist89.³ It's, like, when I was a kid, like, there was some — beef, like, with him and [*throat clearing*] the Amazing Atheist. 'Cause the Amazing Atheist, he was making, like, a video about, like — 'cause there's cults that actually worship these kinds of people and shit —

AGENT Right.

ATCHISON And — I've been watching the Amazing Atheist since, like, 2005 when I was a little kid.

AGENT Right.

ATCHISON But the — there — he was — th— he was — there was a huge feud goin' on 'cause, like, he made a lot of [*unintelligible*] famous nowadays from his videos on YouTube. Basically — yeah, turn this off. It's distractin' [?]. Where should I start?

1 A YouTube personality whose real name was Thomas James (T.J.) Kirk III. In 2007, he warned authorities about the danger posed by Pekka-Eric Auvinen (see next note).

2 Pekka-Eric Auvinen committed a school shooting in Jokela, Finland, on 7 November 2007.

3 Atchison used this as one of his own usernames, but changed it to Sturmgeist88, presumably to signify his neo-Nazi interest. Because *h* is the eighth letter of the alphabet, "88" is used as a code to mean "Heil Hitler."

AGENT Well, let — let me start real quick and then we'll kinda turn it over to you.

ATCHISON Is — is — it's inevitable because, like, I'm just not a good talker. But my point is, like —

AGENT Right.

ATCHISON ... like, I had the connection 'cause I knew the guy. And it's like, after Sandy Hook —

AGENT Which guy did you know?

ATCHISON Pekka, the guy from Finland and shit who went psycho.

AGENT How did you know him?

ATCHISON Like, I saw the videos from the — Amazing Atheist talkin' about these cultists, whatever —

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*].

ATCHISON ... saying that they needed to be fuckin' checked out for their shit, you know. That's goin' on now. But I'm not —

AGENT Right.

ATCHISON ... like, you know — but — I don't remember the precise video 'cause it's been, like, eight years almost, you know. But he was —

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON ... goin' on about all these crazy fuckers. And he wrote a list and shit. Like, somebody needs to have these people fuckin' checked out ... [*inaudible*]

AGENT This is the c— the Atheist?

ATCHISON Yeah.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON One of them was a guy, Pekka Auvinen, I told you about. His — user name was Sturm— Sturmgeist89.

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*].

ATCHISON ... a.k.a. — NaturalSelector89.⁴ And I talked to him six times 'cause I got to his channel through the Amazing Atheist.⁵ And I was like —

AGENT So, did you talk to him via the internet, then?

ATCHISON Yeah, a long time ago.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON I saw his videos and a lot of 'em were macabre and, like, anti-religious and stuff. I was like — I was a lot different from now 'cause, nowadays, I don't care about [*unintelligible*]. I'm not very — [*throat clearing*] prone to being offended anymore 'cause I've gone through it all [?] in my own life.

AGENT Right.

ATCHISON His videos, if I remember, just a lot of it was, like, him firing his own, like, shitty .22 or whatever and, like, [*mic noise*] rancid stuff. I commented on there and I was like, "Dude, you have bad interests. You need to get some help." You know?

4 Auvinen's use of the phrase "Natural Selector" was based on the use by Eric Harris (one of the attackers at Columbine High School) of the phrase "Natural Selection," referring to the elimination of people he deemed unfit for life.

5 Though Atchison claims to have communicated with Auvinen, no evidence of this has been found. Auvinen died when Atchison was eleven years old, so it is possible they corresponded, but Atchison would have been quite young.

And that was, like, the feud goin' on — went on and I wrote [*unintelligible*]. There was, like, twenty people on each side. Well, the Amazing Atheist had thousands of followers so it was, like, a huge flame war online, you know.

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*].

ATCHISON I was like — I went through his videos and, like, you know, you're a smart guy but mind's not in the right place. And so — but, like, after the actual shooting happened on November 7th, '07, I still got it all burned in my mind, like, the aftermath of that shit.

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*].

ATCHISON And I've had a shitty life. So, their solution was to go fuckin' psycho and shit. Mine is pretty much control, you know. Like, make fun of everyone, you know.

AGENT Why do you say, William, you have a shitty life, man?

ATCHISON Well, my history is fucked up, you know. Like —

AGENT Like what?

ATCHISON Like, I've been stabbed and shit. My body's covered with scars from being stabbed. And I've been fuckin' —

AGENT Who's — who's — [*crosstalk*] ... who stabbed you? Let's see 'em.

ATCHISON Like, gangsters and shit. Like, you know the burning game where you take, like, [*throat clearing*] erasers and shit? They would —

AGENT Yeah?

ATCHISON ... like, force me down on the ground like that and shit —

AGENT Here?

ATCHISON No, in — Boleyn [*phonetic*].⁶

AGENT When you were in Boleyn?

ATCHISON And up here, it's, like, just being stabbed with pencils a few times.

AGENT Okay —

ATCHISON So, I — my point is I've had a screwed up life. But, like, obviously I need to be fuckin' looked at after all this shit, you know. I mean, let's just say I have a sense of humor. Like, any — and all of my shit I've done online, you know —

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*]?

ATCHISON ... like, I wouldn't actually do any of this shit, you know. But it's like n—

AGENT Yeah?

ATCHISON As time went on, it's like, every single day, there's been, like, 385 — no, that was Detroit — homicide stats and shit. Nowadays in America, it's like, after 9/11 and Columbine happened, it's just a fucking war zone out here, you know. Every single day, you look on the news, another fucking crazy kid goes in psycho and shit. So, my solution to overcomin' all this stuff goin' on, it's like, I don't wanna be just a piece of shit but, like, I'm not [*throat clearing*] making fun of victims, but I'm making fun of, like, all the shooters and shit, you know.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON And obviously, 'cause I'm involved with the subjects, you know, like, anti-Mus— like — my anti-Islamic stuff, you know, like, what happened up in Brussels⁷ —

AGENT Yeah?

6 This may refer to Belen, a town in New Mexico.

7 On 22 March 2016, two days before this interview occurred, there were two terrorist attacks

ATCHISON ... there you go, you know. And it's like — [*crosstalk*]

AGENT Well, let me — let me make somethin' really clear to you, William. It's not against the law — [*crosstalk*] ... for you to be atheist. It's not against the law for you to be — [*crosstalk*] ... to be anti-anything. What is against the law is when you take it to a whole 'nother extreme and posts are made and th— or — or you act upon those “anti” feelings. You understand what I'm saying?

ATCHISON Yeah. Like, obviously, [*throat clearing*] I'm not the type to actually do any of this stuff. But I — [*crosstalk*]

AGENT Right.

ATCHISON ... too far and — [*crosstalk*]

AGENT I — I — I understand but from looking at it from our perspective, when we see this stuff online —

ATCHISON Yeah?

AGENT ... and people report it to us online —

ATCHISON Yeah?

AGENT ... we have to look at it from I don't know this kid. And you say, yeah, I'm not the type to act on that. But I guess my question — [*crosstalk*] ... for you is kinda what assurance can you give us.

ATCHISON Well, you guys can fuckin' put me on a watch list and watch me and stuff. [*crosstalk*]

AGENT But you understand what I'm sayin' —

ATCHISON Yeah, 'cause — obviously, 'cause just of all the stuff I've been involved with, like, not actual crimes and stuff but, like, even just [*throat clearing*] making fun of that stuff all the time, like, the assholes who kill all of us and shit —

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*].

ATCHISON ... it's goin' there, you know. And that's the — the — that's the red flag, obviously.

AGENT Right. But it does — you do have to realize that guys like Adam Lanza⁸ —

ATCHISON Yeah, that guy.

AGENT ... this guy from Finland, they start somewhere. Do you understand what I mean — [*crosstalk*]

ATCHISON And — and I — I at least have to say I'm not radically different from their upbringing' and stuff. Like, I'm not poor but I'm not rich, you know.

AGENT Right.

ATCHISON I listen to a lot of the same music, like KMFDM and Rammstein and shit.⁹

AGENT Right.

ATCHISON But of course, I listen to Tupac and Eminem and all that.

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*].

ATCHISON Now, you guys are smart people. You're in the FBI, obviously.

AGENT Well, I don't know that we're smart. I just think —

by Muslim extremists in Belgium that killed thirty-two people and wounded over three hundred.

8 Lanza committed the attack at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, on 14 December 2012.

9 These are German heavy-metal bands that were favorites of Eric Harris.

ATCHISON Oh, you're in the FBI — [*crosstalk*]
AGENT ... we chose a certain path.
ATCHISON You went through all the training. I — [*throat clearing*] I know some about it, you know —
AGENT You — you do stuff on these computers that I couldn't even fathom. So, in my mind, you're a smart guy, too.
ATCHISON Well, I'm not good at psychology. You're, like — I'm not a strong [?] [*unintelligible*] and you need that, you know.
AGENT Well —
ATCHISON And I'm not really good at firearms or, like, detective work. Obviously — yeah, honestly, it's — it's a matter of time and stuff 'cause — 'cause of all the stuff I've been typing and shit, you know.
AGENT Okay. Well, let me ask you this, William. Do you think you need help with some things?
ATCHISON Mental help?
AGENT Mental. Maybe just some —
ATCHISON Look, I'm not, like, ac— we're all mentally ill in a way. If you get angry, that's a mental illness — [*crosstalk*]
AGENT Right, understandable.
ATCHISON Like, I went to [*throat clearing*] this — not psychiat— a psychologist to talk about my problem. To be honest with you, I have no fuckin' life, dude. This is all I do all day. It's like, when I was in Boleyn, I ha— I had activities.
AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*].
ATCHISON And up here, it's a different culture. I don't really fit in. And obviously, that could be taken as a red flag and may —
AGENT Did you go to high school?
ATCHISON Yeah, I dropped out.
AGENT Why did you drop out, man? Did you —
ATCHISON Dude, I got f— you know Columbine, right?
AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*].
ATCHISON I went through three times as much as they went through. I got fuckin' socked every single fuckin' week, thrown into lockers; it was hell, you know.
AGENT Who did it?
ATCHISON Jocks types, you know. Everyone in general, you know. [*crosstalk*]
AGENT Just here — here at Aztec High?
ATCHISON Yeah.
AGENT Okay —
ATCHISON Grew up here — 2005, '06, [*throat clearing*] '07 — 2010, '11, and 2012.
AGENT Can I write down what the —
ATCHISON Just tear it down and that was — need [?] a chair?
AGENT No, I'm good. I'll just — I'll just hang tight right here.
ATCHISON Let me get this out of the way for you 'cause —
SECOND AGENT No, you're good, man.
ATCHISON Look —
AGENT Nah, that's all right.
ATCHISON ... I wanna be polite.

AGENT You're good, man.

ATCHISON Okay. But yeah, honestly, like I said —

AGENT Your date of birth is 3/18 of '96, right?

ATCHISON Yes, sir.

AGENT Just barely turned twenty?

ATCHISON Yeah.

AGENT You go by Bill or William?

ATCHISON Bill.

AGENT Bill? All right, Bill. Do you know your social security number?

ATCHISON Not really.

AGENT No? Okay. And it's Atchison?

ATCHISON A-T-C-H-I-S-O-N.

AGENT Okay. What years did you go to Aztec High? Do you remember?

ATCHISON 2010 and I dropped out around October, November.

AGENT So, you just went there for that brief little period?

ATCHISON And then I — [*throat clearing*] just ride [?] that out and — I went back for January [*slurs*] — f— my bad.

AGENT That's all right.

ATCHISON January — it's been four years, so — 2012 to May. So, that's when I was here and all that.

AGENT January, 2012, to May, 2012?

ATCHISON Yes, sir.

AGENT Okay. Did you get your GED or —

ATCHISON Nah.

AGENT Okay. [*crosstalk*]

ATCHISON A lotta people — like, I don't wanna interrupt but, like, statistically speaking —

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*]?

ATCHISON ... I know it'll sound geeky or whatever but I look up stats and everything.

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*]?

ATCHISON And I just found the — Aztec graduation rate in — 2003 was 38%.

AGENT That's not very good, is it?

ATCHISON Yeah. Yeah —

AGENT Yeah —

ATCHISON So, go on hikes and — walks a lot, you know. But they were tellin' me how it's only, like, 63% now.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON My point is — like, I don't wanna be, like, interrupting all the time but I gotta get the info out there so, like —

AGENT That's fine.

ATCHISON Just 'cause, [*throat clearing*] like — 'cause I'm pretty much N.E.E.T. [Not in Education, Employment, or Training], if you ever heard that term — like, not really employed or anything all —

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*].

ATCHISON Like, basement bully, you know. Like, the stereotypical nerd and all that.

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*].

ATCHISON Obviously, that coupled with — like, I don't specialize in just, like researching and — trollin' about that stuff. Like — like, generally everything in journal [?] but —

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*].

ATCHISON ... it's like, after Sandy Hook happened and shit, it freaked me out. And it's like, after that happened, everything just went to hell and shit.

AGENT Why did it freak — You say it freaked you out? Why did it freak you out —

ATCHISON Because think about it, you know. Like, all those fuckin' people died from that, dude. And it's, like, insane.

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*].

ATCHISON Even that guy has — [*crosstalk*]

AGENT Does that scare you to go out and about?

ATCHISON What do you mean?

AGENT Does it scare you to walk — to go to different places in public thinkin' that may happen?

ATCHISON Honestly, like, as much as it's happening nowadays in this country, you know — [*throat clearing*] honestly, the only thing I have to worry about in this town is, like, meth heads and all that, you know.

AGENT Lot of 'em out there?

ATCHISON Yeah, dude.

Off-mic conversation.

AGENT Okay. Let me ask you this, William. And I want — you know, obviously, if we were here to arrest you, we already would've done that. We're here to help —

ATCHISON Yeah, I'm not worried about that. It's just —

AGENT Okay. But I may ask you some questions that might be a little — seem a little — kind of a little —

ATCHISON Alarming or whatever?

AGENT Deep. Little — little personal.

ATCHISON Insightful?

AGENT And I — I — [*crosstalk*] ... you know, be — be 100%, completely truthful with me. But [*throat clearing*] have you been — have you used any — any drugs at all over the last six months?

ATCHISON Nah, not really.

AGENT No?

ATCHISON Actually, yeah — tobacco.

AGENT So, you — you smoke? Just cigarettes or what do you smoke —

ATCHISON When I need to calm down a lot, like, I really — I really don't smoke that much 'cause it's bad for you. But, like — two weeks ago, I had a few cigarettes.

AGENT So, just cigarettes then? I'm talkin' about illegal — illegal narcotics, meth, dope.

ATCHISON Meth? I'm not doin' that.

AGENT What about — weed? You — have you smoked weed at all? Little bit?

ATCHISON In the last six months, nah.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON Okay, well, I may have one — in one year — and a fella [?] in Colorado, sure, maybe, but —

AGENT That's fine.

ATCHISON I wanna say [*throat clearing*] within the realms of [*unintelligible*] you know.

AGENT Have you been — think you've gotten enough sleep or you think you're a little sleep-deprived?

ATCHISON I have minor depression just from the environment and from my lifestyle, you know. Like, the internet's my only socialization. So, it's —

AGENT Right.

ATCHISON ... obviously goin' to impact me. Like, I'm not suicidal but, like — [*crosstalk*]

AGENT You're depressed? Yeah.

ATCHISON Like —

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON Got the downs from livin' out here for ten years, you know. The desert —

AGENT Yeah.

ATCHISON ... gets to you.

AGENT You haven't used any other substance? You don't t— try and go — when nobody's here, maybe go into — into cupboards and try and take medication that you think may give you a little boost?

ATCHISON Medication-wise? Take ibuprofen 'cause I've had my wisdom teeth taken out.

AGENT How long's it been since you had that?

ATCHISON I take these daily 'cause I've been havin' my teeth worked on a lot, you know.

AGENT When'd you have your wisdom teeth out?

ATCHISON December.

AGENT This last December?

ATCHISON Yeah; 2015.

AGENT Okay. Okay. What else — just are these all over the counter?

ATCHISON These aren't actually —

AGENT Melatonin?

ATCHISON [*unintelligible*] you know, like, that's for — sleeping, and pardon me.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON Where is it? I got these basically 'cause, like, I used to be fit but now it's like I'm rotting, basically, like a zombie and all that. So, I take that as a bone density supplement, you know.

AGENT So, this is a mood support?

ATCHISON Yeah.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON Help me mellow — [*crosstalk*]

AGENT And this is calcium citrate. I'll give you those two back. [*throat clearing*] How often do you take these?

ATCHISON I haven't taken these in, like, half a month. Not half a month; half a year. My bad.

AGENT So, these you don't take very often? The melatonin, how often do you take that?

ATCHISON Like, when I have, like, meetings to do and I screw up my schedule, I'll take that before I have to wake up. You know, like —

AGENT In a week, how many of those would you take?

ATCHISON It's been — probably two months since I took the melatonin —

AGENT Okay. What about that — St. John's, the mood support?

ATCHISON Man, I haven't — honestly, I haven't had many of those.

AGENT Ibuprofen, you do quite a bit, though?

ATCHISON Yeah, daily.

AGENT How many a day, you think?

ATCHISON One to three.

AGENT Okay. So, one to three daily?

ATCHISON Yeah. 'Cause it's a NSAID¹⁰ and they can give you —

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON It's got, like [*unintelligible*].

AGENT I'll let you slide past here.

ATCHISON Thank you, sir.

AGENT What about anything else that you eat, Will — or Bill? You — you take — you take anything? You drink a lotta coffee? Do you do —

ATCHISON I do take coffee —

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON ... actively. 'Cause I've been awake since, like, [*throat clearing*] 8:00 [?], you know.

AGENT Yeah.

ATCHISON PM.

AGENT Do you sleep at night or are you usually on the internet, mostly in the evenings?

ATCHISON Honestly, 'cause I've had the — dental appointments, you know —

AGENT Yeah?

ATCHISON ... I've had to be a day schedule. But recently, it's been, like, fifteen days in between. So —

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON ... it fluctuates, basically [?]. Like, it just slides constantly, you know. So, I might wake up at 7:00 and 10:00 each day, [*cough*] right.

AGENT Okay. Let me kinda jump into some of these posts. I just wanna be able to jot somethin' down, that we reviewed these with you. Okay? Are you this — the — are you this guy here? Let me find — GOOG2.O?

ATCHISON Yeah.

AGENT That's you? Okay. So, these — all the — the posting —

ATCHISON Oh, all this? This? Let me — this —

AGENT You can look at those.

ATCHISON Yeah, this was in my own — oh, I get — that's why I'm bein' visited. That was my not my post. That was someone else, like —

AGENT Who — who posted that?

ATCHISON I don't remember. But let me give you some insight. Like —

AGENT Yeah, please do.

ATCHISON ... basically — and a goddamn [?] — excuse me — find my groups. Yeah, that was not my own post. But the group itself is dead. It's like —

AGENT Is that talking about real life —

ATCHISON It was — it was a joke, I think, was the poster's intention. Like — go a little

10 Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug.

too far with their own jokes. And I bet I've gone on to — that was not my post. As you can see here, how I have it in quotation marks —

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*].

ATCHISON ... and I have redacted here?

AGENT Okay. So, what does that mean then?

ATCHISON Basically, someone — this is a group called “Potential [*laugh*] Shooters” and stuff.

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*].

ATCHISON Making fun of it and shit. They made me admin and all that to moderate it and shit.

AGENT So, you're the admin/moderator for —

ATCHISON It was a destroyed group now. Let me find it. 'Cause it was renamed. Yeah, this. And it's like — made it, like — that's them. And that's me.

AGENT And you're the administrator then?

ATCHISON A moderator.

AGENT Moderator?

ATCHISON Now, originally, yeah, that — the — it would ha— it was — there was a group before this with, like, five hundred — [*crossstalk*]

AGENT Can you — do you have the ability to print that out for me?

ATCHISON I don't got a printer. But I can — have you write it down. But obviously —

AGENT So, potential school shooters. What's the 2.0?

ATCHISON 'Cause the original group got — banned.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON Like, I have to say, 'cause obviously material like this, they sent someone, like an average joe, this, they would be like, what the fuck, you know. [*throat clearing*] But it's like, they make fun of — these school shooters and shit, like the — Columbine guys. Don't remember their names.

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*].

ATCHISON Let me load this shit. Yeah. This is made by them. And then they make fun of them and shit there.

AGENT So, these — the — the whole purpose to this group is to —

ATCHISON May — like, just as a prank, you know, like, let me show some of my groups that I'm a part of; like, seven hundred and shit, you know.

AGENT Is it a prank to make fun of school shooters or a prank to kinda portray that we're gonna be school — we could be school shooters —

ATCHISON Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, I — [*crossstalk*]

AGENT What the — to be — to be school shooters? Is that what it is?

ATCHISON Like — let me see some random groups. Yeah, there's some Satan group and shit. Like, I joined these just to offend people, you know. 'Cause I have, like, seven hundred groups. Most of these aren't even, like, offensive at all and shit, you know.

SECOND AGENT So, you belong to seven hundred groups?

ATCHISON Yeah [*unintelligible*] and shit, you know. Like, you probably —

SECOND AGENT And all —

ATCHISON You guys —

SECOND AGENT And all of those groups are — potential school shooter groups —

ATCHISON Fuck, no. You can see here.

SECOND AGENT They're just different kinds?

ATCHISON Yeah. Like — “Zelda Universe”? Like, you remember the Zelda games and shit?

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*].

ATCHISON “Iran” and shit. I just joined random stuff that people invite me to, most of the time. “Afghani Prostitutes”; that’s one. “Free Palestine.” “The Boondocks” [*unintelligible*] all this stuff.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON Or these might be — relative to your interests, you know.

AGENT Well, I mean, obviously —

ATCHISON Stuff like — [*crosstalk*]

AGENT Let — you know, let — let me make a statement here. Anytime there’s a group called “Potential School Shooters” —

ATCHISON Yeah, that needs to be investigated.

AGENT That’s — that obviously — especially then take the totality of all the circumstances and look where you live.

ATCHISON Right, because — the school over there?

AGENT A block and a half away is an elementary school where kindergarten through —

ATCHISON Yeah, I’m not —

AGENT Third grade —

ATCHISON I’m not fuckin’ evil. I’m not —

AGENT I — I — I know you’re not. But what I’m saying is —

ATCHISON It’s just logical —

AGENT ... when you — when you belong to — [*crosstalk*]

ATCHISON ... talkin’ about this stuff, you need — and you live within the vicinity, you need to be checked out — [*crosstalk*]

AGENT Right, right.

ATCHISON Make sure all the — bullets [?] are put together —

AGENT Or an — any — any group that has a purpose of portraying — whether they come — follow through with it or not, but if they portray that they’re gonna go out and kill anybody, probably needs to be looked at, right —

ATCHISON Yeah. Yeah, I’m part of this group but I’m — I’m anti-Islamic, for the most part. Like, I know some Muslims and they’re cool. But as a whole, it’s like, all the stuff goin’ on —

AGENT Like I said, it’s not a crime to be anti-anything, really.

ATCHISON It’s a crime to actually make plots and stuff and act on ’em?

AGENT Exactly. It’s a crime to make plots. It’s a crime to act on ’em. And that’s what we’re tryin’ to prevent, okay?

ATCHISON All right.

AGENT So, let’s get back to this “Potential School Shooters.” You’re the moderator, is that right?

ATCHISON When the group was alive, which was about a month ago.

AGENT So, it’s a dead group then?

ATCHISON Yeah, it was — banned.

AGENT Who — who bans it?

ATCHISON The Steam administrators. Like, Steam’s a site I go on. It’s, like, a gaming

— like, basically, you need an account to use the games that it hosts [*unintelligible*] and all that.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON Like, if you see my — screen, you see all these video games.

AGENT That's all — that's all stuff that you've bought off Steam, right —

ATCHISON Yeah, yeah.

SECOND AGENT So, do they tell you why it's banned?

ATCHISON Well, I was not the creator of the group and stuff. The — the person who made it, I know where she's l—

AGENT Okay. She's the administrator?

ATCHISON Yeah, both the groups and stuff. Like, she — like, I have no — [*throat clearing*] suspicion that she could do any of [*mic noise*] this anyways. Like — [*mic noise*] [*unintelligible*] talk about anything serious. It's like —

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON ... she's just like — by now, you know what a troll is. Like —

AGENT Yeah, I know, yeah, what trollin' is —

ATCHISON Yeah, like, pranksters online and all that. You know, they just, like, push people's buttons to get a reaction for their own entertainment and all that —

AGENT Yeah.

ATCHISON Like, I don't wanna be, like, that guy. Like, I'm not a dick to people [*unintelligible*] stuff. It's, like —

AGENT But you have done trollin'?

ATCHISON Yeah, a lot and all that, yeah.

AGENT Okay. Okay —

ATCHISON Like, I probably should keep this personal. But while I'm at it — obviously, since you guys are here anyway — I don't remember their aliases or anything but they made a game called — 'cause you know, r— you guys remember Sandy Hook, right?

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*] —

ATCHISON The twenty-six or whatever it was?¹¹

AGENT Yup. Adam Lanza?

ATCHISON So, yeah, like, this game — made a game 'cause, like, the NRA was talking, like, very hurtful things to the victims. So, we made a game called *Bullet to the Head of the NRA* where you basically assassinate the — NRA president and shit with, like, shitty graphics or whatever.

AGENT So, it's called *Bullet to the Head* — [*crosstalk*]

ATCHISON ... people, you know.

AGENT ... *of the NRA*?

ATCHISON Yeah —

AGENT Who made this?

ATCHISON I don't remember their alias [*throat clearing*] at all. I'm not really — anymore. It's just I hooked up for the project, you know, to help out basically 'cause I — it's based on — based on a video game engine called the Tor [?] game engine.

11 At Sandy Hook Elementary School, Adam Lanza killed twenty-six people and wounded two. The full death toll from the attack, however, was twenty-seven, because before going to the school, Lanza murdered his mother at home.

And I've been — programming for it since, like, 2005; since I was a little kid. [*unintelligible*] some of the graphic art for it and some of the — events that get triggered through the action and all that.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON Like, we are not — seriously, I — I have to point this out. We are fucking not serious about any of this shit. This is all basically just to troll people. Get a reaction. And we got it on the news, on Fox and stuff. They took it seriously and shit.

AGENT Okay. Let's jump back to these right here real quick. So, obviously, the first one is pretty self-explanatory, right —

ATCHISON Like, I — I have to say this again I did not post — [*throat clearing*] I did not make the material originally. Someone else did and they deleted it. And I was like, you know, guys, guys, look at this shit, you know.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON So, I re-posted it and that's why I redacted here, you know.

AGENT So, let's go to this one. Yeah, we're — we're good with that one. That one doesn't have anything.

ATCHISON Do you believe in God? I need to explain. You can — hold these [?]. So, this — let me find the video. Where is it? Yeah, the —

AGENT So, is that a game then?

ATCHISON It's — [*video*] so, basically, it's a show called — like, a really s— insa—

New audio file.

ATCHISON [*continuing*] ... insane, like, acid trip show called *Xavier: Renegade Angel*. And this segment is basically what I presume to be a party of Columbine and Red Lake shootings of 2005.¹² Basically, the shooters asked people if they believed in God, right. I don't think they actually hurt anyone. But, like, yeah, I saw this when I was watching the show on *Adult Swim*; the, you know, Cartoon Network.

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*].

ATCHISON So, you know what *Adult Swim* is, right? Like, the — late-time show for, like, adult [*unintelligible*]. This is just a stupid show, as you can see.

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ATCHISON It's, like, crazy. Like, look at [*throat clearing*] the expression [?] and watch this. Like, what the hell is this show?

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AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON So, I'm just pointing out it's not actually anything to worry at. It's just, like, some crazy-ass trails [?], man.

12 On 21 March 2005, sixteen-year-old Jeffrey Weise committed a school shooting on the Native American reservation in Red Lake, Minnesota. He killed nine and wounded seven.

AGENT Oh, so you d— you do understand that if people see this on the internet, that could start to plant seeds in people’s heads —

ATCHISON Look —

AGENT ... that that might be —

ATCHISON I’ve had access to guns before and I didn’t do anything — [*crosstalk*]

AGENT I understand. I’m just sayin’ that, like, y— you know —

ATCHISON Yeah, I can understand. ’Cause all these people — I’ve actually been studying them extensively because —

AGENT Hold on to that [*inaudible*].

ATCHISON ... like, as I’ve stated, Pekka Auvinen — like, after Columbine happened, I was, like, a little kid but I already knew about it in a way ’cause I was, like — I can remember to, like, age two. But I was out in the United Kingdom at the time. But it’s like, that had a huge effect on the American society and all that, you know.

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*].

ATCHISON But that planted the seeds for a revolution of fucking [*unintelligible*]. It’s like, I don’t wanna swear but basically all these — actual shooters and shit, I would estimate about — 60% to 80% of them idolized the — two dickheads who did that. I don’t wanna speak their names and give them any power, you know.

AGENT For — from Columbine, right?

ATCHISON Yeah.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON Speakin’ of which, excuse me, like, I have to point this out. Like — I actually know two of the —

AGENT Is that the book about it —

ATCHISON Yeah, this guy right here — Tom Mauser, his son was murdered in that, you know. And it’s like, I didn’t really give a f— damn about any of these events. But it’s like, now that it’s happening every single week at least, you know, it’s like, I got interested in it. Not actually doin’ it but the — the [*throat clearing*] crime itself, you know, like —

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*]?

ATCHISON ... just ’cause it’s happening now so much. And, like, as I stated, Sandy Hook happened and it’s like — let’s just speak it. Like, this guy fuckin’ takes a rifle, murders twenty kids, six teachers and his — mom and all that in cold blood, like, insane, it’s like, let’s be honest, that’s horrible, you know. But, like, my mind, the way it works is, like, half the time, like, to overcome my own personal issues, I don’t fuckin’ hurt people, you know. Like, I was in fights all the time and I — I was not goin’ anywhere in high school. That’s why I dropped out, you know. Like, if I stayed, maybe — maybe there would be a potential for me to become violent like they did, not to this [*throat clearing*] extent ’cause pretty much an anti-gun family. Like, honestly —

AGENT Do you guys — do you guys have guns here?

ATCHISON No. Just — this replica —

AGENT Just that replica?

ATCHISON Honestly, I have to say, if I had money and shit and I lived rural [?], I’d get a .22 and some — what do they call it? Tracers?

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*].

ATCHISON Just seems like a fun hobby and all that. Like, I used to hunt with bows and all that. But that could obviously — that turns up the heat on suspicion, you know, 'cause the — just me relating to interests of, like, studying the violence and all that, you know, the criminal aspect of it. I can point out, for instance, you know, Detroit. There's a city in Canada — like, Detroit's basically here and — Windsor is here, separated b— separated by a river about one kilometer. Detroit, 2015, 385 homicide; Windsor, Canada, 1% — not 1% — one, you know. So, I can bring up a lot of this stuff and, like —

AGENT William, you play a lotta video games, right?

ATCHISON Oh, yeah, nowadays.

AGENT What kinda video games do you play?

ATCHISON All right. Let me bring up some stuff. You know, play anything that's gonna entertain me, mostly. Well — [*unintelligible*] yeah —

AGENT Yeah.

ATCHISON There we go. So —

AGENT These are all the games that you have?

ATCHISON Yeah. So, if we analyze based on the most played time — *Elder Scrolls* [*unintelligible*] livin' is basically a fantasy — RPG world and all that.

AGENT That was this is here?

ATCHISON That's [*unintelligible*]. That one's the *Map of Oblivion* [?] and all that.

AGENT Okay. So, the *Elder Scroll* —

ATCHISON Yeah?

AGENT And you said it's — some RPG —

ATCHISON Fantasy RPG, you know —

AGENT What's RPG stand for?

ATCHISON “Role-playing game” where —

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON ... you take roles and, like — you know D&D? You ever heard of that? Dungeons and Dragons?

AGENT Yeah.

ATCHISON Yeah, basic— basically kinda like that, you know.

AGENT So, what roles would you take in that — that game there, Oblivion?

ATCHISON Anything. Like, I don't wanna be offensive but, honestly, there's no correlation between video games and any violence, you know. But, yeah, most of the games, I do play obviously are rated “M” for mature. Most video games in general are violent, you know.

AGENT Violent? Shootin'? Killin'? Cuttin' people's heads off, stuff —

ATCHISON Yeah, but these are more like — *Oblivion*'s basically, like, a fantasy RPG where you save the world. And there's, like — all the generic stuff and I — I'll — basically it's like a radiated, postapo— apocalyptic — world.

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*].

ATCHISON That obviously is a warning sign 'cause, like, there's cannibalism in that game; like, mass murder; evil shit, you know.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON And it's, like, a horrible world where everyone's — if you steal somethin', you get killed, basically.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON So, *Fallout: New Vegas*; *Fallout 3*; *Final Fantasy 7* — basically, this game, like —

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ATCHISON There's basically that —

AGENT So, the object is to kill the big monster?

ATCHISON I guess.

AGENT Monster — whatever that is?

ATCHISON Oh, basically, the —

AGENT Arachnid?

ATCHISON ... formula of the game is — in RPGs, it's mostly plot, you know. Like, save the world and all that.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON And then you have [*unintelligible*] battles, enemy battles and all that shit.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON Honestly, since we're [*throat clearing*] talkin' about video games — [*crosstalk*]

AGENT What —

ATCHISON ... four.

AGENT Let me ask you about a video game, *Hatred*.

ATCHISON Yeah, *Hatred*. Yeah.

AGENT What's that about?

ATCHISON *Hatred* — basically is a game I have connection to 'cause, like, I was one of the first commenters [?] in the history of the videos, you know; like, the trailer and all that. And I know some of the developers. Basically, the entire point of *Hatred* was to be offensive, [*cough*] you know. The entire point is just to kill everything you can and shit. And obviously, 'cause that's mass murder and shit, that's the only point to it. Like, I don't even play much of it, you know. Like — just [*sneeze*] for — [*crosstalk*]

AGENT Excuse me.

ATCHISON ... *Oblivion*, I have 1,000 hours on *Oblivion*. And it's like that game — fantasy and all that. *Hatred*, I haven't played in months.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON But it's — when it came — the trailer, it had a huge controversy and all that 'cause of the subject material.

AGENT Okay —

ATCHISON Basically, [*mic noise*] like, be psychos and shit, you know.

AGENT I mean, yeah, y— obviously, you can recognize the fact that if anybody —

ATCHISON Plays that — [*crosstalk*]

AGENT ... understands what the whole game is about, it can draw a little bit of controversy —

ATCHISON Yeah.

AGENT ... from a lotta people. [*throat clearing*] Let me show you these last two here, Bill. These are just printouts. Obviously, you said this is — this is you right here.

ATCHISON Oh, yeah, that's one of my guides I made for one of the video games, *Hatred*, in fact [?]. Let me —

AGENT So — so, when you post how to kill as many people as po — as you possibly can, shortest way, are you talkin' about a video game?

ATCHISON It's a video game. As you can see here, it's a guide right here for *Hatred*.

AGENT Okay —

ATCHISON And that's the point of the game. Like, that's me, my attempt at humor and stuff. And it entertains a lot of us 'cause, like, we are not actually serious about this shit. It's just we make fun of all the shit goin' on and all that —

AGENT Okay. And then obviously, you [?] follow up some of the comments people start tellin' you, yeah, do this; you'll get to this level, et cetera, et cetera. That's pretty common. We go over here to this. [*throat clearing*] And then obviously you make the comment about this, Adam Lanza —

ATCHISON Yeah, I used that as a alias just to troll people and all that —

AGENT Okay. And then these two comment — or these two posts here, honestly —

ATCHISON Yeah, that —

AGENT ... I had a hard time making any sense of 'em. They almost sounded like —

ATCHISON All right.

AGENT ... songs.

ATCHISON Yeah. You know Eminem?

AGENT Yup.

ATCHISON I basically — parried [*sic*] it — parodied. This is the site where I use — I spend most of my time. That's basically the entire point of it is just to offend everyone but while being truthful at the same time —

AGENT What's that — that site called?

ATCHISON Encyclopedia Dramatica.

AGENT Encyclopedia?

ATCHISON Dramatica.

AGENT ... pedia Dramatica.

ATCHISON Yeah. And the entire point, as I've stated — like, just give me some random subject and we can type it in and see if a page for it — and how they spin it —

AGENT Okay, so is that where you got these two things here?

ATCHISON Yeah. Sandy — [*crostalk*] ... just review this — page. So, as you see here, it's all satirical [?]. It's just to offend people and all that, you know.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON Like, does this page cross the line? If you believe this page violates federal law, then please click here to report it immediately. The FBI has offices around the world, blah, blah, you know. Then if you click offended, it's basically — you know what gore is? Like, people being hurt and shit?

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*].

ATCHISON Shock value, just to shock people. And they have it on all the — offensive pages, you know. Then in here is slang for someone who commits suicide. Like, basically, the story behind that was — [*crostalk*]

AGENT You said in — in hero?

ATCHISON Yeah, an hero?

AGENT Is slang for somebody committing suicide?

ATCHISON Yeah. Like, let me — like, basically, like, there was this kid who — like, he was gay and stuff. And he had — he took his own, like, photos of all that stuff. And

then, like, the bullies found out and posted that and, like, became a huge shit storm at the time. So, he committed [*mic noise*] suicide. And his friends said he was such an hero to throw it all [*throat clearing*] away, and they use that word a lot. So, like, you know what memes are, right? Like —

BOTH Uh-huh [*affirmative*].

ATCHISON Like, Kilroy and stuff?¹³ Remember that?

AGENT Yup.

ATCHISON Basically the same — concept. But — so, it became slang. Like, an internet slang, you know. You had, like — like — you ever heard of — 1337? It's slang for “leet” which is basically, like, elite and all that, you know.

BOTH Uh-huh [*affirmative*]. Okay.

ATCHISON So, a lot of these terms and stuff — and, like —

AGENT Do y— can you guys track how many people are — go to this Encyclopedia Dramatica?

ATCHISON Thirty-one million. [*whistle*] It's a huge site. Like —

AGENT That's people or thirty-one million clicks, hits?

ATCHISON Clicks — individually —

AGENT So —

ATCHISON It's a very famous site [*inaudible*]. Basically —

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON ... you know what *Wikipedia* is, right?

AGENT Yeah.

ATCHISON This is basically just a prank, basically, like, making —

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON Like, look at — this, for instance. Like — [*throat clearing*] like this, with a haircut like this, this guy was bound to kill himself, sooner or later. Then they call him the victim and they blame the gun, which ties into, like, extreme left-wing trying to say that the gun —

AGENT Right.

ATCHISON ... did it or, like, music or video games and shit.

AGENT He was gonna do it either way, then?

ATCHISON Yeah —

AGENT That's kinda what you guys are sayin', right.

ATCHISON And — then Adam's mother is this, like, hot chick with, like, machine gun on her, whatever.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON And then the — post you were referrin' to comes from here. And someone took the lyrics to “Lose Yourself” by Eminem and made it offensive. And, like, if you had one shot or one clip to kill all the children, you ever wanted the one moment and shit, like, evil shit like that, just to offend the —

AGENT Did y— you posted that, though, right?

ATCHISON Yeah, on the — Steam shit. Like, I shit-post. You know what I mean?

AGENT So, I — let me ask you this. Why — [*throat clearing*] Why did you post that, then?

13 “Kilroy was here” was a commonly used phrase associated with American GIs in World War II.

ATCHISON To offend people, basically.
AGENT And that was called “Lose Yourself”?
ATCHISON Yeah, by Eminem.
AGENT Eminem.
ATCHISON Like, I have 22,226 — comments on my — Steam profile. And a lot of it is just me taking random shit from the internet posting it back to inflate it, you know.
Like —
AGENT To get more — more followers?
ATCHISON Nah. Not more followers; just more comments and — [*crosstalk*]
AGENT Right.
ATCHISON It’s a record to me and shit, you know.
AGENT Okay. Well, let me ask you this right now, Bill.
ATCHISON What?
AGENT Posting these comments, did you have ever any —
ATCHISON Intention — [*crosstalk*]
AGENT ... intention or any idea come through your head that you may go through with somethin’ like that?
ATCHISON Nah, not really. Like —
AGENT Not really? Or —
ATCHISON Yeah, obviously I have to say this, like, again, but —
AGENT Right. No, completely honestly — [*crosstalk*]
ATCHISON It was the material, you know.
AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*].
ATCHISON Like, if you’re gonna put your hand [*throat clearing*] [*unintelligible*] you’re gonna get burned, you know.
AGENT Exactly.
ATCHISON Like, hypothetically speaking, I could get guns if I wanted. But I don’t — I don’t really want anything that’s gonna — like, I don’t want machine guns or, like, high-capacity shit. I might get myself —
AGENT Where would you get ’em?
ATCHISON ... a self-defense weapon, you know.
AGENT Where — where would —
ATCHISON ’Cause I had enemies. I wanna be safe —
AGENT Where w— would you get ’em, though, if you had to?
ATCHISON Firearm stores in general. Like, I — [*crosstalk*]
AGENT Okay, so you just go buy ’em?
ATCHISON Now, obviously ’cause of my interests, I’ve been to s— like, I’m not actually goin’ to do any of this shit, you know. Obviously, the — [*mic noise*] like, honestly, like I said, I’m not really obsessed with guns but —
AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*]?
ATCHISON ... I’m interested in getting, like, something like a revolver for self-defense ’cause I have enemies at this point. Like, my Steam “blocked” list — you know what a “blocked” list is? Like, to block people —
AGENT Yup.
ATCHISON ... so they can’t go screw with [*throat clearing*] you? I have 1,255 people on mine, you know —

AGENT Which means those are people that don't really care for you?

ATCHISON Not friendly with me.

AGENT Right. Okay. I understand that.

ATCHISON But it is of concern 'cause obviously all this shit goin' on nowadays —

AGENT Right.

ATCHISON ... it's a good thing you guys are checking on me just to make sure I'm not fuckin' psycho, you know.

AGENT Well, and that's what we're trying to — to make sure as we walk outta here right now is that, number one, you're not gonna go follow through with any of these ideas. I do have to tell you — it would be really highly advisable to not make any more of those comments.

ATCHISON For a long time, at least —

AGENT Forever.

ATCHISON Yeah, probably.

AGENT Just the only reason I say that is because if you want frequent trips from guys like us and people peerin' into everything you do, then keep doin' it. If you wanna be left alone — [*crosstalk*]

ATCHISON ... be awkward if I was, like, you know, whacking off and someone — like, an FBI agent saw it and —

AGENT If you wanna be left alone — [*crosstalk*] ... and wanna do your own thing, then don't make those sta— those — those posts.

ATCHISON Just calm myself down.

AGENT Okay? 'Cause —

ATCHISON But before you guys leave, like, I have — I have to redo — I actually knew one of these people that actually [*throat clearing*] did that stuff.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON Like, I wasn't really friends but acquaintances. So, like, I commented — I talked to them, like, six times.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON And that gave me the interest into these events 'cause it's like, obviously, if you knew someone who did that, it would —

AGENT Right.

ATCHISON ... it would plant the — foundations to study and stuff, you know. Like —

AGENT:RIGHT.

ATCHISON ... victims —

AGENT I mean, it's apparent — [*crosstalk*] ... you've studied all the mass shooting — the school shootings. You've studied —

ATCHISON Not all of them but, like, [*throat clearing*] I don't really care about anything besides, like —

AGENT Right.

ATCHISON ... a few, you know, like, Pekka and stuff. I've been studying him again lately —

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*]?

ATCHISON ... reviewin' his material and stuff and just seeing all the fuckin' red flags and —

AGENT Have you ever had any desires to be kinda like him or Adam Lanza? Columbine guys? One of the —

ATCHISON I don't wanna shoot people 'cause I know what it's been like to be through hell. And I don't wanna hurt people by, you know, my — my violence is through just offendin' people online. Like, I don't go out. I'm away [?] from it, most of the time. But as you can see, like, none of the stuff I'm actually doin' is illegal but it's, like —

AGENT It's borderline.

ATCHISON Yeah.

AGENT Yeah.

ATCHISON I guess. Like, I'm not actually gonna do any of this shit. Search my room. You're not gonna find guns. All of them are fake, you know. [*throat clearing*] Like, let me show you. And don't freak out about this. Like — like — look at this. This is not real. This one is from England. Basically — put the — what was it called? The — pellet, you know, in that. But I do have shotgun shells and stuff that I found, like, from my hikes and all that; 16 gauge —

AGENT Spent shells? Okay.

ATCHISON Yeah, I found these on a trip. But I don't have any actual weapons.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON So, as you can see, like, these aren't actually real, you know.

AGENT This one's a BB gun?

ATCHISON Yeah — 65.

AGENT Okay. Let me ask you th— a few more questions [*noise*] here, Bill. And then we'll — we'll let you be for t— for today. [*throat clearing*] Have you ever — and you need to answer this truthfully. Have you ever thought about committing suicide? At any time in your life — [*crosstalk*]

ATCHISON I used to be f— at that point when I was a kid.

AGENT Okay. What about right now?

ATCHISON Fuck no, man. Like —

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON ... the way it is now, it's like, my life's not good but it's not bad. Like, I have a house, everything I need. It's just I can't get work, you know. My computer's startin' to slow down. I'm not suicidal at all.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON But I used to be in the past. Like, I was — I had a horrible fuckin' life at one point, you know. Like, when I moved out here, it's like, I lost my — social life. I was — I was very isolated.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON Now, obviously, that's a red [*cough*] flag I have to state for obvious reasons. Like, I would not fuckin' do any of that stuff.

AGENT What happen—

ATCHISON ... gore in it and all that. Like, I wanna see how the world plays out at least before I get — if I die in some way, like, either old age or murdered or whatever [*unin-*

telligible] comments regardin' Islam and, like, it's Muslims fuckin' [?] beheading me and all that, like the cartoonist from Denmark and all that.¹⁴

AGENT What happened with —

ATCHISON I have no [*throat clearing*] suicidal idealation [*sic*] or whatever — idealation [*sic*]. But I used to in the past and all. And that's an obvious red flag, obviously, 'cause all this. But —

AGENT Okay. When you — you're at — obviously, you spend a lotta time on the computer.

ATCHISON It's my life, basically — [*crosstalk*]

AGENT It's your life.

ATCHISON That's how I keep sane, you know.

AGENT Do you — do you look at a lotta por— pornographic sites and stuff?

ATCHISON That's inappropriate content. But, yeah, sure.

AGENT I mean — and I'm not sayin' it's illegal — [*crosstalk*]

ATCHISON If porn was illegal —

AGENT I'm — I'm just —

ATCHISON If porn was illegal, I'd just run from this country and — [*crosstalk*]

AGENT I'm just tryin' — I'm just tryin' to get a better idea as — as far as where you're at, okay —

ATCHISON Like, probably this is personal but —

AGENT That's fine.

ATCHISON ... I whack off probably, like, three times a month, you know. Like, I try to keep my testosterone levels high enough 'cause I've been tryin' to work out, get myself together and all that.

AGENT Okay. Now, this is the b— the biggest question that I've asked all day long is if there were help available for you, would you like to have help.

ATCHISON What do you mean by help? Like, psychiatrist? 'Cause I'm not — [*crosstalk*]

AGENT Not — not — not a psychiatrist. I'm talking about help that will provide you a way to better yourself, who you are right now.

ATCHISON Well, I've try— [*crosstalk*]

AGENT 'Cause let me — let me s—

ATCHISON ... psychologist but — [*crosstalk*]

AGENT I mean, right — right now, you spend a lot of your time in this small, little room. And you're on the computer a lot. You have a ton of skills on a computer.

ATCHISON I'm not good at [*throat clearing*] computers. Like — like, programming-wise, I do not remember much except stuff like — [*crosstalk*]

AGENT But you can do stuff that I — like I said, I don't even know exists.

ATCHISON Look, I could train you, everything I know, in, like, one week, max, 'cause all I know is basic computer use. Like —

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON ...like, all I remember about programmin' is, like, stuff like that, basically.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON Like, I got the very basics of programming down. But —

AGENT Okay.

14 In 2005 Danish cartoonist Kurt Westergaard drew an image of Muhammad that prompted numerous jihadist attacks.

ATCHISON ... I kinda write my — [*crosstalk*]

AGENT We have another guy in Albuquerque that works with us who talks to people all the time like you. Would you be opposed if he ca— made the trip up here to sit down and talk with him maybe for an afternoon or so?

ATCHISON Like, is this gonna ruin my life? Like, is it gonna be a psychiatrist situation? Am I gonna be flagged [?] —

AGENT No, no, it's — it's just — it's just somebody that understands you better.

ATCHISON If it's not goin' to — 'cause I don't have mentally, like, ill, like, psych— like — like, I don't have any of that flag on me. 'Cause as I was sayin', like, if I was gonna rate my depression now, it's, like, two or three out of five. Like —

AGENT Okay. [*crosstalk*]

ATCHISON ... 2014, it was high, you know.

AGENT Right.

ATCHISON I didn't really have any friends. You know, 'cause I started goin' back to the [*throat clearing*] offensive material, like, it's not this — this — like, psychos like Lanza, shit, you know. But —

AGENT Right.

ATCHISON ... because I went through the material, again, trollin', it gave me my outlet to entertain myself and to get my pain out. Instead of hurting people or, like, rotting and stuff —

AGENT Right.

ATCHISON ... in a screwed-up way, like, you see this, like, comedians, they all have lives like mine. And that's why they went to comedy and all that. Like, a lot of —

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON ... the comedy I have —

AGENT Is gettin' —

ATCHISON ... probably [*unintelligible*] guys laugh, but a lot of it is —

AGENT Getting a rise out of people on the internet [?] —

ATCHISON Yeah.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON But, obviously — 'cause you guys are here, I've had this fuckin', like, picture in my mind for years and stuff 'cause of all this stuff goin' on; me researching it and, like, the way I research it is just to use it for Encyclopedia Dramatica. Like, before you guys go, when you go back to ED [?] and some of the nickname is for —

AGENT Right.

ATCHISON ... this guy right here, Jeff Weise — this was a sad story. Have you — you guys know what Navajos are, right? Like, Native Americans and all that?

AGENT Oh, we do, yeah.

ATCHISON Minnesota, the Red Lake Tribe, Obijwa [*sic*] or whatever, they had their own Columbine out there, like, ten, eleven years ago —

AGENT Yup, remember it.

ATCHISON Ever since then, I always just — that's when I moved out here and it's like, I saw his Flash games [?] on New Ground, if you know what any of that is. Like, he made his own art and stuff. I saw his material before [*throat clearing*] any of this happened. And it's like, I was, like, ten but I knew, like — I took a step back, metaphorically and physically, you know.

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*].

ATCHISON But then over time, just all the stuff goin' on in my own life, I realized, like, if we want this stuff to stop, then we need to be an inclusive society and not c— create the outcasts in the first place 'cause a lot of us — like me, I'm an outcast basically. But I'm not gonna actually hurt anyone 'cause it goes against my own — personal — you know, my morality, you know. Like, I've gone through shit in my life. Why should I make someone else go through my own stuff, you know? And that's why when I say if I want firearms, I want somethin' like a revolver or somethin' that you can't use to just become a bloodbath, somethin' like your Glock over there or whatever, you know.

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*].

ATCHISON I — I might be interested in getting a firearm in the future if I need one. Like, if I move, like, somewhere violent like Detroit or somethin', 'cause I've — they're offerin' me, like, within range and all that. And I'm not saying I'm gonna buy any guns. But, obviously, you want full honesty, look, I'm not denying that I would get one, you know. It's like — it depends on my situation. As it stands now, I do not need a gun, you know, and I have no reason to have one. 'Cause — maybe a Taser, honestly, 'cause — screaming at me and shit. We do not get along and shit, so —

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON ... I've had f— maybe not fears and stuff — [*throat clearing*] I'm a stoic guy. Like, you guys are FBI. I'm being invaded [?] by the FBI. I don't care, you know.

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*].

ATCHISON I'm just keeping cool. Like —

AGENT Let me ask you — a side-note question.

ATCHISON Yeah, sure —

AGENT How — how did you know I had a Glock?

ATCHISON 'Cause I saw it and stuff —

AGENT So, you know what a Glock looks like?

ATCHISON I know a lot about firearms and stuff.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON Like, it's —

AGENT Yup, no, I — I figured you —

ATCHISON That's — a 19, right?

AGENT Nope —

ATCHISON Is that a 1945?

AGENT Nope.

ATCHISON Which one is it?

AGENT 22.

ATCHISON 22LR?

AGENT 22.

ATCHISON I didn't even know they had Glocks in .22.

AGENT It's not a .22 caliber; it's a Glock 22.

ATCHISON Oh. Oh.

AGENT Yeah.

ATCHISON Like, honestly, you guys want full — full, 100% facts about me —

AGENT Yup.

ATCHISON ... yeah, I do know about guns. [*throat clearing*] Like, I've shot them before; it's fun. But, like, hearin'-wise, it's not fun, you know —

AGENT Yeah, okay.

ATCHISON But honestly, 'cause — like, when I became connected to this 'cause I knew Pekka and I saw Jeff Weise and stuff, when I grew up older and stuff, and I realized, at my age where I'm at and all this stuff goin' on, I was flagged anyway. So, I should probably avoid guns in the first place. [*mic noise*] Like —

AGENT What was that guy's name? How do you spell it? Pekka?

ATCHISON Pekka? Like, if you want, I can write it down for you —

AGENT Write it down, yeah. Write — just put down Jeff Weise and Pekka.

ATCHISON Damn [*unintelligible*]. All right. So —

AGENT Cool.

ATCHISON All right. Like, honestly, I have to say over and over, I do not have any intentions of doin' this shit. But, like, I'm pretty much like, you know, [*throat clearing*] two sides of the same coin. Like, one of mine is trollin' but the other's, like, normal, you know. Like, my outlet like that, as I stayed — said, is basically just gettin' a rise out of gullible people, like the lowest common denominator types and stuff.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON Like, I don't do that all day. But —

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON [*unintelligible*] ... And this site, basically they make fun of everything. So, I began researching this guy again, the Red Lake incident.

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*].

ATCHISON Goin' through as much content as I could to get the full story out, 'cause no one knew about it 'cause they — they weren't b— white, basically. There was one guy who was white, one woman. I know her name. I think it was Noba [*phonetic*] — Noba Rogers or whatever.¹⁵ She was a teacher in that reservation.

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*].

ATCHISON This guy basically — he — he tried to commit suicide three times. He had a horrible life. And the reservations out there, like, 80% of the people consider doin' that, you know, before.

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*].

ATCHISON So, it's like, my normal side just looks at it. It's like, this is horri— horrible, you know. But my trollin' side is like, I wanna contribute to the site anyway, so I went on the article a year ago and I started building upon it. And now, you — if you do a history search on it — as you can see, I'm "AlGore" [*unintelligible*].

AGENT So, that's your name on the —

ATCHISON Yeah, "AlGore." And — most of my pages I work on are, like, Canada. A lot of them are actual terrorist spaces [?]; like, the shooters and stuff. Like, I began contributing to that 'cause I started [*throat clearing*] learnin' [?] about all the shit goin' on 'cause —

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON ... 'cause I — I knew about it before and I kept it to myself. And I tried to avoid the Pekka's subject, you know.

15 A teacher named Neva Rogers was killed at Red Lake by Jeffrey Weise.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON 'Cause I did not wanna get [*unintelligible*] but now it's like, actually pullin' out — like, honestly, at this point, have I done anything illegal — red flag-wise, I'm pretty much on watches [?] for all this shit, you know. Like, I've rewritten a video game. Dylann Roof, the guy who did the — race crime stuff last year — *Minecraft*, *Roblox*, those are video games.¹⁶ Jeff Weise, the guy who did the reservation — honestly, I have connection to him 'cause I feel like I know what he's gone through. But I — I'm not supportin' what he did. But I understand its pain. You get where I'm comin' from?

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*].

ATCHISON Like, I know a few Navajos and stuff and it's very similar, you know —

AGENT Yeah.

ATCHISON A lot of this is just, like — most of the p— pages I've created, it's like, I waited around after it became common in the world for, like, these attacks and all that. And when it happened, I would be the first to jump on that to create the page — before someone else did, you know.

AGENT Okay —

ATCHISON To get the facts out; like, my own — reporting, basically. But the — the point of this site is [*throat clearing*] basically an offensive insi— *Wikipedia* basically tryin' to get a rise about everyone, you know. Like —

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON ... if we go on — “psychopath” is one of the links I worked on, and then you have Mr. Rogers or whatever.¹⁷ And it's, like, satirical [?] Like, let me find some-
thin'. And then you have this satirical [?] picture. Like, it's satire, basically, you know. Like, how to s— spot a psychopath? Long hair, a sign of homosexuality, East German military garment, obvious communist and stuff.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON Like, hey, guys, you're serious 'cause you're FBI but you get where the humor is in this, right?

BOTH Uh-huh [*affirmative*], okay.

ATCHISON Like, you g— you're bored from [*throat clearing*] it all now?

AGENT No, no, we're not — we're not bored at all —

SECOND AGENT No.

AGENT Do you have a phone number y— a telephone —

ATCHISON I do not use phones.

AGENT If I needed to get in touch with you, how could I go about doin' that? Just stop by the house —

ATCHISON E-mail.

AGENT E-mail?

ATCHISON Yeah, yeah —

AGENT What's your e-mail address?

16 On 17 June 2015, twenty-one-year-old Dylann Roof committed a racist attack at Emanuel African Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina. He killed nine and wounded one.

17 This reference is unclear. It may be a reference to Elliot Rodger, who committed a multi-faceted attack in Isla Vista, California, on 23 May 2014.

ATCHISON Well, I have a lot of 'em.

AGENT What's the one that you would check the most that I could send where you would — if I sent something this afternoon and you — you'd — you'd —

New audio file.

AGENT [*continuing*] ... if I sent something this afternoon and you — you would — you would check it and get it, what would it be?

ATCHISON Let me see. [*throat clearing*] E-mail?

AGENT Yeah —

ATCHISON I'll just write over here.

AGENT That'll work.

ATCHISON E-mail. "The magic mania" [*phonetic*]. Yeah, my — writing is not good. So, I have to take my time.

AGENT It's all right.

ATCHISON "Magicmania@ — @ — gmail.com."

AGENT So, if I wanted to get in touch with you, I can send you —

ATCHISON Yes, sir.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON Before you guys go, [*unintelligible*] I discussed my connections in a way. Like, I'm not gonna do any of this shit, obvious — we already discussed that. But I knew them, some of them, you know. And I —

AGENT You say you knew them. You mean you understood where they were comin' from?

ATCHISON Well, I knew Pekka. And I — [*crosstalk*]

AGENT From your internet, yeah.

ATCHISON I understood — Jeff Weise, [*throat clearing*] what he was goin' through. But —

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON ... like, honestly, I'm — I'm just, like, a comedian in my own way, you know. Like, I don't support any of these actual events, you know. But, like, everyone has their own way to cope with it.

AGENT Right.

ATCHISON Mine is — 'cause it kinda touches close to home 'cause I knew one of these people, you know. And — have you ever heard of 4chan?

AGENT Heard 'em, yeah.

ATCHISON Yeah, 4chan, there's an offshoot called 8chan or whatever. On 4chan, there's a s— soft [*unintelligible*] [*cough*] R9K where it's basically, like, losers and stuff; beta males, if you know about the al— the — alpha male —

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*].

ATCHISON ... beta-male type. Like, alphas are, like, the strong men. Betas are, like, the fat dudes in fedoras and shit and [*unintelligible*] stuff [?] like that. But — I saw one of the dude's posts. He made the threats and stuff. Like, Chris Mercer was his name.¹⁸ Yeah, I knew — I saw his post, for real, like, when this was goin' on. So, I

18 On 1 October 2015, twenty-six-year-old Chris Harper-Mercer committed an attack at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Oregon. He killed nine and wounded seven.

didn't really — I only lurked there 'cause of all the funny stuff people were sayin'. Then this guy says, "Some of you guys are all right. Don't go to school tomorrow if you're in the Northwest. Happening thread [?]," which is basically what's happening and stuff.¹⁹ Like, dude [*unintelligible*] will be posted tomorrow morning. "So long, space robots," which is, like, a meme and stuff. And I was there for the — thread itself. So, I saw this before it happened a lot. The guy —

AGENT And what came outta that?

ATCHISON He — went — actually went postal and shit.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON I think — nine people lost [*throat clearing*] their lives 'cause of that jack-ass, you know. But —

AGENT If I — if you get stuff like that and I gave you a way to contact me, to report stuff like that, would you be able to do that?

ATCHISON All right. If someone's actually making threats, like, genuine threats —

AGENT Right.

ATCHISON ... I will report it to you. I've actually reported to the FBI, like, the online tip, you know.

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*].

ATCHISON Like —

AGENT That would be the best place to go online and — and report it.

ATCHISON Like — this game, I don't play it anymore 'cause humanity's [?] trash but have you heard of the term "swatting"?

AGENT Swatting? No.

ATCHISON Basically, you know, SWAT, right, where they're heavily armed and their tactics —

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*].

ATCHISON Like, after Columbine, there was the IARD, Immediate Action R— Rapid — Deployment, right. Instead of waiting, concealing the — not concealing — swarming the area, waiting for things to go — like, calm down, they rush to the shooter [*unintelligible*].

AGENT Right.

ATCHISON Swatting is — [*mic noise*] there's, like, trollin' and there's, like, being a fuckin' monster about it. Like, I'm not a complete monster and shit. It's just my interests. Like, not actual interests interests but, like, the subjects I — discuss; macabre and all that. But swatting is a tactic where they call in. Like, they use fake numbers to make it think, like — let's say I was being [*throat clearing*] swatted, the — the — someone who hates me would go on the phone, hack it so it shows my — address, and say, okay, I'm goin' to — macabre subject here, like, actual threat here, and then swatting — SWAT team, as they're trained to do, go immediately to the site, swat the area, you know. And they use this as a trolling tactic, right. Like, SWAT's [*mic noise*] [*unintelligible*] so they could be at [*unintelligible*] the — Men in Black over there, you know.

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*].

19 The warning about not going to school was never confirmed to have been written by Harper-Mercer. It may have been a hoax.

ATCHISON No, I — submitted a tip to the FBI. It's basically some guy got swatted on this. I was lurking. So, as the — facts went on, and then we found out some general info about the guy who did it — we pretty much did a lynch mob. We all submitted, like, FBI tips. Like, this guy's swatted here, here and here, and here's his [?] group and all that. Like, I've contacted the FBI before, you know.

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*].

ATCHISON But I don't wanna be, like, gangster or whatever. I'm not one to snitch snitch, you know. Like, if someone was, like, spraying graffiti, it's not my problem. I don't wanna get involved, you know —

AGENT Right, but if somebody's gonna go — [*crosstalk*]

ATCHISON ... actually do this shit, hone — [*crosstalk*]

AGENT Somebody's gonna go shoot up a school, you would — you would let us know?

ATCHISON Yeah, absolutely.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON And a lotta — like, I don't think they're actually going to do this shit. But, like, a lot of 'em, like, they have avatars. Like, the Columbine shooters — [*mic noise*] and they make fun of it and shit —

AGENT Right.

ATCHISON ... and they're [?], like, interested in, like — you probably don't know this term. But — I'm not part of it, you know. But they're shitheads called [?] “Columbiners.” And they idolize the two dickheads, Eric and Dylan. They —

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*].

ATCHISON ... did [?] Columbine, right. And they idolized these two dickheads, you know, Eric and Dylan — [*crosstalk*]

AGENT And these are called Columbine?

ATCHISON Yeah, “Columbiners.” 'Cause of the Columbine —

AGENT “Columbiners.”

ATCHISON ... massacre of 4/29 and that [?].²⁰

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON And obviously, as I've stated, [*throat clearing*] after that, I've witnessed through my research on all this shit g— goin' down, like — like, after all this stuff is goin' down, like, after that event happened, it created a cult, you know. Like, people, outcasts, who worshipped these people —

AGENT Right.

ATCHISON As you can see there, I did not worship them. And you see that book?

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON That's the victim, you know.

AGENT Have you read that book?

ATCHISON Fully.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON Tom Mauser. Yeah, his son, Daniel Mauser was a hero but, you know, he was a nerdy kid.

Off-mic conversation.

²⁰ The attack at Columbine occurred on 4/20 (20 April 1999), not 4/29.

ATCHISON All right. So, I'm using that as evidence that I don't worship them but I know about the subject, you know. But —

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON I — I am a dickhead 'cause of what I've trolled about. But I have a heart, you know. It's like, I actually do get emotional just — I can put myself into other people's shoes, you know. [*throat clearing*] And just imagining the pain he went through, you know, Tom Mauser —

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*].

ATCHISON ... and all the — the other victims, like, I got interested in studying that, the Columbine event, again. Like, I knew about it all my life, basically. I — after Pekka happened, I researched it again basically. I just want [?] the *Wikipedia* guy back into my memory, you know.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON But — basically, Columbiners, they worship the killers and stuff. Pekka Auvinen was one of those people. And I — I — I warned 'em about him, too, like the Amazing Atheist and his community did. Was a fan of the Amazing Atheist. That's how I found Pekka. 'Cause, you know [*inaudible*]. But — like, I warned him that he was treading in the wrong territory with that subject, you know.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON I have to say I do not worship or idolize any of these killers. Like, I have a lotta Photoshops where I basically make fun of them, right, like —

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON ... make them ridiculous. You know, take the shit out of them and all that.

AGENT Well — Bill, we appreciate you allowin' us to come over here and givin' us your insight.

ATCHISON [*unintelligible*] ... tune my shit down, obviously.

AGENT Yeah, you need to tune it way down, man.

ATCHISON Yeah, way —

AGENT 'Cause the last thing I wanna do is come over here again and say, look, dude, what the hell you postin' all this stuff for again.

ATCHISON Well, I had a lot of, like —

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON ... shit relating to that post [?]. But — [*crosstalk*]

AGENT But you also have — you also have access to people online who also make posts like that, right?

ATCHISON Yeah.

AGENT So, that's that —

ATCHISON They aren't my most — a lot of these, like, are [*unintelligible*] basically, you know.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON Yeah —

AGENT Yup, we're good.

ATCHISON Sorry [?]. Just got some more. It's gonna be all right. Just — why? Where you goin'? Yeah, yeah, if you go to Wendy's, get me some — large chili, some fries, and a burger, whatever; \$.99 one. Yeah.

AGENT Cool. Well, we'll — we'll — we'll finish up here shortly.

ATCHISON Yeah. So — I would say probably one out of five are kind of in that clique, you know. They're not, like, worshippers at all but —

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON Obviously, it's territory that's — honestly, I do not blame you guys at all for visitin' me, plus my proximity to the school and all that is —

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*].

ATCHISON ... it's inevitable and it's a good thing, you know. But —

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON ... again, I have to state, I do not worship these people. But, like, this isn't the only thing I do when I research. Like, I pointed out Detroit. Like, I don't wanna be liberal but I was watchin' Mike Moore and stuff and I decided to fact check that. And he was, like — it's one-sided but he gets the truth out a lot of the time, you know. And I saw the Detroit-versus-Windsor statistics and it's insane. While we're at it, since you guys are already here, there's a lot I could say that's, like, red flag. But I'm not neo-Nazi or a skinhead but I was — that we're well into that stuff. I'm not — a dickhead [*cough*]. Like, I'm kind of — I — I don't hate Jews but a lotta conspiracy theories — I research that, too, and stuff. Like — like, you know, ever hear of M— MKUltra²¹ or, like —

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*].

ATCHISON ... Operation Northwood?²²

AGENT Yup.

ATCHISON Yeah, I'm familiar with that, you know.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON And, like, obviously, I could go on. Like, you ever hear of the *Anarchist Cookbook*?²³

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*].

ATCHISON Yeah, I've known about that before, too. But — [*crossstalk*]

AGENT Do you have a copy of that?

ATCHISON ... that shit and all, yeah.

AGENT Yeah.

ATCHISON I — when I was a kid, a lot of us do this, or — at least used to. But I made, like, smoke grenades and stuff.

AGENT Right.

ATCHISON And then the — post-9/11 society that's a huge red flag even though it's just smoke grenades. But, like —

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON ... if these people — like, if they — and this is, like — imagine, like, threat meter, vis-à-vis actual people who do like that where — and this is, like, level [?] and shit, I'm probably, like, in the middle at this point. Like, my content online, need to fuckin' tune that down.

21 Project MKUltra was a covert CIA program that ran from 1953 to 1973.

22 Operation Northwoods was an operation planned by the CIA in 1962 but rejected by President Kennedy whose purpose was to have been to justify a war against China.

23 This is a book that provides instructions on making explosives from common household materials, among other activities.

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*].

ATCHISON But, obviously, as I've stated — I repeat myself a lot. I'm not a good talker.

But obviously, because of my connection in a sense [?], knowin' these people, some of 'em, you know, seeing, like — being there before the storm, basically, and researching a lot of it, obviously, as I've shown you, [*throat clearing*] for Encyclopedia Dramatica, like, making the satire for it and for the pages —

AGENT Uh-huh [*affirmative*]?

ATCHISON ... obviously, it's red flag territory, you know.

AGENT Okay. Well, let's do this, Bill. We'll — we'll head out so that when they get back, you guys can eat dinner.

ATCHISON All right.

AGENT I'm gonna pretty be contactin' you via the email you gave me.

ATCHISON "Magic mania"?

AGENT "Magic mania." Okay.

ATCHISON I gotta point out [*throat clearing*] like [?], eight e-mails. I'll make sure — let me leave my cell phone [?] [*unintelligible*] right now.

AGENT Okay. I don't know when it'll — [*crossstalk*] I don't know when it'll be; if it's gonna it's tonight, it's gonna be next week. But — we'll be in touch with you. Okay?

ATCHISON Yeah.

AGENT And then — [*throat clearing*] we'll go from there. But yeah, tone it down a little bit — a lot. Okay?

ATCHISON I need to take a chill pill.

AGENT Take a big, big chill pill so that we don't have to come — keep comin' back here —

ATCHISON But I have to point out, like, these psycho kids, that's not all I, like, look [?] at. You know, like —

AGENT Right.

ATCHISON ... the Muslims — like, I'm not Muslim. I'm not — I'm pro-Christian, agnostic in a way, you know. Like —

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON ... you ever hear of the Crusades?

AGENT Yup.

ATCHISON Everything you know about that is wrong. They were the good guys. The Inquisition was — a lotta bad happened. But it was necessary for Europe. I could go on and on and on, you know.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON So, in this society, 'cause, you know, the NSA's spying and all that shit, police state basically, and all that, I am involved in a lot of the — conspiracy stuff and, like, keepin' your head above the masses and stuff. Like, I'm — obviously I have no education so I can't call myself an intellectual. But I'm the guy who just stands — back and looks at and observes the stupidity of the human race, yeah.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON But, like, was either the FBI or Muslim extremists that were gonna visit me, if you get [?] in my head, you know —

AGENT Well, you're probably glad that we're here.

ATCHISON Yeah.

AGENT Okay —

ATCHISON This hand [?], that's — [*throat clearing*] wait, what — which was it? Like, it was usually this hand, right?

AGENT What's that?

ATCHISON Like, the handshake? Like, they were tellin' me the traditional was like that or whatever. Doesn't matter.

AGENT Do whatever — whatever handshake you want, man. There's no secret handshake with us.

ATCHISON Yeah.

AGENT Okay?

SECOND AGENT All right, man. [*crosstalk*]

AGENT We'll —

ATCHISON I'm goin' to calm down about it. It's gone —

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON ... too far.

SECOND AGENT Well, you need to.

AGENT Yup.

SECOND AGENT So —

ATCHISON Yeah.

SECOND AGENT Okay?

AGENT Okay. We'll just chat with — quick and then be out of your hair.

ATCHISON All right.

AGENT All righty?

ATCHISON Sorry for the inconvenience.

AGENT No worries, Bill.

ATCHISON One last thing. Should I just —

AGENT Yeah?

ATCHISON ... delete any of the material or leave it?

AGENT Leave it as is. Don't delete anything just yet. Okay? And that's what I'll be in touch with you about on — on — e-mail.

ATCHISON 'Cause I have a lotta [*throat clearing*] [*unintelligible*] attachment [?]. Like —

AGENT Leave it all on there. Don't post anything additional from here on out —

ATCHISON Just keep it where it —

AGENT Yup. All righty.

ATCHISON You have a good day, sir.

AGENT Okay. All righty. Thanks — chat with him. You guys have my card. [*throat clearing*] Can I g— let me write a different number on there, 'cause we just, as of last week, moved offices. So, I'll put the correct address on there. But, yeah —

SECOND AGENT They're always hire—

AGENT Hirin', yeah.

SECOND AGENT Yeah.

AGENT So, you were — good deal.

SECOND AGENT So, right now, you're not — is that right?

AGENT Still call that number? Six — here, I'll put it on the back for you. So, 326-5584. That's our main office number. It'll prompt you [*throat clearing*] to dial zero if you wanna talk to somebody. But that number you should be able to get ahold of me. Well — obviously, we — we — we — we wanted to come and chat with — with you. We

chatted with — Reason being is when we d— started looking at some online posts — informed us, hey, I don't do that. It's pr— William confirmed that he's the one that's ma— what really concerns us is his — his interest in learning about these guys that have done mass shootings at schools. I understand. But the curiosity and the reason that those kids, when they've done — they had to have start somewhere — saying that William's gonna be a mass murd— what I am saying is when the curiosity starts to form like that, you really need to be — be really careful with where they — where that goes. Because it starts out as really a genuine concern and, as many online stuff goes on, they tend to get persuaded one [*mic noise*] way or the other. And we don't want William to get persuaded to the wrong side. Uh-huh [*affirmative*]. I know. But in doing so, sometimes the posts get taken out of context and that's the reason why we're here. Right. Right. And — and I understand that completely. But [*throat clearing*] the posts that we've seen, you really need to — to be — and — and we told him that. Says you need — you need to cut that out, and he told us he's gonna cut it out. Okay? But we need you guys as his — to — I'm not sayin' you guys have to go police him. But — pay attention to — to — to him personally; not so much what he does on the internet but when he comes out and when he's eatin' or whatever he does with you guys. If he doesn't do much, pay attention to his — how he is; his behavior. Is he extremely depressed? If he is — That's — those are the — those are the things that you guys — need to be responsible enough to understand when he is on a very, very depressed state — that point and — and it gets to where you think he's — it's out of control, you need to let us know. And I'm not sayin' we're gonna be monitorin'. We don't have that — that resource. But all I'm saying is [*throat clearing*] we're — we're really — not only the FBI but the community's counting on you guys to make sure that it doesn't go from where he's at now in — in a direction that leads him to where — we'll let you guys be. Is there — is there — did I ever get a phone number — phone number from you? I'd like to — I'll — I'll keep in touch with — with you on your phone — no, I think I'm good. Yeah, I appreciate it. Thanks. Well, all righty, guys, we'll let you guys eat your burgers and chili. But — we'll be in touch with you guys — [*crosstalk*] What's that?

ATCHISON Have my e-mail written down?

AGENT Yeah, I got your e-mail here.

ATCHISON All right.

AGENT We'll be in touch with you that —

ATCHISON Yeah, just makin' sure you guys know everything's —

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON ... cool, you know. But —

AGENT All right.

ATCHISON Yeah, my — trollin' activity got a little — [*throat clearing*] way [?] out of hand [*inaudible*].

AGENT Well — so, as long — long as you cut it down —

ATCHISON Cut it down.

AGENT ... you won't have to worry about us.

ATCHISON The — post on that group, as I stated, was not mine. Like, someone posted that.

AGENT Okay.

ATCHISON And I just saw how ridiculous it was. Oh, a spy [?] group, you know, and —
AGENT ... long enough to realize there's a lotta good stuff on the internet out there.
And I encourage you to s— search [*slurs*] that out and —
ATCHISON Just tune down my activity. Like, yeah, but —
AGENT Okay.
ATCHISON The material was not mine. But someone made it. I posted it and I redacted
their name for obvious re—
AGENT Sorry —
ATCHISON Just to point out to everyone [?] there how ridiculous and stupid this guy
was to post that sort of stuff, you know.
AGENT Okay. Well — I — I told him I couldn't do half the stuff —
ATCHISON I guess.
AGENT Okay?
VOICES Yeah. Yeah.
AGENT Okay.
ATCHISON Well, continuin' to the subject material, I'll be like a wise guy, I guess, for
you guys, huh — anything — any — happening and shit — [*crossstalk*]
AGENT Well, if you — if — if you get any red flags where people are — things that you
think we need to know of, we'll be in touch.
ATCHISON Serious threats?
BOTH Yup, yup.
ATCHISON Like, if someone's just making a joke that they took a little too far?
AGENT If they make a joke about Hillary Clinton, don't — don't let —
ATCHISON Threat against her life or something, yeah, obviously, they're gonna vis-
ited by the Men in Black and all.
AGENT Okay.
ATCHISON But I'll keep you guys in touch [?]; any details that need to be posted,
well, we'll talk later —
AGENT Okay, yup. Best important thing, though, is you need to quit postin' —
ATCHISON Calm myself down.
AGENT Okay. And that'll — that'll be — be good. Life will be good. Okay?
SECOND AGENT Thanks, guys.

Off-mic conversation.

AGENT Concludes this — interview.

Off-mic conversation. End of transcript. [SS.1]