

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 [REDACTED], Special Agent [REDACTED], 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 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*] [*unintelligible*] 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*]

AGENT: ... 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.

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."

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?

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 –

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

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? 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]

AGENT: ... 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?

would have been quite young.

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

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?

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*]

AGENT: ... for you to be atheist. It's not against the law for you to be –

[*crosstalk*]

AGENT: ... 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 –

7 On 22 March 2016, two days before this interview occurred, there were two terrorist attacks by Muslim extremists in Belgium that killed thirty-two people and wounded over three hundred.

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*]

AGENT: ... 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 –

ATCHISON: Oh, you're in the FBI –

[*crosstalk*]

AGENT: ... we chose a certain path.

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: 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*]

AGENT: . . . 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: P.M.

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 –

¹⁰ Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug.

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 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 –

[crosstalk]

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 –

[crosstalk]

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

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.

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. 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

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.

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.

[*Video not transcribed*]

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

[*Video not transcribed*]

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.

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 – [*Game not transcribed*]

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 –

[*crosstalk*]

ATCHISON: ... 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 –

[*crosstalk*]

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.

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

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?

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*]

AGENT: ... 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*]

AGENT: ... 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 [*unintelligible*] 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*]

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

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.

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

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

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.

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 somethin'. 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.

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 multifaceted attack in Isla Vista, California, on 23 May 2014.

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?

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*] ρ9κ 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 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 jackass, 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.

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.

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: 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 fucking 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*].

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*]

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

²⁰ The attack at Columbine occurred on 4/20, not 4/29.

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 –

[crosstalk]

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 –

[*crosstalk*]

AGENT: 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*]

AGENT: 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 –

[crosstalk]

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 visited 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]

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