

A Partial Transcript Alek Minassian's Police Interview

ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED INTERVIEW OF ALEK **MINASSIAN**
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[Discussion around his weapons knowledge]

- Minassian:** I was interested in ah learning how to ah use ah weapons ---
- Thomas:** Beautiful okay.
- Minassian:** --- sp – specifically ah large guns.
- Thomas:** So large guns as in in what like ah like ---
- Minassian:** Such as ah assault rifles.
- Thomas:** Oh okay so you're not talking about howitzers and, and ah cannons right you're talking about like ---
- Minassian:** Yeah they – because those you can actually hold in your hand.
- Thomas:** Right, right. So, what type of weapons would the ah the military– the Canadian military be, be training their, their members in? Because you know what I play a lot of Call of Duty right have you ever played Call of Duty?
- Minassian:** Unfortunately, that game isn't realistic – uhm however ah I never unfortunately I never made it far enough in my basic training to ah use guns, ah so I don't know what type of guns the ah, ah military uses.
- Thomas:** Oh okay. What makes you think you know I thought ah Call of Duty was – well I know that the scenarios aren't realistic but, but like the weapons they use are realistic aren't they and ah and the camel and the uniforms and stuff ---
- Minassian:** Unfortunately ah uhm the logistics of how the ah weapons are fired ---
- Thomas:** Right.
- Minassian:** --- ah are not ah realistic in real life.
- Thomas:** Oh.
- Minassian:** For example ah there's a lot of recoil when firing a, ah an assault rifle.
- Thomas:** Right, right yeah, yeah I know I imagine you're not getting much recoil on your, you know, your, your computer whatever ---
- Minassian:** Definitely not.
- Thomas:** --- the little hand-held console you're using of course it vibrates a little bit but that – do, do you play ah Call of Duty?

- Minassian:** I played it ah in the past.
- Thomas:** Yeah, yeah I enjoy that I like that and ah there's another one I ah really enjoyed was uhm uhm Honour – Badge of Honour.
- Minassian:** I've actually never played that to be honest.
- Thomas:** That was actually better. That's better than the Call of Duty better Badge of Honor. It's made – it's ah I think Call of Duty is, is ah Microsoft if I'm not mistaken I can't I I don't know and but this was another company but---
- Minassian:** Call of Duty is made by Activision.
- Thomas:** Activision okay right ah now yeah yes so Badge of Honour is something else it's, it's another company. I don't know what it is but ah do, do, do you find yourself play – do you play a lot of games a guy like you 25 years old I imagine you're ---
- Minassian:** Yeah I actually – I actually like playing video games especially the, ah violent ones.
- Thomas:** The violent ones yeah, yeah, yeah.
- Minassian:** I just like to ah let out all my urges ---
- Minassian:** --- into the TV screen.
- Thomas:** --- that's why they're there right do you – what about uhm what other ones do you play?
- Minassian:** I played Halo a lot ---
- Thomas:** Yeah okay ---
- Minassian:** --- in the past.
- Thomas:** --- alright that's more of ah sci-fi kind of futuristic stuff it's not I wouldn't say Halo is terribly violent. I mean you're, you're killing Martians and things like that.
- Minassian:** At least you're not killing other humans.
- Thomas:** Yeah, yeah, yeah do you play uhm ah Grand Theft Auto?
- Minassian:** I played it a couple of times ah, ah on someone else's X-box. I don't actually own – I've never actually owned any copies of Grand Theft Auto.
- Thomas:** Uhuh, uhuh so as far as being a gamer, how would you classify yourself are you ah like a big gamer or?
- Minassian:** I would classify myself as a hard core gamer.
- Thomas:** Hard core gamer. So in terms of hours spent during the day playing video games how often would you – how many hours would you spend?
- Minassian:** I would say an average of ah five hours per day.

Thomas: Yeah okay alright okay that's that seems reasonable. I'd say your age I'd probably do the same thing.

[Discussion around completing his degree program, Wed April 18th]

Thomas: And you'd be graduating with ah a Bachelor of Science?

Minassian: Bachelor of Software Development.

Thomas: Bachelor of Software Development. Did you have – did you have tests or anything to complete or?

Minassian: I've already completed everything.

Thomas: So you – you've basically you, you finished?

Minassian: Yes.

Thomas: So when was your last day?

Minassian: My last day of classes was ah last Wednesday

[A discussion around his incel thoughts]

Thomas: No ah what about difficulties with ah, ah girls in particular?

Minassian: No.

Thomas: No, no difficulties with girls at all?

Minassian: No.

Thomas: No, none at all. How do you feel about ah girls in general?

Minassian: I, I'm attracted to them.

Thomas: Oh you are okay, okay so you're heterosexual ---

Minassian: Yes.

Thomas: --- would it be fair to say that okay that's, that's important. Uhm have you ever had a relationship with a, with a female?

Minassian: I don't wish to answer that.

Thomas: Okay, alright. Uhm in terms of females I mean females and women because you're 25 you're a young man alright we'll call them women ah in terms of your feelings towards women in general ah how would you describe that?

Minassian: I would say that sometimes I am a bit upset that they choose to ah date ah obnoxious men instead of ah a gentleman.

- Thomas:** Yeah, yeah so I, I, I am I have a uhm well I got involved in a situation I'll tell you about later but uhm I, I uhm so my understanding is uhm you, you have some problems with women who date obnoxious men right.
- Minassian:** Yes.
- Thomas:** And these guys I'm thinking you're, you're talking about the fellows who are loud ah, ah arrogant uhm ah generally ah uhm outgoing and popular with girls ---
- Minassian:** Yes.
- Thomas:** --- is that what you're talking about?
- Minassian:** Yes.
- Thomas:** Okay uhm and you have a problem with the women that date these fellows.
- Minassian:** Yes.
- Thomas:** Why is it that you have a problem with, with the women?
- Minassian:** Because I feel that ah it's illogical to be ah dating such men when they can be dating a gentleman instead.
- Thomas:** Right, right, right, that make sense I mean ah and I've seen that because I've grown up and I'll tell you one of the issues that I had as a kid growing up because I was uhm this is going to sou – you might believe me but believe – I I wasn't a very big kid growing up, I was actually very, very small ah and it took me a long time to, to, to, to grown and ah so as a result ah the you know I, I was kind of ostracized. Do you know what I mean by ostracized I was kind of ---
- Minassian:** Cast aside.
- Thomas:** --- cast aside yeah, yeah and ah or ah I left out like I wouldn't get picked for teams you know or anything like that you know I was kind of always the last guy you, you ever see those ah those ah you know those television shows where you know all the kids are lined up and they're getting picked for you know the teams and there's always one guy left out at the end ---
- Minassian:** Yeah.
- Thomas:** --- that that was me, I was I was that, I was that guy and ah and I never I was never ah very popular with ah women, girls in in school and ah and that kind of actually went on through ah to early part of my, my adulthood ah until I started you know getting taller and ah maturing right but ah I understand exactly what you meant because I was – as a kid growing up I was uhm you know I was like any other kid – any other young, young man right you would look at ah, ah, attractive girls and I knew I was probably just as smart if not smarter than some of the clowns they were dating but because for whatever reason I didn't have what it took; they wouldn't, you know, they wouldn't date me because I think because I was short. They wouldn't date me and they ended up

dating you know the tall jocks and the other you know the good looking fellows. Is that what you're talking about?

Minassian: Yes.

Thomas: Yeah then yeah you kind of resent these girls right ---

Minassian: Yeah.

Thomas: --- because you know it's kind of a superficial way of ah deciding you know who it is you're going to date.

Minassian: Because height is an unfair and you can't control your height.

Thomas: Right exactly right, right, right, right. What other things can't you control?

Minassian: You can't control ah your, your looks either.

Thomas: Exactly, exactly yeah that's a good point. Although you're not a bad looking guy.

Minassian: Thank you.

Thomas: No you are, you're a good looking guy you keep yourself well and you're good, you're fit you know you're tall, uhm what other things can't you control?

Minassian: I'm unaware of -- I'm, I'm not aware of anything else you can't control.

Thomas: Ah what about uhm like phys -- physical disabilities right obviously if you were blind or you know ---

Minassian: Unfortunately you can't control that.

Thomas: Yeah you can't control that that's what I mean. So these are things you can't control or uhm you know other disabilities you know ah if you're mentally handicapped or if you ah you ah you're you have an amputee or ah, ah you know there's there's other, other things and I and I and so does that would would you include that in those, those issues that you can't control?

Minassian: Yes.

Thomas: And so ah so how long have you had this uhm this feeling towards ah women who are attracted to you know this particular type of guy?

Minassian: Ever since I ah started ah college.

Thomas: Ever since you started college okay and ah, ah did it, did it, was it was it something that occurred as a result of a single incident like it's -- was there one particular moment in your life where it sort of struck home, this was a problem or was it just ah ah ---

Minassian: On Halloween of ah 2013 I was attending a house party ---

Thomas: Uhuh.

Minassian: --- and I ah walked in and attempted to ah socialize with some ah girls, ah however they all ah laughed at me and ah held the arms of the ah big guys instead.

Thomas: Really.

Minassian: Yeah.

Thomas: Well that's kind of rude. And how did that make you feel?

Minassian: I felt, ah very angry ---

Thomas: Yeah.

Minassian: --- that they would, because I consider myself a supreme gentleman ---

Thomas: Yeah.

Minassian: --- I was angry that that they would uhm give their love and affection to obnoxious brutes.

Thomas: Really eh, really and so it was at that particular moment and that was sort of the defining moment that make you think that you know this is this is wrong and you know these people are ---

Minassian: Yes.

Thomas: --- unfairly treating you in in the way that they were.

Minassian: Yes.

Thomas: Yeah, yeah well that makes sense I appreciate you telling me that that ah that says a lot and ah so, so from that point on what ah you know what what, what did you start doing?

Minassian: I ah started thinking that it's unfair that uhm ce – certain ah guys will not get any ah love and affection from girls.

Thomas: Okay and, and what, wh – like what, what do you mean by certain guys?

Minassian: Such as me that are ah that are very nice and ah acting gentlemanly.

Thomas: Right, right, right are there other guys? Did you find other guys that are, are in the same ---

Minassian: There – I know of several other guys over the internet who ah feel the same way but I know they are I would consider them ah too cowardly to ah act on their anger.

Thomas: Oh, okay and so on the internet where, where are – what are you talking about in terms of?

(lengthy discussion of 4Chan, R9K Pol)

Minassian: --- is the general topic is basically political discussions with an alt-right bias.

Thomas: Political discussions with an alt-right so you're – you're, you're ultraconservative – or you're ---

Minassian: Yes.

Thomas: --- or ah you know the American ah definition would be you'd be ultra-republican.

Minassian: Yes.

Thomas: Okay so you – what would your – what would your political views be in the alt-right ah, ah message board?

Minassian: I actually don't have any ah political views. I only ah, ah the only reason I, I talked with them was just because I enjoyed their, ah style of ah conversation.

Thomas: Okay and what was the style of conversation?

Minassian: Ah it was very ah blunt and honest.

Thomas: So wh – what would it be, what would it typically focus around or what would they – what would the typ – typical conversations contain?

Minassian: Ah red pill truths about ah why ah women ah choose to date obnoxious men.

Thomas: Date the Chads.

Minassian: Yeah.

Thomas: The Chads of this world.

Minassian: Yeah ---

Thomas: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Minassian: Basically the Staceys going for the Chads.

Thomas: Exactly, the Staceys are the yeah the yeah the dizzy dumb girls dating ah the goofy you know jocks.

Minassian: Yeah.

Thomas: Right, right, right, right so you call them Staceys and Chads.

Minassian: Yeah.

Thomas: I've, I've heard that term before. Ah and so that's in the alright?

Minassian: Yes.

Thomas: That conversation takes place in the alt-right as well?

Minassian: Yes.

Thomas: Ah does – do other things take place in the alt-right ah forum ---

Minassian: Uhm ---

Thomas: --- or red pill.

Minassian: Ah some, some, some ah uhm alt-right members consider them to do – those cells to be ah red pill.

Thomas: What does that mean is that like a matrix ah reference?

Minassian: Actually it is in fact – that term was actually in fact uhm ah came up as a reference to matrix ---

Thomas: Right.

Minassian: --- taking the red – you can either take the red pill or you can take the blue pill.

Thomas: Right.

Minassian: And some of the – some alt-right members even consider them to be supposed to be ah black pill which in ess – in in essence means they are ah MGTOW, “Men Going Their Own Way.”

Thomas: Oh okay, alright okay, alright okay. You alright?

Minassian: Yup.

Thomas: Okay so it’s so the conversations are surrounding ah – so in those three message boards they’re all basically the s – or maybe not I shouldn’t say all three but in the two message boards the alt-right and the ---

Minassian: R9K.

Thomas: R9K there ---

Minassian: And we call ourselves the space robots there.

Thomas: Space robots, but the conversations tend to be focused around uhm ah fellows who have ah been unable to lose their virginity due to the Staceys of this world with Chads.

Minassian: Yes.

Thomas: Right and ah I I’ve done a little bit of uhm ah reading and I know a little about uhm involuntary ah ---

Minassian: Celibacy.

Thomas: --- cel – celibacy, right being celibate ---

Minassian: Yes.

Thomas: --- involuntary celibate. What does that mean?

- Minassian:** That means in – celibacy means ah, ah someone who had never before has sexual intercourse.
- Thomas:** Right.
- Minassian:** Ah involuntary celibacy means this wasn't your choice who ---
- Thomas:** I see.
- Minassian:** --- essentially are ah, have been thrown into true force loneliness and you're unable to lose your virginity.
- Thomas:** Right.
- Minassian:** This is especially ah painful for ah young males.
- Thomas:** Right, right, right that make sense and there are other – are there not other web sites that cater to this group of people as well ForeverAlone, have you ever heard of that?
- Minassian:** I have heard of the ah ForeverAlone ah Subreddit.
- Thomas:** And Subreddit, Subreddit have you - you've heard of those?
- Minassian:** Yes.

[A discussion around Rodger and Mercer]

- Thomas:** Okay alright okay uhm so ah, ah so when you're on 4Chan ah what specifically are you and and you know 4Chan when you're when you're on your different websites and ForeverAlone which – let me ask you this sorry I don't mean to ah sound confusing - which are you more active on in terms of -- -
- Minassian:** 4Chan.
- Thomas:** 4Chan okay uhm when did you first – sorry you mentioned this and I forgot when did you first go onto 4Chan?
- Minassian:** 2014.
- Thomas:** 2014 and specifically when in 2014?
- Minassian:** May 23 ah 2014.
- Thomas:** How – how are you able to remember that?
- Minassian:** Because I remember that was a ah very significant day.
- Thomas:** Okay what day was – what was that?
- Minassian:** Ah that was when ah Elliot Rodger ah decided to essentially ah commit an uprising – a beta uprising if you will ---
- Thomas:** Right.

Minassian: --- against the ah Chads and the Staceys.

Thomas: Okay, okay and that was in the United States.

Minassian: Yes.

Thomas: And so when you talk about ---

Minassian: Well because uhm Incels don't believe in borders.

Thomas: Right, okay, okay.

Minassian: So ah so locations are ah irrelevant to us.

Thomas: Right, right but for, for geographical reference only am I right to understand it, it, it occurred in California.

Minassian: Yes.

Thomas: Okay and ah what, what type of uhm ah what, what type of uprising occurred, what, what happened?

Minassian: It was a beta uprising.

Thomas: A beta uprising okay.

Minassian: Although he didn't ah call it a beta uprising at the time ah someone else who was inspired by him by the name of ah Chris Harper-Mercer called it a beta uprising some time in ah – actually I believe it was October 1 ah 2015.

Thomas: Ah it was 2014.

Minassian: No ah some Chr – someone else named Chris Harper-Mercer ---

Thomas: Yup.

Minassian: --- in 2015 ah called it a beta uprising. I'm only retroactively ah assigning the label of beta uprising to the Elliot Rodger's ---

Thomas: Okay I ---

Minassian: --- ah moves.

Thomas: I thought Chris Harper-Mercer ah committed a beta uprising in Oregon in 2014 which later fueled Elliot Rodger to do something similar in California in 2016.

Minassian: It was actually ah the other way around ---

Thomas: Oh.

Minassian: --- Elliot Rodger in 2014 his ah what ---

Thomas: You're right, I'm sorry.

Minassian: --- his ---

Thomas: Yes.

Minassian: --- his uhm what I'm uhm retroactively calling ah beta uprising ---

Thomas: Uhuh.

Minassian: --- ah inspired ah Chris Harper-Mercer to do the same thing in 2015.

Thomas: You're absolutely right I, I you know you're absolutely right that makes sen – makes a lot of sense. So, ah it was ah Elliot Rodger who was the, the father of this.

Minassian: Basically the fa – the founding forefather ---

Thomas: The founding forefather.

Minassian: --- he founded the entire movement.

Thomas: Right, right. So explain to me this movement, what's this movement about?

Minassian: It's basically – it's basically a movement of angry ah incels such as myself who are unable to get laid, therefore we want to overthrow the ah Chads ---

Thomas: Uhuh.

Minassian: --- which would ah force the Staceys to be forced to ah reproduce with the incels.

Thomas: Right, right okay and when you say incels ---

Minassian: Involuntary ah cel – celibate.

Thomas: Celibate so that's just ah a short form for, for, for fellows who ---

Minassian: Can't get laid.

Thomas: --- ah can't, can't have sex right, okay and ah what happened in the ah Elliot Rodger's ah, ah uprising, what did he do?

Minassian: I know he ah used a ah gun as well as a ah vehicle to uhm convert the life status of certain individuals to ah death status.

Thomas: Right.

Minassian: Uhm oh only to ah carry the message that uhm incels ah can't be oppressed.

Thomas: Right, right so it was ah, ah it was an act of rebellion.

Minassian: Yes.

Thomas: And and it was uhm – and ah and uhm out of frustration and anger.

Minassian: You could call it an Incel rebellion.

Thomas: Incel rebellion. Exactly, right, yeah okay and uhm ah how many – how many ah lives were converted from living to to dead?

Minassian: Six.

Thomas: Six in total okay and ah, ah and he used a vehicle in that ---

Minassian: Yes.

Thomas: --- as well in ah as part of the process of converting these lives.

Minassian: Yes.

Thomas: And ah was anything else – did he do anything else?

Minassian: I know he used a ah a knife ---

Thomas: Right.

Minassian: --- for, for his first three murders.

Thomas: For his first three murders, okay, alright. And uhm and then ah what about uhm Chris ah Harper-Mercer what ah what did he do?

Minassian: He used a gun for ah all of his murders.

Thomas: For all of his murders. And how many did he – how many did he – how many people did he murder?

Minassian: I believe it was it was either eight killed and ten injured or ah ten killed and eight injured.

Thomas: Ten killed and eight injured okay.

Minassian: It was one of those two.

Thomas: Okay and were these fellows active on 4Chan?

Minassian: Yes.

Thomas: They were eh. Have you ever communicated with these fellows?

Minassian: Ah I actually have, as a matter of fact.

Thomas: Who, who did you communicate with?

Minassian: Both of them actually.

Thomas: Really?

Minassian: We used ah code names actually.

Thomas: Okay what was – what were they?

Minassian: Ah Elliot Rodger was named of Valtharion.

Thomas: Valtharion?

Minassian: Yes.

- Thomas:** How do you spell that?
- Minassian:** V-A-L-T-H-A-R-I-O-N.
- Thomas:** Okay and ah what was Chris ah Harper-Mercer's name?
- Minassian:** SpaceRobot.
- Thomas:** SpaceRobot. One word or two?
- Minassian:** Ah one word.
- Thomas:** One word.
- Minassian:** Camel case.
- Thomas:** Camel case?
- Minassian:** That means the S and ah R ah were ah both capitalized.
- Thomas:** Oh I see okay, okay ah and okay and what was your – what was your what was your code name?
- Minassian:** Xboxlightside.
- Thomas:** Xbox light side?
- Minassian:** All one word.
- Thomas:** All one word camel case?
- Minassian:** No, only the ah first letter was capitalized.
- Thomas:** The X.
- Minassian:** Yes.
- Thomas:** Okay, alright and ah so what did you discuss with these guys?
- Minassian:** We discussed our ah frustrations at uhm society and being unable to get laid and we were plotting a certain ah timed strikes ---
- Thomas:** Uhuh.
- Minassian:** --- on society in order to ah confuse and ah shake the foundations just to put all the ah, normies in a ah state of panic.
- Thomas:** Okay and who'd be a normie?
- Minassian:** Ah normie means ah normal people that would be anyone who is ah considered to be normal by ah the unfair standards of society.
- Thomas:** But not the Chads or Staceys. Chads and Staceys ---

- Minassian:** Chads and Staceys are actually above normies or at least they think they're above normies.
- Thomas:** Of course yeah, yeah, yeah okay alright. So is it fair to say you've got Chads and Staceys up here, normies down here and then you've got celibs who believe that they are being repressed.
- Minassian:** Incels.
- Thomas:** Incels, Incels sorry ---
- Minassian:** Yes.
- Thomas:** --- Incels who believe they're being rep – rep ah, ah suppressed or repressed ---
- Minassian:** Yes.
- Thomas:** --- and, and so as a result even the playing field.
- Minassian:** Yes.
- Thomas:** The – you know they, they ah they convert the Staceys and Chads from living to dead ah to make ---
- Minassian:** So that we come out on t – us on top.
- Thomas:** Yeah more than – so is there ah, ah so the targets, who are the targets for this uprising be?
- Minassian:** All of the ah alpha males.
- Thomas:** All the alpha males. So the Chads.
- Minassian:** Yes.
- Thomas:** So that's – those are the people you'll – that that you want to kill?
- Minassian:** Yes.
- Thomas:** Okay alright and who else?
- Minassian:** Any ah any of the Staceys who ah do not wish to ah give their love and affection to the Incels.
- Thomas:** So they, they they're a target as well ---
- Minassian:** Yes.
- Thomas:** --- to be killed.
- Minassian:** Yes.
- Thomas:** Okay and what about the normies, no ah yeah nor - normies.

- Minassian:** Yes we ah do – we don't necessarily wish to ah kill the normies but we do wish to subjugate them ah in order to make them understand that the uhm – that our type is ah the more superior
- Minassian:** Mean – meaning ah either imprison them or put them in a lower position in society ---
- Thomas:** Okay alright.
- Minassian:** --- so that they acknowledge uhm the Incels or the ah Pepe the Frog types as the more superior ones.
- Thomas:** So okay you you're saying things that I'm, I'm not familiar with ---
- Minassian:** So – sorry.
- Thomas:** What's a Pepe - Pepe the Frog?
- Minassian:** Ah but we ah he's, he's a mascot on 4Chan and we ah ---
- Thomas:** He's a mascot?
- Minassian:** Yes.
- Thomas:** Oh mascot on, on 4Chan.
- Minassian:** Yes.
- Thomas:** And he's a ---
- Minassian:** Ah ah I was using a metaphor.
- Thomas:** Oh okay, okay.one.
- Thomas:** Right, right. So when you say subjugate what do you mean by that?
- Minassian:** Yeah so ah he's actually ah worshipped ah quite frequently.
- Thomas:** Oh okay, okay alright so going back to the conversation with, with Chris and uhm and ah Elliot you're talking to these fellows now ah when ,when are you having these conversations, when, when, did these conversations start taking place?
- Minassian:** Uhm before ah obviously before their ah massacres because they're both dead now.
- Thomas:** Right, right, right, right, right okay and ah and then once you learned of the – so what – so it was Elliot who was first in 2014.
- Minassian:** Yes
- Thomas:** So what did Elliot – what, what did you and Elliot talk about? Let me let me ah I, I find you very interesting I do and I find it's fascinating uhm but I want to make sure I, I don't go too fast. Uhm did you have – did you have – who did you have conversation with first, let me ask you that?
- Minassian:** Elliot.

Thomas: Elliot so how did you learn of Elliot?

Minassian: Because on ah on we private message each other on ah Reddit ---

Thomas: Yup.

Minassian: --- after I saw one of ah his posts ---

Thomas: Uhuh.

Minassian: --- ah and ah we just talked about each other and got to know each other and we found each other very interesting. We both had the same ah frustrations that society ---

Thomas: Right.

Minassian: --- despite being ah separate by distance so far apart.

Thomas: Right, right, right, did you ever visit him?

Minassian: Ah no but I wish I could have.

Thomas: Yeah, yeah did he ever come up and visit you?

Minassian: No but I wish he did.

Thomas: Yeah, yeah ah did you ever communicate ah outside of ah 4Chan? Did you ever communicate on anything else outside of 4Chan?

Minassian: Reddit was the first place we ah communicated.

Thomas: Oh okay and was it Fo - ForeverAlone?

Minassian: Yes.

Thomas: In that – in that subgroup?

Minassian: Yes.

Thomas: Okay ah, ah did you ever communicate on any other medium or platform?

Minassian: Ah other than Reddit and 4Chan no.

Thomas: No so you didn't Skype or call on the phone or anything like that?

Minassian: No.

Thomas: Okay so long does this conversation with Elliot – sorry, sorry so when – so when specifically, you may have mentioned I, I wasn't listening, when specifically did you first contact or have contact with Elliot?

Minassian: January of 2014.

Thomas: 2014 and ah when did you stop having con – communication with him?

Minassian: Ah, ah as soon as he was deceased.

Thomas: Okay so ah his act I, I know took place in 2014 but I wasn't aware of the exact day, what day was it?

Minassian: May 23 ah 2014.

Thomas: May 23rd yeah you said that. Ah so when did you last speak to him?

Minassian: May ah 20.

Thomas: May 20th. And so what did he tell you?

Minassian: He told me that ah he has to go he must – he's on a very important mission ---

Thomas: Uhuh.

Minassian: --- and ah he might not make it back alive.

Thomas: Uhuh, uhuh and so what did you say to him?

Minassian: I ah kind of had an idea in my head of what he was ah planning but I didn't want to ah think it was true at the time so I said – so I replied and said ah I wish you ah good luck with that.

Thomas: Right on okay, okay and ah were there anybody – was there anybody else in this conversation?

Minassian: It was ah private ah conversation.

Thomas: Oh it was a private – okay so there's nobody else speaking?

Minassian: No.

Thomas: Okay and you can have private conversations outside of 4Chan?

Minassian: It well like I said it was a Reddit private message.

Thomas: Oh sorry ah Forever – yeah ah ForeverAlone?

Minassian: Yeah because anyone can ah just private message each other since you have a registered account.

Thomas: Right okay, okay so you can go on the ah forum and and the threads and leave messages and then you can speak to people outside of the threats privately?

Minassian: Yes.

Thomas: Okay I'm just – I'm because I haven't been on these these websites so it's ah but I've heard of them so I'm just trying to get get familiarize with, with how it works. So did ah was there was there – as far as you were aware of was there anyone else involved in ah, ah Elliot Rodger's ah, ah mission?

Minassian: I believe that – he told me that ah other members of ah, ah 4Chan were giving him ah encouraging support so that he would have the courage to ah start his rebellion.

Thomas: Right, right, right okay and so you last speak to him on March 20th.

Minassian: May 20th.

Thomas: May 20th I'm sorry May 20th, 2014.

Minassian: Yes.

Thomas: He commits his, his, his acts on the 23rd of May ---

Minassian: Yes.

Thomas: --- and ah when did you learn that ah what he had done?

Minassian: I saw it on the news later that night.

Thomas: Later on, on the 23rd?

Minassian: Yes.

Thomas: Okay and what did you think?

Minassian: Ah I thought that I ah came to the understanding that this is the mission that he had to ah carry out.

Thomas: Okay alright and anything else?

Minassian: I felt kind of ah proud of him for ah his acts of bravery.

Thomas: Okay alright and what about ah how you started to, to, to change your thinking. Was, was any was, was any of that going on?

Minassian: I was starting to feel ah radicalized at that time.

Thomas: You were eh okay and when you say radicalized what do you mean by that?

Minassian: Meaning I felt it was time to take action and not just sit on the side lines and just ah fester in my own sadness.

Thomas: Right, okay, alright and so ah so this this is started – this is a process it's not something that just – I mean the, the, the, the day that you realized that ah you were ah celeb was the day that you were ridiculed by these girls at this party ---

Minassian: On ah Halloween of 2013.

Thomas: Right but then as you got to know ah Elliot and then ah understanding his, his ah, his ah mission and ah what he had done you began to, to start become radicalized in terms of your though process.

Minassian: Yes.

Thomas: Okay and so what takes place next as part of this, this, this growing radicalization?

Minassian: To be honest ah the planning didn't occur until about a month ago, most of it was actually just thinking ---

- Thomas:** Okay.
- Minassian:** --- and day dreaming.
- Thomas:** Okay alright so the thinking and day dreaming when did that start?
- Minassian:** That started about a month after the rebellion in ah May of 2014.
- Thomas:** Okay so ---
- Minassian:** So I mean so June I started ah thinking about this stuff.
- Thomas:** And then that continued right up until a month ago?
- Minassian:** Yes. Which is when I ah booked ah the ah van with Ryder ---
- Thomas:** Okay.
- Minassian:** --- in order to ah use as ah a tool for rebellion.
- Thomas:** Okay alright so tel – take me through that process. What was going through your mind and how was you know, what were you thinking when you were doing all of this? What was going on?
- Minassian:** I was thinking that it was ah time that I ah stood up to the Chads and Staceys.
- Thomas:** Okay and then and so what happened? So this – tell me what takes place?

[A discussion about the attack]

- Thomas:** Yeah.
- Minassian:** I would estimate about ah twenty to thirty minutes.
- Thomas:** Twenty to thirty minutes. Now what are you thinking while you're in the van?
- Minassian:** Ah I'm thinking that this is it, this is the day of retribution.
- Thomas:** Okay and ah anything else on your mind?
- Minassian:** Just that.
- Thomas:** Okay.
- Minassian:** That's that's the only thing that's in my mind, it's just burning in my mind.
- Thomas:** Burning in your mind.
- Minassian:** Yeah.
- Thomas:** Okay and ah so let me ask you this because this is really interesting. Why do you chose Yonge and Finch?
- Minassian:** I, I didn't chose Yonge and Finch particular I was driving down Yonge because I knew it would be ah busy area ---

Thomas: Uhuh.

Minassian: --- and then as soon as I saw there were ah pedestrians ---

Thomas: Uhuh.

Minassian: --- I just decided to ah go for it.

Thomas: Okay and so where specifically were you in terms of your specific location, where were you when you just decided to go for it?

Minassian: I was ah at some traffic lights.

Thomas: Okay where?

Minassian: Uhm actually I don't remember. The only reason – in fact ah if I hadn't ah I remember some other I, I had heard some other officer or mention Yonge and Finch before that's the only reason I really remember it.

Thomas: Okay.

Minassian: But otherwise I actually wouldn't have remembered ---

Thomas: You wouldn't have remembered.

Minassian: --- that it's yeah Yonge and Finch. I just knew that I started seeing a lot of people walking.

Thomas: Okay ah am I am I to understand – am I correct when I when I say that you knew at least you were on Yonge Street?

Minassian: Yes.

Thomas: And you knew that you were ---

Minassian: Because I specifically chose it beforehand because that's that's why – because I even looked for that ramp from Highway 7 to Yonge.

Thomas: Right okay, okay so nevertheless you're at ah – you're at a stop light you said?

Minassian: Yes.

Thomas: You're at – and now are you faced with a red light you're stopped?

Minassian: Ah yes but as soon as it turned green I ah started going.

Thomas: Okay and ah just walk me through this okay step by step. So it turns green what are you thinking?

Minassian: I'm thinking that ah this is it. I see all these people it's ah time to ah go for it.

Thomas: Time to go for it and what do you do?

Minassian: I ah floor the pedal ---

- Thomas:** Yeah.
- Minassian:** --- I speed the van towards them and I al – allow the van to ah collide with them.
- Thomas:** Okay and then what happens?
- Minassian:** Ah some people get knocked down on the way, some people roll ov – over the top of the van.
- Thomas:** Okay and then what, what happens?
- Minassian:** I ah continue doing that until uhm in in fact actually to be honest the only reason I stopped my attack was because someone’s drink got splashed on my ah windshield and I was worried that I would ah crash ah the van anyways so I decided okay now I I wanted to do more but I’ve kind of been foiled by a lack of visibility so then that’s when I ah pulled – I turned right and I pulled – and I saw the cops approaching so I decided to pull over and get out of my van.
- Thomas:** Okay how long do you travel from the moment that you, you decide this is it the light turns green and you ah mount the sidewalk is that right?
- Minassian:** Yes.
- Thomas:** To the time that you stop, how long in terms of a distance would that have been?
- Minassian:** About two traffic – two or three traffic lights.
- Thomas:** Two or three traffic lights okay so you turn right at what street?
- Minassian:** I don’t remember which street I wasn’t paying attention.
- Thomas:** Why do you turn right?
- Minassian:** Uhm because I ah – because there wasn’t any convenient place to stop at Yonge and I – and like I said there was a lack of visibility on my windshield I could hear the cops coming anyways so the, the when I turned right there was a convenient place to pull over on the sidewalk.
- Thomas:** Okay, okay and so you’re now – so you’re, you’re, you’re, you, you physically stop your vehicle.
- Minassian:** Yes.
- Thomas:** You physically stop - so you end the assault.
- Minassian:** Yes.
- Thomas:** Okay uhm and you ended it because you can’t see ---
- Minassian:** Yes.
- Thomas:** --- and you knew the cops were coming.
- Minassian:** Yes.

Thomas: Okay and so then what happens at that point?

Minassian: Ah I, I see a patrol car pull over and I hear the cop screaming at me to get out so I get out and I ah point my wallet at the cop and it – with the intent for it to be confused as a gun so that I could be fatally shot.

Thomas: Okay and was that something you were thinking about?

Minassian: Yes.

Thomas: And then when I mean – I what I’m saying is ---

Minassian: Even, even beforehand I ah premeditated as an attempted suicide by cop.

Thomas: You wanted to – you wanted to be killed by the police.

Minassian: Yes.

Thomas: Okay uhm can I ask why you decide to, to equip yourself with a wallet and not something else?

Minassian: Ah I was worried – I was thinking well purchasing a toy gun ---

Thomas: Right.

Minassian: --- but I was kind of paranoid that some for whatever reason the Rydel Rental Company would ask to see my pockets or any bag if I chose to bring that so I decided to go as stealthy as possible so no one suspects anything.

Thomas: Okay, alright. Nevertheless you get out of the, the van the officer or – or sorry ah it - correct me if I’m wrong because I want to make sure to get this right, you get out of the van because the officer orders you out?

Minassian: Yes.

Thomas: Okay ah and you want ah you want to die by ah, by by suicide by police ah so you point your wallet at him?

Minassian: Yes.

Thomas: Okay and, and ah do you say anything to the officer?

Minassian: Ah I actually told him that I had ah a gun in my pocket ---

Thomas: Okay.

Minassian: --- which was untrue.

Thomas: Right.

Minassian: Ah then I, I twice I stuck my left hand in my ah pocket and attempted to do this just to provoke a ah reaction.

Thomas: Okay.

Minassian: Ah that ah he unfortunately he didn't react ---

Thomas: Right.

Minassian: --- so then I ended up being ordered to the ground so I knew at that point he's not going to shot me so ah I've lost so I just -- I had no choice but to just get on the ground.

Thomas: Okay so just walk me through this this step by step because I'm a little confused. So you -- you get out of the van -- sorry you, you, turn right, you can't see, you hear the police, you know they're coming, you see the police officer approach, you stop your vehicle ah you realize this is the end, he orders you out, you get out of the, the van.

Minassian: Yes.

Thomas: Now you're planning -- your plan was to die by suicide by cop so you said you reached into your pocket twice.

Minassian: Well actually -- well originally I, I the entire time I had -- I was holding my wallet with my right hand but then when I saw that that wasn't working I reached into my pocket with my left hand and quickly pulled it out and formed my hand into the shape of a gun like this.

Thomas: Okay.

Minassian: Uhm with the hope that he would panic and shoot me, that of course didn't happen.

Thomas: Okay and you -- how, how many times did you do that ---

Minassian: Twice.

Thomas: --- with your left hand and all the while you had your ---

Minassian: Wallet ---

Thomas: Wallet with the other hand?

Minassian: --- in my right hand.

Thomas: Okay uhm and so realizing that the officer wasn't going to shoot you, what did you do at that point?

Minassian: I realize I had no choice but to get on the ground because I was probably going to be ah tackled anyway or tased and if I'm if I'm going to live I'd rather not encounter a physically painful experience so I decided I have no choice but to admit defeat at that point.

Thomas: Right, okay. So when you say admit defeat what did you do?

Minassian: I ah got on the ground.

Thomas: Okay and, and in terms of how, how did you get on the ground?

(A return to his sexual experience)

Thomas: Okay can I ask you something and this is – it’s personal but ah, ah given what you told me I, I believe it’s relevant ah have you ever had ah an intimate relationship with, with a woman?

Minassian: Unfortunately I haven’t.

Thomas: Okay is that something you, you would want to do?

Minassian: Yes.

Thomas: Okay alright uhm can you tell me why it is that you haven’t had an intimate relationship with a woman?

Minassian: Feel it’s because I’m too nice.

Thomas: Uhuh okay alright ah have you – you made you made attempts or I should say have you made attempts to, to have ah, ah an intimate relationship with a with a woman?

Minassian: Ah yes I did ask a girl out once but she ah rejected me.

Thomas: Ah okay and when was that?

Minassian: Ah that was in ah 2012.

Thomas: 2012 so it was before the October Halloween of 2013?

Minassian: Yes.

Thomas: Okay ah and was that – did that leave you with ah – I mean how, how did that leave you?

Minassian: I ah felt crushed at that point.

Thomas: Okay ah, ah I’m talking about the the 2012 incident with the, the girl.

Minassian: Yes.

Thomas: Oh okay alright uhm Alek remember when we talked about telling the truth.

Minassian: Yes.

(A discussion around his posting on 4chan)

Thomas: Okay uhm while you were planning all of – planning the attack starting approximately a month ago when you were in the, the planning and del – the, the deliberation stage right through to ah getting arrested who did you talk to about this attack?

Minassian: 4Chan.

Thomas: 4Chan okay. So what do you mean by that?

Minassian: Meaning I ah posted two days before the attack that uhm I hinted that there would be uhm another ah beta uprising and that and then when the re – replies some of the people – based on the replies I could tell that they kind of knew what was going to happen.

[Near end of interview]

Thomas: I'm going to ask you this ah because it's important. Uhm ten people died here today uhm fifteen people were seriously injured uhm I think it's important to ask how you feel about that.

Minassian: I feel like ah I accomplished my mission.

Thomas: You feel like you accomplished your mission?

Minassian: Yes.

Thomas: Okay. If the families of those people who were murdered and were injured and this room right now what would you say to them?

Minassian: I honestly don't know what I would say.

Thomas: Would you apologize?

Minassian: I honestly don't know.