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FRANK, JR.: Frank Calabrese, Jr.  
CALABRESE, SR.: Frank Calabrese, Sr.  
MARZANO: Charlie Marzano

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(NON-PERTINENT CONVERSATIONS)

1 CALABRESE, SR.: Nothin'. Same thing Mike told me,  
2 nothin'.  
3  
4 FRANK, JR.: Really? That's good.  
5  
6 CALABRESE, SR.: Huh?  
7  
8 FRANK, JR.: That's good news. No news. No news is  
9 good news...

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1 FRANK, JR.: You know, I was thinkin' last night what  
2 you had said on the bleachers. Okay?  
3 About the gloves.  
4  
5 CALABRESE, SR.: Wait. You, uh, what you--what you have  
6 to do, a good golfer, a good golfer  
7 always takes his time.  
8  
9 FRANK, JR.: Uh-huh.  
10  
11 CALABRESE, SR.: That's what he does.  
12  
13 FRANK, JR.: (UI).  
14  
15 CALABRESE, SR.: (UI).  
16  
17 FRANK, JR.: Remember when I says, is there anyway  
18 you can find out where they're--where  
19 they were?  
20  
21 CALABRESE, SR.: What?  
22  
23 FRANK, JR.: Is there any way you could find out  
24 where they were? I'm talkin' about  
25 where they found 'em?  
26  
27 CALABRESE, SR.: What's the difference where they found  
28 'em? They're not his. Believe me,  
29 they're not.  
30  
31 FRANK, JR.: Well, I...  
32  
33 CALABRESE, SR.: They're not his.  
34  
35 FRANK, JR.: ...I, I thought about it and I think  
36 they are.  
37  
38 CALABRESE, SR.: No. I don't think they are. Frankie,  
39 he wouldn't have taken 'em off there.  
40 I'm showin' you.  
41  
42 FRANK, JR.: Yeah, but what about a block away?  
43  
44 UM: Hey Frank...  
45  
46 CALABRESE, SR.: Hi. How you...

1  
2 FRANK, JR.: Hi...  
3  
4 CALABRESE, SR.: ...doin'?  
5  
6 FRANK, JR.: ...Chris. That's what I was thinkin',  
7 Dad. It just kept goin' through my  
8 mind.  
9  
10 CALABRESE, SR.: No I don't think they found...  
11  
12 FRANK, JR.: ...just...  
13  
14 CALABRESE, SR.: ...them.  
15  
16 FRANK, JR.: ...my mind. It just didn't sit right  
17 with me.  
18  
19 CALABRESE, SR.: No. I don't think they found 'em a  
20 block away.  
21  
22 FRANK, JR.: I mean I, so far so good. That's  
23 great...  
24  
25 CALABRESE, SR.: I don't think so.  
26  
27 FRANK, JR.: ...I just, I just, I just feel it. I  
28 feel it. I just...  
29  
30 CALABRESE, SR.: I feel they were Johnny's. I think  
31 Johnny...  
32  
33 FRANK, JR.: I hope you're right. I hope...  
34  
35 CALABRESE, SR.: ...He got shot once already.  
36  
37 FRANK, JR.: I, I just thought maybe if you, if you--  
38 if you (UI).  
39  
40 CALABRESE, SR.: He was hit once and then he was hit  
41 again. That's when he hit him a second  
42 time. Frank. When he was crossin' the  
43 street, he was stumbling. He was  
44 already hit. He was already stumbling.  
45  
46  
47 FRANK, JR.: I...  
48

1 CALABRESE, SR.: All that, all that comes to mind in the  
2 conversa--I went over it with him five,  
3 six, seven times.  
4  
5 FRANK, JR.: Why was he so concerned about the gun  
6 then to me?  
7  
8 CALABRESE, SR.: Because he was figuring the gun  
9 might've, might've had--when he might've  
10 taken the gun and not knowing if the gun  
11 had any of his blood on it. Johnny's.  
12 But he didn't understand, if you threw  
13 it in a sewer...  
14  
15 FRANK, JR.: It's fine.  
16  
17 CALABRESE, SR.: ...it's fine.  
18  
19 FRANK, JR.: And plus it was, it was...  
20  
21 CALABRESE, SR.: They wouldn't (UI)...  
22  
23 FRANK, JR.: No.  
24  
25 CALABRESE, SR.: ...They're not gonna go lookin'...  
26  
27 FRANK, JR.: Well, at least not that far away.  
28  
29 CALABRESE, SR.: No.  
30  
31 FRANK, JR.: But they're gonna walk up and down the  
32 streets and the alleys, aren't they?  
33  
34 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah. Now if that's the case, why  
35 didn't they find his clothes? 'Cause he  
36 put his clothes, he buried his clothes  
37 in ba--in garbage bags.  
38  
39 FRANK, JR.: Okay.  
40  
41 CALABRESE, SR.: Okay?  
42  
43 FRANK, JR.: I just...  
44  
45 CALABRESE, SR.: And all he did get rid of is just the  
46 jacket.  
47

1 FRANK, JR.: ...just thinkin' about everything he  
2 wasn't supposed to do, he did, right?  
3  
4 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah.  
5  
6 FRANK, JR.: So that's why...  
7  
8 CALABRESE, SR.: But I...  
9  
10 FRANK, JR.: ...I just...  
11  
12 CALABRESE, SR.: ...I don't fe--I feel...  
13  
14 FRANK, JR.: Hmm?  
15  
16 CALABRESE, SR.: ...strong in him not--them not bein'  
17 his. Very strong.  
18  
19 FRANK, JR.: I hope so. I hope I'm dead wrong. What  
20 I was getting at was--mmm--do you think  
21 you could ask Mike if he could find out?  
22  
23 CALABRESE, SR.: No, because it's a...  
24  
25 FRANK, JR.: No?  
26  
27 CALABRESE, SR.: ...stupid question to ask him.  
28  
29 FRANK, JR.: Oh, I just--okay. I...  
30  
31 CALABRESE, SR.: That's a stupid question to ask him,  
32 Frankie.  
33  
34 FRANK, JR.: Is it?  
35  
36 CALABRESE, SR.: Ask him where they, where they found 'em  
37 at? They won't know. He...  
38  
39 FRANK, JR.: Oh.  
40  
41 CALABRESE, SR.: ...ain't gonna know. I'd--I'd have to  
42 get the ballistic report.  
43  
44 FRANK, JR.: Oh.  
45  
46 CALABRESE, SR.: To find out where they found 'em and who  
47 found 'em. But I'm...  
48

1 FRANK, JR.: Why...  
2  
3 CALABRESE, SR.: ...tellin' you...  
4  
5 FRANK, JR.: ...it's not stu...  
6  
7 CALABRESE, SR.: ...they had to be his. Where's his?  
8  
9 (PAUSE)  
10  
11 FRANK, JR.: I don't know. That's what I mean, I  
12 don't know. I don't--I'm askin' you  
13 Dad...  
14  
15 CALABRESE, SR.: They had to be his.  
16  
17 FRANK, JR.: ...I don't know. That's what I'm  
18 tryin'--I'm just...  
19  
20 CALABRESE, SR.: And they were taken to see if that  
21 blood, that blood was his. He was  
22 holdin' his hand here, like this.  
23  
24 FRANK, JR.: Right.  
25  
26 CALABRESE, SR.: Okay?  
27  
28 FRANK, JR.: Right.  
29  
30 CALABRESE, SR.: And this, this like this. He's holdin'  
31 this. Okay? And he's hittin' 'em.  
32  
33 FRANK, JR.: Right.  
34  
35 CALABRESE, SR.: And he's tryin' to bend this like this.  
36 So when he's hit, after he gets outta  
37 the car, he gets that away from him. He  
38 gets that away from him.  
39  
40 FRANK, JR.: Right. (UI).  
41  
42 CALABRESE, SR.: Okay?  
43  
44 FRANK, JR.: Right, right.  
45  
46 CALABRESE, SR.: He's got that now. He's got that gun.  
47 But he...  
48

1 FRANK, JR.: Right.  
2  
3 CALABRESE, SR.: ...But he won't turn it and use it on  
4 him. That's when he pulled out the  
5 other one and hit him again. So, he was  
6 shot twice.  
7  
8 FRANK, JR.: I di--I didn't think it was a stupid  
9 question, that's why I asked. I thought  
10 that if, if with...  
11  
12 CALABRESE, SR.: What--but what I'm concerned about if--  
13 what they'd have to do, if that was his  
14 and the thing is, they may, they may--  
15 well, if that was his, well he pulled on  
16 me was a perfect answer.  
17  
18 FRANK, JR.: Oh...  
19  
20 CALABRESE, SR.: When...  
21  
22 FRANK, JR.: ...yeah.  
23  
24 CALABRESE, SR.: ...he turned to shoot me.  
25  
26 FRANK, JR.: Yeah. Oh, sure.  
27  
28 CALABRESE, SR.: And that's when he struggled. The gun  
29 struggled. He says, he took me there.  
30 I didn't know what it was for. He says  
31 that we were going to do somethin'. I  
32 didn't know, no idea. You want to come  
33 with me, that we're gonna do somethin'.  
34 So. He could come Frankie, there's so  
35 many angles. First of all, you have to  
36 get somebody that was there to give a  
37 description. There was only two people,  
38 him and Johnny. Me, I'm on the corner.  
39 I couldn't tell you what took place  
40 behind the building either. Okay?  
41  
42 FRANK, JR.: Right. Right. Sure.  
43  
44 CALABRESE, SR.: And I was there.  
45  
46 FRANK, JR.: Right.  
47

1 CALABRESE, SR.: So how's Jimmy gonna tell 'em what took  
2 place?  
3  
4 FRANK, JR.: Nah.  
5  
6 CALABRESE, SR.: How does that stand up in court? Well I  
7 know. Who told you? He did. What did  
8 he tell you? He told me he was there.  
9 Where? How did he tell you? What did  
10 he do? Why did he tell you he was  
11 there?  
12  
13 FRANK, JR.: Hmm. Yeah, right.  
14  
15 CALABRESE, SR.: Where's your witness? You got it on  
16 tape?  
17  
18 FRANK, JR.: No.  
19  
20 CALABRESE, SR.: Okay? Ther--they have to be careful how  
21 they do this. They're, they--if  
22 anything, they will try to throw a scare  
23 tactic at Joy, to try to get Joy to, to  
24 start lettin' her ass twitch. Okay?  
25 But I don't believe it's gonna happen.  
26 Because they ain't got nothin' solid  
27 enough yet.  
28  
29 FRANK, JR.: Well, if you...  
30  
31 CALABRESE, SR.: Okay?  
32  
33 FRANK, JR.: ...haven't heard nothin', so that's  
34 good.  
35  
36 CALABRESE, SR.: And it's not, you're not gonna hear  
37 nothin'.  
38  
39 FRANK, JR.: That's good. That'd be even better.  
40  
41 CALABRESE, SR.: (UI)...  
42  
43 FRANK, JR.: (UI).  
44  
45 CALABRESE, SR.: ...If--if she would shut her mouth...  
46  
47 FRANK, JR.: Ah...  
48



1 CALABRESE, SR.: ...she'd be alright. I--that kid that  
2 came and seen me today, says Harry sent  
3 a message that he wants to see somebody.  
4  
5  
6 FRANK, JR.: Really?  
7  
8 CALABRESE, SR.: Uh-huh.  
9  
10 FRANK, JR.: Think that's bad or good?  
11  
12 CALABRESE, SR.: Well, it's that he's probably shootin'  
13 his mouth off over there.  
14  
15 FRANK, JR.: (SIGHS)  
16  
17 CALABRESE, SR.: Okay?  
18  
19 FRANK, JR.: See, that's the one thing I didn't wanna  
20 hear.  
21  
22 CALABRESE, SR.: Now, he wants to see somebody, uh, to  
23 talk to somebody and I think he's tryin'  
24 to get a message back to me, is what  
25 he's trying to do. But I already know  
26 Joy went (UI) Junior, (UI).  
27  
28 FRANK, JR.: Right. Right.  
29  
30 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah. And they, and they're loo--he  
31 don't realize it, he's makin' an ass  
32 outta himself. You talkin' about your  
33 brother like that. You talkin' about  
34 him like that. How come your brother  
35 ain't sayin' that about you?  
36  
37 FRANK, JR.: I don't know.  
38  
39 CALABRESE, SR.: He don't know that. He, he don't have--  
40 he is trying to convince everybody that  
41 he was...  
42  
43 FRANK, JR.: (UI).  
44  
45 CALABRESE, SR.: ...the right kind and it was me that  
46 made him do that.  
47  
48 FRANK, JR.: I know.

1  
2 CALABRESE, SR.: And it's--people are gonna laugh, Frank.  
3  
4 FRANK, JR.: Well, can you imagine what he told  
5 Jimmy? That's what's concerns me too.  
6  
7 CALABRESE, SR.: I don't care what he told Jimmy...  
8  
9 FRANK, JR.: That's (UI)...  
10  
11 CALABRESE, SR.: ...I ain't worried about that.  
12  
13 FRANK, JR.: ...probably (UI), well, that's...  
14  
15 CALABRESE, SR.: I ain't worried about that. Because,  
16 you want me to tell you somethin',  
17 Frank? You take each day as it comes  
18 and you put in God's hands.  
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1 FRANK, JR.: And I mean I, that's the another thing,  
2 I just think of all the stupid things he  
3 done. Look what he did with Johnny. He  
4 signed the fucking gambling thing.  
5  
6 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah.  
7  
8 FRANK, JR.: How stupid could you be?  
9  
10 CALABRESE, SR.: Out of town. Out of town. I'm the one  
11 that told him, what'd you do? He said,  
12 I signed it. I says, did you know what  
13 you did? You committed yourself to  
14 being there. Oh, I never thought of  
15 that. I said, he made you sign it, why  
16 didn't...  
17  
18 FRANK, JR.: (LAUGHS)  
19  
20 CALABRESE, SR.: ...you tell him you sign it?  
21  
22 FRANK, JR.: He knew him, right? He had his number.  
23  
24 CALABRESE, SR.: Oh, everybody had his number. Frank  
25 that, don't you think they got his  
26 number now? If he's doin' like stuff...  
27  
28 FRANK, JR.: Yeah...  
29  
30 CALABRESE, SR.: ...stuff, stuff...  
31  
32 FRANK, JR.: ...Yeah.  
33  
34 CALABRESE, SR.: ...like that.  
35  
36 FRANK, JR.: Yeah.  
37  
38 CALABRESE, SR.: They're lookin' at him, what are you,  
39 fuckin' crazy? Watch this guy when he  
40 gets on the street. Watch him...  
41  
42 FRANK, JR.: I am.  
43  
44 CALABRESE, SR.: ...Keep an eye on him.  
45  
46 FRANK, JR.: I know. I know...

1  
2 CALABRESE, SR.: You want me...  
3  
4 FRANK, JR.: I mean, just to say...  
5  
6 CALABRESE, SR.: ...tell you somethin'? I hope the best  
7 thing he fuckin' does...  
8  
9 FRANK, JR.: Is move.  
10  
11 CALABRESE, SR.: ...is move.  
12  
13 FRANK, JR.: Right back to where he, uh...  
14  
15 CALABRESE, SR.: Go back to, to, to Las Vegas where he  
16 wants to go.  
17  
18 FRANK, JR.: Least then if he signs somethin' now,  
19 he's, uh, (LAUGHS) he--he could say he  
20 lives there.  
21  
22 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah.  
23  
24 FRANK, JR.: I know. I been thinkin' a lot of stupid  
25 things he did. That's what concerned me  
26 about the gloves. Because...  
27  
28 CALABRESE, SR.: Frankie do you know what the most, the,  
29 the stupid thing he did...  
30  
31 FRANK, JR.: Yeah.  
32  
33 CALABRESE, SR.: ...that I can't get out of my system? I  
34 forgive him for it, but I can't--is take  
35 my family and try to turn 'em on me. I  
36 would never do that to anybody. There's  
37 no way that I would go to a guy's kids  
38 and put hate in his kids to 'em. And  
39 then tell you, make an accusation that,  
40 tell you, yeah, you see your father, the  
41 wife, and everything.  
42  
43 FRANK, JR.: Yeah. I know...  
44  
45 CALABRESE, SR.: I mean...  
46  
47 FRANK, JR.: ...I told you, he, he, you know...  
48

1 CALABRESE, SR.: ...why would you make a statement like  
2 that? What business is that of yours?  
3 Well why even make a statement when I  
4 wasn't even there that--I was the one--  
5 they had to do what they had to do.  
6 They had, they didn't, they didn't do it  
7 on purpose. She was there. They  
8 couldn't say, well, here, move over.  
9  
10 FRANK, JR.: (LAUGHS)  
11  
12 CALABRESE, SR.: (LAUGHS)  
13  
14 FRANK, JR.: Excuse me. (LAUGHS)  
15  
16 CALABRESE, SR.: He was very dangerous, Frankie. He was  
17 a very dangerous character.  
18  
19 FRANK, JR.: Was he?  
20  
21 CALABRESE, SR.: Yes. He was a very dangerous character.  
22  
23 FRANK, JR.: I think you said that once before. You  
24 told me a long time ago...  
25  
26 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah. He...  
27  
28 FRANK, JR.: ...I seen the name somewhere or  
29 somethin'...  
30  
31 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah. He, uh...  
32  
33 FRANK, JR.: ...and you says, that guy was dangerous.  
34  
35 CALABRESE, SR.: Very dangerous. He, he was a big guy.  
36 This guy was like six foot six.  
37  
38 FRANK, JR.: What was he, a hillbilly or somethin'?  
39  
40 CALABRESE, SR.: He was kind of like a hillbilly. He was  
41 like a biker type guy.  
42  
43 FRANK, JR.: Oh.  
44  
45 CALABRESE, SR.: But he wasn't a biker, you know? And,  
46 uh, they were scared of him on that  
47 southside. They were definitely scared  
48 of him. 'Kay? But, uh, I don't care

1 how fuckin' big you are. The littlest  
2 guy in the world can be a giant.  
3  
4 FRANK, JR.: Oh, I know.  
5  
6 CALABRESE, SR.: Alright? And he never thought it was  
7 gonna happen to him. It--and if, and in  
8 all due respect...  
9  
10 FRANK, JR.: Don't they all sometimes?  
11  
12 CALABRESE, SR.: I'm not proud of it.  
13  
14 FRANK, JR.: No.  
15  
16 CALABRESE, SR.: We put, we, we're the one's that...  
17  
18 UM: Hey, Frankie.  
19  
20 CALABRESE, SR.: Hey, Johnny.  
21  
22 FRANK, JR.: Hi, Johnny.  
23  
24 CALABRESE, SR.: We were the ones that lit the flame on  
25 everybody's ass over there. As soon as  
26 they seen us get involved, Little Guy  
27 and I, then they, we started askin'  
28 questions. What about--let's do this,  
29 let's follow him there. Then all of a  
30 sudden everybody got juiced up because  
31 they knew that we were there to make  
32 sure it's done.  
33  
34 FRANK, JR.: Right. I remember you told me that one  
35 time when they started bringin' every  
36 Tom, Dick and Harry around.  
37  
38 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah. And that's when I didn't like it.  
39 I even told the Bull. I says, I told  
40 you a long time ago, I didn't wanna get  
41 involved with none of these other guys.  
42 I told you that and you told me that  
43 would never happen. And now, I says,  
44 we're workin' with everybody. I says,  
45 give it to us, we'll do it. We don't  
46 need nobody else. And that's when he  
47 says to me, he said, well, the rules  
48 changed.

1  
2 FRANK, JR.: (LAUGHS) (UI).  
3  
4 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah. The rules have changed. You  
5 ain't, you ain't shittin' they changed.  
6 I got through schoolin' this guy today.  
7 I said, when we get--get out, I says,  
8 you keep your fuckin' nose clean...  
9  
10 FRANK, JR.: (UI).  
11  
12 CALABRESE, SR.: ...You know what he told me?  
13  
14 FRANK, JR.: What?  
15  
16 CALABRESE, SR.: They're doin' over a hundred thousand  
17 dollars a week in, in, in action. Last,  
18 he says last week they lost over a  
19 hundred thousand. He says the week  
20 before they won a hundred and sixty  
21 thousand...  
22  
23 FRANK, JR.: Is he's keepin' his...  
24  
25 CALABRESE, SR.: ...I said, I told you to get the fuck  
26 away from that, didn't I? Didn't I tell  
27 you that? I says, let somebody else  
28 handle that. Yes, I am. He said, I  
29 promise you, I will.  
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1 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah. She looks like Bugs Bunny. Bah--  
2 duh--duh--duh--duh, what's up, Doc? But  
3 anyway, this kid's a good kid, Frank.  
4 You know what it is? He's rebelled a  
5 little bit because he lost his dad at  
6 twelve years old. He lost the prestige  
7 that his father once had. And I finally  
8 told him today. I says, you know  
9 somethin'? I gotta tell you somethin'.  
10 Nicky, I had the greatest respect for  
11 his father, which I never did, you know.  
12 But you don't tell that to somebody,  
13 Frankie. Uh, that's his dad. You know  
14 what I mean? He knows his dad one way.  
15 And I says, I blame the three rats, I  
16 mean the wild bunch, not the three rats.  
17 I blamed Harry, uh, the fella that, uh,  
18 went back to his maker, and, uh, Jimmy  
19 I., for, for, uh, always gettin' these  
20 sitdowns. But I said, but, you know  
21 somethin'? They never won one. They  
22 never did.  
23  
24 FRANK, JR.: You told him that?  
25  
26 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah. I said, they never won one.  
27  
28 FRANK, JR.: Oh, so it wasn't his father that was  
29 doin' it all the time, it was the other  
30 ones?  
31  
32 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah, well they, they belonged to the  
33 father. You know. Then he says to me,  
34 yeah, he says, them are the guys have  
35 gotten my father all heated up. I said,  
36 that's right. I threw it back them  
37 okay. I says, I want you to know, I  
38 never in my life and I never did--hi,  
39 Nicky--I never asked for a sitdown once.  
40 I never asked for one. I never went to  
41 anybody to ask for a sitdown. They did  
42 because they couldn't beat us any other  
43 way. They knew that, don't fuck with  
44 us. Leave us alone. And, uh, so, they  
45 would try to come around and, and, and  
46 try to win somethin' by goin' to the



1 table with it. And the old man got  
2 disgusted with it. That last time he  
3 told 'em. He said, if you guys can't  
4 work it out, he says, I want you to do  
5 it. He says, I don't want no more of  
6 these sitdowns. I'm tired of meetin'  
7 with you guys. He said, I think this is  
8 a waste of time. That most of these  
9 things could be straightened out among  
10 yourselves.

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12 FRANK, JR.: Kid shit. Stupid shit, I should...

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14 CALABRESE, SR.: Right.

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16 FRANK, JR.: ...it's not kid shit, it's stupid shit.

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18 CALABRESE, SR.: Well they thought because Joe, uh, he  
19 fit--didn't know that the, uh, Joe was  
20 not no great talker when it came to a  
21 table. And, uh, if, uh, and, uh, one  
22 time I brought Menz (PHONETIC) with me,  
23 the little guy, and I made him see what  
24 we did. And I showed him what we did.  
25 And, uh, he was shocked. He says, boy,  
26 he says, you beat them. I said, always  
27 let them talk. Never open up the  
28 conversation first. Who wants to start?  
29 Oh, the other, always want--uh...

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31 FRANK, JR.: Yeah.

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33 CALABRESE, SR.: ...let the guy start. Always let the  
34 other guy start. Let--and you sit there  
35 very calm. And then after he's through,  
36 remember where you wanna punch holes in.  
37 Remember what, what, when you got the  
38 truth on your side, that stands out.  
39 You don't have to lie because you can't  
40 remember ten lies for every lie. And we  
41 used to beat 'em, every fuckin' time.  
42 He said, but the old man would say,  
43 well, I don't see how you guys should  
44 wind up with this. This belongs to  
45 them. How could you go over there and  
46 say that that guy's your guy? Well, he  
47 was with us first. I'd let them answer.  
48 I wouldn't cut in. Then after, he'd

1 say, no, he was with us. I says, excuse  
2 me. I says, uh, the reason why Ronnie's  
3 here, I says, uh, uh, this is to show  
4 you that this guy was already affiliated  
5 with Ronnie and, uh, I don't know where  
6 you got your information from, but you  
7 always talked with respect...  
8  
9 FRANK, JR.: Right.  
10  
11 CALABRESE, SR.: ...You didn't raise your voice, no,  
12 you're a liar. You don't say that. So  
13 I say, Ron, tell them. So Ronnie told  
14 them. He says, yeah, we had the guy in  
15 79th Street. He was workin' in our  
16 game. He said the game we had on 79th  
17 Street, he says, he was workin' in  
18 there. And, uh, he belonged to us. And  
19 when--how far back is that? Oh, about  
20 four years ago. So, we already knew  
21 that they only knew him three years.  
22 So, I told Ronnie, say four,  
23 automatically. I says, say four. Don't  
24 say three, because it was around the  
25 same time. I said, say four. He said,  
26 about four years ago. I said, when did  
27 you guys meet? You know...  
28  
29 FRANK, JR.: And they had already...  
30  
31 CALABRESE, SR.: (UI).  
32  
33 FRANK, JR.: ...said three years?  
34  
35 CALABRESE, SR.: No. They says, a--around the same time.  
36 I said, oh, no. I says, uh, uh, Butch  
37 told me that you's had him since, uh,  
38 that you's knew him since, and I gave  
39 the year. Okay? And, and Butch says,  
40 well, yeah, that's right. He says, but  
41 I didn't know if he belonged to us, pss-  
42 -pss, long before that. He said, well  
43 that's--they're, they're stuttering now.  
44 Okay? 'Cause they, they know they're  
45 wrong. They're tryin' to take a guy  
46 that belonged to us.  
47  
48 FRANK, JR.: Right.

1  
2 CALABRESE, SR.: And make him belong to him. Even though  
3 we got the guy, it was their guy. We  
4 beat 'em out of him. See? But we did  
5 it a right way. Ronnie come away from  
6 there and said, I don't know how the  
7 fuck you did that, he said. He, but you  
8 had that old man listening to you. I  
9 said, Ron, let them talk. I says, let  
10 them talk. Now you punch holes. Now  
11 you take 'em around the block. Go after  
12 their lies. Even though we're talkin'  
13 about this subject, bring the lie  
14 subject out. Then go back to the  
15 subject.  
16  
17 UM: Frankie.  
18  
19 FRANK, JR.: Hi, Junior.  
20  
21 UM: Frank.  
22  
23 CALABRESE, SR.: Hey, Jun. So, he say--he says to me, he  
24 says, well, I don't know how you did  
25 that, he said, but we got it done. I  
26 said, now he's your guy, don't fuck it  
27 up. Frank we never, Johnny Bananas  
28 (PHONETIC) told me one time, he says,  
29 Frank. He says, have you any--did you  
30 have any sitdowns with these guys? I  
31 said, John, it's been like a rose ball,  
32 I mean a rose bowl. No, I says, every  
33 year we're going to two or three  
34 sitdowns. He says to me, me too. He  
35 says, I been, I been fuckin' sittin'  
36 down with them guys, it seems like every  
37 month we have a discussion...  
38  
39 FRANK, JR.: They take...  
40  
41 CALABRESE, SR.: ...I says...  
42  
43 FRANK, JR.: ...they try to arm everybody's...  
44  
45 CALABRESE, SR.: Try to arm guys off of guys. You know,  
46 that are already hooked. You know what  
47 they were doin'? I'll show you what  
48 they were doin'. They would get

1 bookmakers. They were paying taxes,  
2 right? They would go to the bookmaker  
3 and that bookmaker would say, I'm payin'  
4 taxes. They'd say, okay, here's what  
5 you do. We'll pay the taxes for you.  
6 You hook up with us. We'll char--we'll  
7 go fifty/fifty. We'll pay the taxes for  
8 you. Well a couple of these assholes  
9 did it. Now they were paying taxes to  
10 us and they were hookin' up--but these  
11 guys weren't gettin' any money from  
12 them...

13  
14 FRANK, JR.: (LAUGHS)

15  
16 CALABRESE, SR.: ...And the, well, Corky's one of them  
17 guys. Chris. Corky, fat man.

18  
19 FRANK, JR.: Oh, oh. Okay.

20  
21 CALABRESE, SR.: He was one of their guys.

22  
23 FRANK, JR.: Oh, really?

24  
25 CALABRESE, SR.: Yes. He was one of their guys. And he,  
26 he--they couldn't run fast enough. He  
27 says, every fuckin' time we weren't  
28 gettin' our money. We had guys that had  
29 money comin', they weren't givin' it to  
30 us.

31  
32 FRANK, JR.: So Cork.

33  
34 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah and that other guy, Frankie, he's  
35 the one that got Tony.

36  
37 FRANK, JR.: Right. Right.

38  
39 CALABRESE, SR.: And, and there's no way that Tony  
40 should've died. No way.

41  
42 FRANK, JR.: No, You said Jimmy I., you're not too  
43 crazy about him then, huh?

44  
45 CALABRESE, SR.: No. Because, uh, I've never been crazy  
46 about him 'cause Jimmy I., Jimmy I.'s a  
47 boaster.

48

1 FRANK, JR.: Oh, really?  
2  
3 CALABRESE, SR.: Oh, very much so. He used to go around  
4 tellin' everybody what their payroll was  
5 when they had the crap game.  
6  
7 FRANK, JR.: Oh, one of those kind of guys.  
8  
9 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah. Well, you know, we paid out seven  
10 thousand dollars this week in payroll.  
11  
12 FRANK, JR.: But he's not, this kid, this kid, 'cause  
13 his father was with him, this kid don't  
14 see him at all, does he?  
15 CALABRESE, SR.: No.  
16  
17 FRANK, JR.: Oh, okay.  
18  
19 CALABRESE, SR.: No...  
20  
21 FRANK, JR.: That's good.  
22  
23 CALABRESE, SR.: ...no, no. No, this kid don't see any  
24 of them guys.  
25  
26 FRANK, JR.: (LAUGHS) Which way is the wind blowin'.  
27  
28 CALABRESE, SR.: Towards you.  
29  
30 FRANK, JR.: (LAUGHS)  
31  
32 CALABRESE, SR.: (LAUGHS)  
33  
34 FRANK, JR.: No.  
35  
36 CALABRESE, SR.: (LAUGHS) Yeah. It's blowin' from that  
37 way, this way. Yeah. He, uh, no, right  
38 now he's hooked up with the little guy.  
39  
40 FRANK, JR.: Jimmy?  
41  
42 CALABRESE, SR.: This guy.  
43  
44 FRANK, JR.: Oh, this guy. Yeah, right.  
45  
46 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah.  
47  
48 FRANK, JR.: Why?

1  
2 CALABRESE, SR.: He's got, I told you, he's got a lot of  
3 customers, but he don't handle 'em.  
4 He's got another couple of guys that are  
5 around him, doin' it. That's when I  
6 said, I want you outta the picture.  
7  
8 FRANK, JR.: Yeah. Yeah. Right.  
9  
10 CALABRESE, SR.: So, he says, okay...  
11  
12 FRANK, JR.: Especially, wh...if his di--if this--if  
13 his guys...  
14  
15 CALABRESE, SR.: I said, you can't...  
16  
17 FRANK, JR.: ...are down there?  
18  
19 CALABRESE, SR.: ...come in, you can't come in, you can't  
20 be comin' to see me if you're gonna be  
21 doin' this, 'cause I don't want...  
22  
23 FRANK, JR.: Fuck no. Uh--uh.  
24  
25 CALABRESE, SR.: I said because it's gonna, it's gonna  
26 dirty me up.  
27  
28 FRANK, JR.: Yeah. Shit, yeah. Esp--and if he is,  
29 if he's...  
30  
31 CALABRESE, SR.: He says he...  
32  
33 FRANK, JR.: ...got the guys...  
34  
35 CALABRESE, SR.: ...don't see none of the guys...  
36  
37 FRANK, JR.: Oh...  
38  
39 CALABRESE, SR.: ...So.  
40  
41 FRANK, JR.: ...Because they're all big mouths down  
42 there.  
43  
44 CALABRESE, SR.: No. He's not handlin' it in Chinatown.  
45  
46 FRANK, JR.: No, the Merch. Or--or the...  
47  
48 CALABRESE, SR.: Well, he's not handlin' the Merch...

1  
2 FRANK, JR.: Well that's what I said, that's good.  
3 That's good. 'Cause, you know...  
4  
5 CALABRESE, SR.: He's got...  
6  
7 FRANK, JR.: Dad.  
8  
9 CALABRESE, SR.: ...got a guy about six foot four that's  
10 handlin' 'em.  
11  
12 FRANK, JR.: Nicky, little Nicky mentioned it to me  
13 one time.  
14  
15 CALABRESE, SR.: Our so--or brother.  
16  
17 FRANK, JR.: Yeah, about him and somethin' about the  
18 Merch, but he didn't go into it. Okay?  
19 Alright?  
20  
21 CALABRESE, SR.: Nicky Va--Ca--Casimo (PHONETIC) or...  
22  
23 FRANK, JR.: No. Little Nicky when he came to visit  
24 me one time, 'cause he was...  
25  
26 CALABRESE, SR.: About him?  
27  
28 FRANK, JR.: ...askin' me if I knew him. Yeah. We  
29 were...  
30  
31 CALABRESE, SR.: What did he say?  
32  
33 FRANK, JR.: ...sittin' here talkin'. And, um, I  
34 told him I didn't know him. He said,  
35 well, he said, you know, when he  
36 approached him at the club and stuff  
37 like that, he s--and he said somethin'  
38 about he's doin'--him and his friends  
39 are doin' somethin' at the Merch. So,  
40 if...  
41  
42 CALABRESE, SR.: Well they're doin' somethin', he means  
43 that they trade.  
44  
45 FRANK, JR.: No. He meant they were doin' somethin'  
46 else...  
47  
48 CALABRESE, SR.: Well they...

1  
2 FRANK, JR.: ...Okay...  
3  
4 CALABRESE, SR.: ...do trade...  
5  
6 FRANK, JR.: ...and he...  
7  
8 CALABRESE, SR.: ...down there.  
9  
10 FRANK, JR.: ...and he didn't, and he didn't say,  
11 well he said they got some kind of thing  
12 goin', somethin' like that. Alright,  
13 and then he just--then it was, no, you  
14 know, it was no big deal, we were just  
15 bullshittin' and then he just went on.  
16 So, you know, what I'm sayin' is, if  
17 little Nicky hears it at the door of of  
18 Jilley's, then God knows who knows. So,  
19 he's gotta...  
20  
21 CALABRESE, SR.: Well, when he comes here next time, I'm  
22 gonna sit down and talk with him to find  
23 out...  
24  
25 FRANK, JR.: You know.  
26  
27 CALABRESE, SR.: ...for sure.  
28  
29 FRANK, JR.: Hey.  
30  
31 CALABRESE, SR.: If he has, then I wanna know about it,  
32 'cause I'm gonna stop him from comin' to  
33 see me.  
34  
35 FRANK, JR.: I mean, you know...  
36  
37 CALABRESE, SR.: Because I gotta take care of myself.  
38  
39 FRANK, JR.: Well, shit, yeah, Dad. That's what I'm  
40 tryin', you know, I'm not tryin' to down  
41 Nicky or anything. I'm...  
42  
43 CALABRESE, SR.: No.  
44  
45 FRANK, JR.: ...not sayin' it. But...  
46  
47 CALABRESE, SR.: He's supposed...  
48



1 FRANK, JR.: ...you know...  
2  
3 CALABRESE, SR.: ...he's not supposed to be doing that...  
4  
5 FRANK, JR.: ...he's gotta do what he tells you he's  
6 doin'.  
7  
8 CALABRESE, SR.: Right.  
9  
10 FRANK, JR.: I mean...  
11  
12 CALABRESE, SR.: But he hasn't lied to me.  
13  
14 FRANK, JR.: That's good.  
15  
16 CALABRESE, SR.: He told me, he says, yeah, he says, he's  
17 involved, but he don't handle nothin'.  
18 Now, Boxemup (PHONETIC), another guy  
19 called Boxemup that I gave the nickname  
20 to, he's helpin'.  
21  
22 FRANK, JR.: That's good. As long as...  
23  
24 CALABRESE, SR.: And he said, now today I asked him. I  
25 says, are you gettin' a lot of this from  
26 there? He says, no. Not from the  
27 Merch. (PAUSE) No, I asked him that  
28 question today. I just remembered that.  
29 He said, no, not from the Merk I'm not.  
30 Alright. I gotta go take...  
31

(NON-PERTINENT CONVERSATIONS)

(Conversation terminated)