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FRANK, JR.: Frank Calabrese, Jr.
CALABRESE, SR.: Frank Calabrese, Sr.

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(NON-PERTINENT CONVERSATION)

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2 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah. (PAUSE) Well, I want you to hear
3 me out what I'm gonna tell ya. I don't
4 want you to interrupt me while I'm telling
5 ya, I want you to hear it with the whole
6 story here. Two guys on the task force,
7 one, two people, a women, and a guy, a woman
8 and a guy, go into, ah, into, ah, Mike's
9 office. They wanna know about the
10 monitoring.
11
12 FRANK, JR.: Mike?
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14 CALABRESE, SR.: Ricci.
15
16 FRANK, JR.: Oh.
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18 CALABRESE, SR.: They wanna know about the monitoring, how
19 it works, ah, so, Mike, or, and they wanna
20 know about his department. He said
21 monitoring. So, Mike figured they was
22 talking about his. His is, ah, not
23 monitoring. He's is, ah, electronic
24 monitoring. Follow me?
25
26 FRANK, JR.: Uh huh.
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28 CALABRESE, SR.: So, he shows 'em everything. (UI).
29
30 FRANK, JR.: Now, who's this that?
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1 CALABRESE, SR.: Two G men.
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3 FRANK, JR.: Oh.
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5 CALABRESE, SR.: They're with the task force. One woman
6 and one man.
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8 FRANK, JR.: Oh, okay.
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10 CALABRESE, SR.: They, they wanna know how it works, then
11 they come, ah, they come back, he showed
12 'em. His guy took 'em around, showed 'em
13 everything. And, ah, then he ask, ah, I'm,
14 I want you to listen.
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16 FRANK, JR.: I'm listening. I'm listening.
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18 CALABRESE, SR.: Pay attention real close.
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20 FRANK, JR.: I am. I am.
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22 CALABRESE, SR.: Then the guy come back and asked or showed
23 him a picture and, ah, of Jimmy DiForti,
24 says he's supposed to be on monitoring,
25 do you have him? He says, oh, wait a minute.
26 You're looking at the wrong party. He
27 says electronic monitoring. What he's on
28 is home monitoring. That belongs to the
29 Sheriff's, I mean to the State of, to the
30 State. He says, the State handles that.
31 He says, ah, and the guy said, oh, well,
32 I didn't know. He says, ah, it's a
33 different department. He says, yeah,
34 you'll have to go to them. He says, do
35 you want me to have one of my guys call
36 and see if he's there? And the guy says,
37 yeah. So, Mike's following it through.
38 One of his guy calls and asks, there's an
39 FBI guy here, we wanna know he's not on
40 the monitoring. And he's supposed to be
41 on monitoring.
42
43 FRANK, JR.: Who is? Who is not? Oh, just...
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45 CALABRESE, SR.: Jimmy DiForti's supposed to be on
46 monitoring.
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48 FRANK, JR.: Oh, the one you...

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2 CALABRESE, SR.: Listen.
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4 FRANK, JR.: ...Okay.
5
6 CALABRESE, SR.: Listen to the whole story. That's, when
7 he, when they gave him bond, he went on
8 home monitoring.
9
10 FRANK, JR.: Okay.
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12 CALABRESE, SR.: Ah, now the two G men, Mike gives 'em a
13 guy, they takes the guy near his office
14 and he called over there and he's not on.
15 He says, yeah, I don't understand, he's
16 supposed to be on home monitoring. Why
17 isn't he on?
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19 FRANK, JR.: Mike said this?
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21 CALABRESE, SR.: No, the G guy.
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23 FRANK, JR.: Oh, okay.
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25 CALABRESE, SR.: The G guy and the woman, they're new.
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27 FRANK, JR.: I didn't know.
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29 CALABRESE, SR.: They're brand new.
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31 FRANK, JR.: Oh, they just started.
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33 CALABRESE, SR.: They just started.
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35 FRANK, JR.: Oh, okay.
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37 CALABRESE, SR.: Alright. They're checking. They're brand
38 new on the force with the strike force.
39
40 FRANK, JR.: Alright.
41
42 CALABRESE, SR.: Okay. Now, this is, th, follow this.
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44 FRANK, JR.: I am. I'm listening.
45
46 CALABRESE, SR.: Alright. So, now then, ah, the guy comes
47 back the next day, and, ah, tells Mike,
48 listen, disregard what I was telling ya,

1 he says. I got my ass eaten out by my
2 supervisor and he says, my supervisor told
3 me that, ah, I shouldn't be sticking my
4 nose in it because there's something here
5 that doesn't concern me. Jimmy DiForti.
6
7 FRANK, JR.: Oh, okay.
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9 CALABRESE, SR.: Now are you reading the story here?
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11 FRANK, JR.: Yeah.
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13 CALABRESE, SR.: I go to Mike, I says, ya know, Mike, this
14 is god, this guy, (UI), god's working with
15 us. He's showing you what's going on here,
16 that this Jimmy DiForti's cooperating.
17 The G man who just started with this other
18 girl got their asses chewed out. Why were
19 you sticking your nose over there, mind
20 your own business. That's, that's, there's
21 something working over there.
22
23 FRANK, JR.: I see.
24
25 CALABRESE, SR.: Okay. So, the guy comes back and tells
26 Mike this.
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28 FRANK, JR.: So, you got a couple of no brainers working
29 and they...
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31 CALABRESE, SR.: Right. So, and, and, don't know that Mike
32 knows me. Okay.
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34 FRANK, JR.: Right, so. Oh, okay.
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36 CALABRESE, SR.: So, now, he tells me, he says, it sounds
37 to me, Frank, as if it's a hundred percent
38 that this guy's working with the G. He
39 says, why...
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41 FRANK, JR.: Mike said this?
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43 CALABRESE, SR.: ...Why wasn't he at, because he wasn't on
44 the monitoring. His name never came up.
45 And he's supposed to be.
46
47 FRANK, JR.: Right.
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1 CALABRESE, SR.: And now when this guy calls his office and
2 tells him, that this guy that they're
3 checking is not on the monitoring, and then
4 he goes back to his office, the next day
5 he comes back to Mike, he said, disregard,
6 don't mention this to nobody. I was told
7 to come back and tell ya not to mention
8 this to nobody. That we, they're taking
9 care of it.
10
11 FRANK, JR.: Okay.
12
13 CALABRESE, SR.: That Jimmy DiForti was supposed to be on
14 monitoring and he wasn't. That was a
15 bullshit. They were bullshitting. In
16 other words it's bullshit...
17
18 FRANK, JR.: Right. Right.
19
20 CALABRESE, SR.: ...He's supposed to be on monitoring and
21 he isn't.
22
23 FRANK, JR.: I understand what you're saying. I'm
24 following ya so far.
25
26 CALABRESE, SR.: Right? So, now, I says to Mike, did he
27 mention anything else? So, he says, yes.
28 He says, they're waiting for samples back
29 on gloves. They're still waiting, there's
30 something about gloves involved, where
31 they're waiting for some blood.
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33 FRANK, JR.: He told 'em this?
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35 CALABRESE, SR.: Wait a minute. Wait a minute. Frank, see
36 you're following me, but you're not
37 following me close. I says to Mike, that's
38 a set-up, Mike. They're throwing a shot
39 at ya. They know exactly what they want.
40 They're fucking seeing if they can trap
41 you doing something.
42
43 FRANK, JR.: You think so?
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45 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah. They wanna see if you're running
46 back saying something or something.
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48 FRANK, JR.: Well...

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2 CALABRESE, SR.: I says, Mike, it's a set-up. They got shit.
3 They got shit.
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5 FRANK, JR.: Okay. I see what you're saying.
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7 CALABRESE, SR.: I says, Mike, I believe they got shit.
8 So, alright, you might have a point, Frank,
9 I didn't look at it that way. I said, Mike,
10 that's why I like to think things over.
11 I don't like to make a decision. I says,
12 Mike, it sounds to me like they came in
13 your office, why would these two "G" men
14 if they're new, new, come into your office
15 and ask you, yes, you send them to another
16 office. They ask about Jimmy (UI), why
17 would his name be the one they would, with
18 all the people on monitoring, why? Because
19 he's high in organized crime, ranking?
20 This is what the "G" man told him. He's
21 one of their priorities in the organized
22 crime gambling. I mean, on organized crime.
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25 FRANK, JR.: The guy told him that?
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27 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah. And he's a priority on organized
28 crime. They've been watching him.
29
30 FRANK, JR.: I see.
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32 CALABRESE, SR.: So, I said, well, Mike, either way, it
33 sounds to me like it stinks. Now why would
34 he bring up the incident about, (UI).
35
36 FRANK, JR.: And the guy said the glove?
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38 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah, the glove, he says, he says, he,
39 they're still waiting for some, ah, reports
40 on the glove, on the gloves.
41
42 FRANK, JR.: Yeah. That don't make sense.
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44 CALABRESE, SR.: That doesn't make sense, does it? In other
45 words, don't you get, 'member what the "G"
46 tactics are, Frank. Get the ass going like
47 this, get the ass going like this, so we
48 get people running up there who, who wanna

1 beef on everybody else to bring them outta
2 the woodwork so they can save their own
3 asses.
4
5 FRANK, JR.: I know. I mean, that, that makes sense
6 what you're saying, but what I'm saying
7 is, the part I don't understand is why would
8 they tell him about, I mean...
9
10 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah...
11
12 FRANK, JR.: ...I, anybody would figured that out right
13 away.
14
15 CALABRESE, SR.: ...Why, why, why, why?
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17 FRANK, JR.: Yeah. That's why.
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19 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah.
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21 FRANK, JR.: I mean, no, what I'm saying is if I went
22 in there to try to set something up, I sure
23 the fuck ain't gonna pin point something
24 outta nowhere.
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26 CALABRESE, SR.: He said, they're waiting for results on
27 ah an eight year ago, and they're waiting
28 for the results on some, ah, (UI).
29
30 FRANK, JR.: They said they're waiting for results or
31 they got the results?
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33 CALABRESE, SR.: No. They're waiting.
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35 FRANK, JR.: Oh, they're waiting? They're waiting?
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37 CALABRESE, SR.: I said, Mike, in Simpson's case, they
38 fucking did it in a week or two. This is
39 six months, Mike. He says, you know, you
40 got a point there, Frank. He says you got
41 a point. He says. you know, I wasn't
42 looking at it that way. I says, lemme tell
43 ya something. These people don't, they
44 use the theory, the mind boggling theories
45 of trying to brainwash people, Mike. So,
46 that's God's wish. Whatever is happening,
47 it's in our, in our favor. Let's leave

1 it in God's hands. Believe me. He's doing
2 a great job with it.
3
4 FRANK, JR.: So, then that was it? There's just...
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6 CALABRESE, SR.: He says, oh, yeah. Ya know, he says, I
7 never, I never, I never thought of it that
8 way. I says, remember, if they had
9 something, Mike, they wouldn't be shopping.
10 Why would this guy specifically show you,
11 Jimmy, because Jimmy's on supposed to be
12 monitoring? Is this him telling you so
13 you could pass it on that we think that
14 Jimmy's beefing?
15
16 FRANK, JR.: Would they want you to know though?
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18 CALABRESE, SR.: Would they want, yes, so they think, even
19 though he's not, they want us to think he
20 is.
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22 FRANK, JR.: So, you don't think he is then?
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24 CALABRESE, SR.: I don't think so.
25
26 FRANK, JR.: Really?
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28 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah. I don't think so, Frank. That's
29 why I said, listen to what I'm telling ya.
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32 FRANK, JR.: No, I do. I mean, ah, ya know...
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34 CALABRESE, SR.: Because why would they give up their stool
35 pigeon, Frank?
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37 FRANK, JR.: Yeah, I know, but you said they were new
38 people.
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40 CALABRESE, SR.: (UI) Frank.
41
42 FRANK, JR.: Now, is he sure they're new people.
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44 CALABRESE, SR.: They told him they were brand new, on the
45 task force.
46
47 FRANK, JR.: Did they look young or anything?
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1 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah, he says, they were young.
2
3 FRANK, JR.: Maybe they did fuck up.
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5 CALABRESE, SR.: It could, it could be either way. It could
6 be they...
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8 FRANK, JR.: Maybe they, maybe they fucked up at the
9 beginning and then the second time they
10 came back they were told what to say.
11
12 CALABRESE, SR.: Either way it stinks.
13
14 FRANK, JR.: Yeah...
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16 CALABRESE, SR.: Same thing.
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18 FRANK, JR.: ...Yeah. Oh, yeah. Yeah.
19
20 CALABRESE, SR.: So, the thing is I don't believe and, and
21 I believe it was the second time that he
22 told 'em about the glove.
23
24 FRANK, JR.: That's, now, that's what I'm saying, maybe
25 he fucked up the first time and now they
26 wanna...
27
28 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah.
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30 FRANK, JR.: ...But what, I don't, ya know?
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32 CALABRESE, SR.: Here. What I wanna do, what I wanna do
33 here is I was thinking, that's why, how
34 I fell asleep in the room, I was thinking
35 about this instead of going to dinner, I
36 was thinking about this 'cause they were
37 there 'til three o'clock.
38
39 FRANK, JR.: Oh, really?
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41 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah. We had ta...
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43 FRANK, JR.: Stayed 'til then?
44
45 CALABRESE, SR.: ...They had to chase 'em out. No, we, we
46 made the count in the room, but...
47
48 FRANK, JR.: Yeah, right.

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2 CALABRESE, SR.: ...They had to chase 'em out. And, ah,
3 I didn't even know it was that time already
4 'cause the time flew by. So, what I was
5 thinking is, if we, you could put a letter
6 together, you could put a letter together
7 to Uncle Nicky. And I will give you the
8 names that we used to, call each other where
9 nobody else knew, and you could convince
10 him to tell him that something may be
11 stinking here. We got some new, I got some
12 news from my girlfriend about that girl
13 that you used to go with, that you went
14 away with here for a while, you were on,
15 ah, you went to Arizona with her, you, you
16 shacked up with her in Arizona. 'Member
17 the girl that eat a lotta cupcakes? Jimmy
18 used to eat a lotta cupcakes.
19
20 FRANK, JR.: Uhm, (UI).
21
22 CALABRESE, SR.: DiForti.
23
24 FRANK, JR.: Oh, okay.
25
26 CALABRESE Say I heard that she's not a very nice girl.
27 You know what I mean?
28
29 FRANK, JR.: Uh huh.
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31 CALABRESE, SR.: I don't want you to write it by yourself.
32 I wanna put it together with you.
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34 FRANK, JR.: Right. Right.
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36 CALABRESE, SR.: And, ah, and (UI).
37
38 FRANK, JR.: You just tell me what to write and I'll
39 write it.
40
41 CALABRESE, SR.: And then I wanna see it with you before,
42 you know?
43 FRANK, JR.: I'll give it to you to send. I mean, you
44 can send it.
45
46 CALABRESE, SR.: No, I want you to send it. I want you to
47 send it. He won't, by you sending it...
48

1 FRANK, JR.: No, I know, I'm saying, I'll do it and then
2 just give to you to send it. You know it
3 got in the mail then.
4
5 CALABRESE, SR.: No.
6
7 FRANK, JR.: Or I could send it. We just gotta stick
8 it in the mailbox, yeah.
9
10 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah.
11
12 FRANK, JR.: Alright. Just tell me what to write and
13 I'll write it.
14
15 CALABRESE, SR.: Now this is why I'm telling this, Frank.
16 Is to let him know that there could be
17 a possibility that she's no fucking good.
18 And that we you're hearing this from
19 horse's mouth. This ain't second hand.
20
21 FRANK, JR.: Right. Right.
22
23 CALABRESE, SR.: This ain't, this ain't no third party
24 coming to tell me, or second party, this
25 is a first party coming.
26
27 FRANK, JR.: This.
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29 CALABRESE, SR.: Now, with this first party also telling
30 me about the gloves missing, and then we
31 had Twango check 'em, that they were taken
32 out of, ah, out of...
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34 FRANK, JR.: Right.
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36 CALABRESE, SR.: ...Inventory.
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38 FRANK, JR.: Right. Well, you, well, somebody's still
39 watching DiForti, right?
40
41 CALABRESE, SR.: Huh?
42
43 FRANK, JR.: Somebody's still watching, uhm, ah, Rota
44 right? I mean...
45
46 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah.
47
48 FRANK, JR.: ...So, to see if this is true or not.

1
2 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah. But now I gotta send word, I gotta
3 send word to somebody else, but you see
4 it's hard to convince them without me being
5 there.
6
7 FRANK, JR.: Yeah, I know.
8
9 CALABRESE, SR.: You know what I'm saying? It's hard to
10 convince them because a lot of these people
11 don't wanna believe what they're hearing.
12
13 FRANK, JR.: Right. Right. What about, uhm, ah, Jimmy,
14 ah, ah, Jimmy, that's with Unc? Is he,
15 he, he heard anything? Does he still keep
16 an eye on Unc, to see if he said anything
17 to 'em? Or...
18
19 CALABRESE, SR.: I can't talk to Jimmy. How am I gonna talk
20 to Jimmy.
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22 FRANK, JR.: Well, I thought...
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24 CALABRESE, SR.: How am I gonna talk to Jimmy, Frankie?
25
26 FRANK, JR.: ...I thought...
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28 CALABRESE, SR.: Thought what?
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30 FRANK, JR.: ...I thought that you said that, who, who
31 talked to him?
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33 CALABRESE, SR.: Huh?
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35 FRANK, JR.: Who talked, his brother.
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37 CALABRESE, SR.: His brother.
38
39 FRANK, JR.: Yeah. Okay. His brother. I thought maybe
40 he might, ah, maybe, 'cause maybe Uncle
41 Nicky's talking to him, he sure ain't
42 talking to any of fucking us.
43
44 CALABRESE, SR.: It's not, in here...
45
46 FRANK, JR.: No, I mean, just to find out if he heard
47 anything.
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1 CALABRESE, SR.: I don't believe, I don't believe these
2 people are hearing what I'm hearing.
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4 FRANK, JR.: I don't think so either.
5
6 CALABRESE, SR.: You wanna know why? Because I'm getting
7 it from the horse's mouth.
8
9 FRANK, JR.: Right. Right. Right. I, I don't think
10 so either.
11
12 CALABRESE, SR.: Do you know how many time, how many things
13 I, I stopped that was going on because of
14 Maloney (ph). When Maloney used to come
15 to me and tell me things, and then I, I'd
16 get it done. I'd follow it through and
17 bing, it was always a hundred percent.
18 When he told me that they were in the
19 boxcars taking pictures, ah, they were in
20 the caboose taking pictures of everybody
21 going to the crap game in Melrose Park.
22 Sure enough. I drove down Lake Street and
23 there's the fucking caboose sitting there.
24
25 FRANK, JR.: (LAUGHS).
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27 CALABRESE, SR.: And I went and told them guys, I says, get
28 that fucking game, close it down. I says,
29 you got "G" laying there taking everybody's
30 license number that riding into the crap,
31 but see, they're smart today. They don't
32 go pinch one guy. They wait 'til they get
33 everybody in there and then they got all
34 the license numbers.
35
36 FRANK, JR.: Right. Right.
37
38 CALABRESE, SR.: Same thing what they did with these guys
39 with the machines. Oh, here.
40
41 FRANK, JR.: More?
42
43 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah. This ki, this, ah, Twan sent it to
44 me. I got it today. It's basically about
45 the same thing. Rip it up when you're
46 through and throw it away.
47
48 FRANK, JR.: Robert Natale, yeah. (UI) suspects (UI).

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2 CALABRESE, SR.: Here's something, here's something
3 mysteriously. Let them go without bond.
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5 FRANK, JR.: Federal judge Tuesday relea, released a
6 reputed racket boss (UI). Without
7 requiring him to post bond?
8
9 CALABRESE, SR.: Did ya ever hear of that? (LAUGHS). I
10 mean, there's some strange things
11 happening here, Frankie.
12
13 FRANK, JR.: No. They let him out on an I-Bond?
14
15 CALABRESE, SR.: Right. (PAUSE) That's why Twan sent it
16 to me. Told me today, did ya get that thing?
17 I said, no. I got it today.
18
19 FRANK, JR.: This, he ain't nothing, right?
20
21 CALABRESE, SR.: No, he ain't nothing. But they got 'em
22 as the top (UI). If he mo, he ain't never
23 moved a stone in his life.
24
25 FRANK, JR.: So, they're way off base then. The five
26 most power, Anthony supp, Centracchio's
27 one of the, reputed to be among the five
28 most powerful organized crime figures in
29 Chicago. Who's the other four?
30
31 CALABRESE, SR.: (LAUGHS). (UI) they're talking about the
32 higher echelon.
33
34 FRANK, JR.: Yeah. He ain't even, ah...
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36 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah.
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38 FRANK, JR.: ...He ain't even one, ah, how ya do it,
39 one, ah...
40
41 CALABRESE, SR.: No, he ain't.
42
43 FRANK, JR.: No. So, I mean, where...
44
45 CALABRESE, SR.: You go like this.
46
47 FRANK, JR.: Oh, okay. (LAUGHS). I was gonna go like
48 this.

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2 CALABRESE, SR.: Well, I (UI) like this, moustache.
3
4 FRANK, JR.: A moustache, yeah. I-Bond him out?
5
6 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah. If he's so important, how could they
7 I-Bond him? That's what I'm trying to tell
8 ya.
9
10 FRANK, JR.: Well, he couldn't get nobody in trouble,
11 could he?
12
13 CALABRESE, SR.: Huh?
14
15 FRANK, JR.: He can't get nobody in trouble?
16
17 CALABRESE, SR.: He can get Jimmy in trouble.
18
19 FRANK, JR.: Jimmy?
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21 CALABRESE, SR.: DiForti. Ah, Jimmy, ah, Jimmy Light (ph).
22
23 FRANK, JR.: Oh, he could?
24
25 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah, he was, ah, he was bringing the money
26 every month from the joints that were on
27 the arm, and that he was arming with
28 Spilotro's.
29
30 FRANK, JR.: Oh.
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32 CALABRESE, SR.: He was bringing to them.
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34 FRANK, JR.: Oh, okay.
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36 CALABRESE, SR.: See, in other words, they had him going
37 to collect this money. Then, after he died,
38 they died, he, they reached him and said,
39 whaddaya doing for him? And he told 'em
40 what he was doing, so he wasn't making
41 anything. He never kept anything. He was
42 giving it all to them.
43
44 FRANK, JR.: Oh, that's right. You told me 'cause you
45 said he was going by, uhm, by the car place.
46 Remember? That's what...
47
48 CALABRESE, SR.: What car place?

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2 FRANK, JR.: By, ah, where I work.
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4 CALABRESE, SR.: Cellozzi.
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6 FRANK, JR.: Yeah, he told...
7
8 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah.
9
10 (NON-PERTINENT CONVERSATION)
11 (Conversation Terminated)