

1 **Case:** 266T-TP-3439052 - Jeremy-Brown_Original_JTTF_Interview

2 **Case Agent:** TFO Lindsey

3 **PARTICIPANTS:**

4 JMB: Jeremy Brown, TFO Paul Ura, TFO Brett Lindsey

5 **TRASLATION KEY:**

6 UI: UNINTELLIGIBLE

7 IA: INAUDIBLE

8 PH: PHONETIC

9 SC: SIMULTANEOUS CONVERSATION

10 OV: OVERLAPPING VOICES

11 []: NOISE NOTATIONS OR TRANSLATOR'S NOTES

12 RC: RECORDED MESSAGE

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15 [BEGIN TAPE]

16 [walking]

17 JB: I'm approaching the meet now. I've already visually identified them
18 and spotted both of their vehicles. [walking]

19 JB: Hey, what's going on guys?

20 P: [UI] How are you?

21 JB: Well, [01:00] I'm normally in bed by now, but ah [OV]

22 B: [chuckles] I hear you. Oh, you work at night?

23 JB: Nah, I'm just a night owl. What's going on guys?

24 B: Have a seat, buddy. I'm Brett. This is Paul.

25 JB: Well, you don't mind if I pull out my recorder. Do you?

26 B: Do what you gotta do.

27 JB: Alright. I don't wanna get General Flynn'd[OV]

28 B: [laughter]

29 JB: Okay.

30 B: We're with Homeland Security. We work um with JTTF and the FBI.

31 JB: Okay, I noticed that.

32 [chuckles]

Exhibit 1

33 B: So, it's no big deal. We decided to come out. [OV]

34 JB: I've worked with JTTF before so I'm familiar.

35 B: Um, you might in the future too. We'll see how this goes.

36 JB: Ah! [chuckles]

37 B: But, like I was saying. This is no big deal. We just have to touch
38 base with you. Um, we just got some reporting about some comments
39 that you made about civil war. So...

40 JB: Like -- like what kind of comments?

41 P: [OV]

42 JB: Like what kind of comment would make the DHS show up at my door on
43 7'oclock or [02:00] oh, it's almost 8'oclock. It's 7:40 I think it
44 was it says.

45 B: It's early. Um, yeah just some comments about trying to recruit
46 people for civil war.

47 JB: Do you have those comments with you?

48 B: I do not.

49 JB: Okay. So then where did you get that report from?

50 B: I'm asking the questions.

51 JB: Okay.

52 [laughter]

53 JB: Cause I have the actual tweet if you wanna look at it. [OV]

54 B: And the way it works - I don't know if you know this. Uh, Facebook
55 and Twitter both push stuff down [OV]

56 JB: Oh, man!

57 B: [OV] and we have to come look at it.

58 P: And we do this all day long.

59 P: You're like one in the queue [OV]

60 JB: So Facebook and Twitter directly push information to you?

61 B: Both sides. So we have the far right, we have the far left. We don't
62 just sit --- cause you're first amendment/2nd amendment you're

63 B: You have the right to say whatever you want. You know, you know.

64 P: Your ideology, your right to do whatever.

65 JB: Right.

66 P: We do both sides equally. Just so you know, we're not [OV]

67 JB: I just find it interesting that with everything going on right now
68 you guys are two agents - which are probably making way more than I
69 am - are sitting here.

70 [chuckles]

71 B: Well, it's our job!

72 P: Trust me, we've had to go on a couple of these [03:00] and it's - I
73 think it's the political climate right now. Honestly, it's since
74 everything's up in the air. Um, you know, obviously you know what our
75 political leaning is.

76 JB: Well no, I don't.

77 P: A lot of people aren't happy.

78 JB: [chuckles] I don't. [chuckles] Well, if you would've pulled up the
79 actual tweet you would've found that there's no mention of that. So,
80 I apologize but Twitter and Facebook have wasted government time.

81 P: I think. But just trust us. This is not the first time we've gone
82 out. We've gone all the way up to Spring Hill. It's the same thing.
83 People put stuff on their cars and stuff. It's just the political
84 climate right now.

85 JB: Right.

86 P: We just have to come out and make sure you're okay. I can tell right
87 now, you're fine.

88 JB: Right.

89 P: Like you're a good guy. You came out, we met up, you write well. So
90 as long as you don't - you not out to hurt anybody -- you don't want
91 to hurt yourself.

92 JB: Did you just say I write well?

93 P: Yes.

94 JB: [chuckles] You mean from the emails?

95 P: Yeah.

96 JB: Oh! [laughter] Well, I was a US Congressional candidate so... I don't
97 work at 7'Eleven. Not that there's anything wrong.

98 P: Nothing against the 7 Eleven worker. We just want to make sure...
99 [04:00] Whatever the outcome is in January -- your online presence or
100 anything that you do. You don't want to hurt yourself, or you don't
101 want to hurt anybody. And we get that warm and fuzzy that you're
102 good. Like you're upset. Either way it happens and we don't care
103 which way you lean...

104 JB: Right.

105 P: We just wanna make sure that you're not targeting anybody and
106 nobody's gonna get hurt over the outcome in January. Again, you'll
107 never see us again and this could be closed on our side. Just making
108 sure that you're okay and everybody's upset in different ways. But
109 that's not why we're here. We're just making sure that you don't want
110 to hurt yourself or hurt anybody else.

111 JB: Well, trust me if I wanted to hurt somebody they'd already be hurt.
112 [chuckles]

113 Um, but see there's actually a history of false claims made by my ex-
114 wife. In fact, I've recently lost visitation with my 5 daughters over
115 bullshit like this.

116 B: Yeah, I'm sorry to hear that.

117 JB: And so while I do find it kinda of interesting that ya'll stated that
118 it was Twitter and Facebook [05:00]. I'm more suspicious that it was
119 another false report by her. Because I mean, I've had 2 restraining
120 orders filed against me. I've had my guns taken. It's cost me 50,000
121 dollars [OV]

122 B: I'm sorry to hear that.

123 JB: in legal bills which is exactly what I mentioned in [OV]

124 P: and it is some of it here [OV][UI]

125 JB: Uh-huh. [OV] See, yeah so...

126 P: And I read it. I wasn't concerned about it, but we're just required
127 just because of the primary right now to come out and talk to you.

128 JB: Right.

129 B: Again, we all know about a scorned wife

130 JB: Yeah.

131 B: We know about a scorned wife. I have an ex-wife, so I know the BS
132 that comes with that. And that's all we're here.

133 JB: Right.

134 B: We checked the box. We're like, "Jeremy's good" and we move to the
135 next guy.

136 JB: Okay.

137 P: I'm not concerned. Like I said. We finished on the phone. That had
138 been enough for me, but I just need to put eyes on it.

139 JB: Right.

140 P: Make sure, you know that I can sit and write it up and say, hey
141 listen [OV]



142 JB: So ya'll didn't have anything to do with the woman that was outside
143 of my house this morning with a SLR taking photographs?

144 [chuckles]

145 P: Honestly, we didn't know if that was your house cause we didn't [OV]

146 B: Cause both [06:00] of those people said they didn't know you or
147 weren't related to you.

148 JB: Well, one of those people was me.

149 P: Right.

150 B: Oh. [Chuckles]

151 JB: [chuckles] Then why didn't you say [OV]

152 P: Because we don't wanna get [UI].

153 JB: [chuckles]

154 P: You want everybody to take their own little steps.

155 JB: So...

156 P: But for her to say, "They're here for Jeremy" and you look at her.
157 And we know who you are. We're like, "This is how it wants to go
158 down. It;s how it goes down."

159 JB: No, see. One: As a Trump supporter, I'm already on multiple Antifa
160 BLM lists. I've already looked them up myself, okay? Look, I'm a
161 retired SF guy. Like if I was you guys I would've parked farther
162 away, okay? That's just that how you do on personal meets. So, we've
163 had an - when I - when I ran for Congress here in this district...

164 P: Right.

165 JB: since then, I've had all kinds of fucking harassment and bullshit
166 which I'm fine with.

167 P: Right.

168 JB: I've got 14 cameras on our property because of the bullshit we've had
169 to put up with. [07:00]

170 P: Yeah.

171 JB: Which that's fine. Um, so I just wanted to make sure that this isn't
172 something like - I kinda think this is comical. My girlfriend is like
173 scared to death. She thinks I'm not coming back.

174 P: Right. Well, here's the deal. You can see the level - and again, not
175 that you're not [UI]. But you see the level of us just leaving and
176 wanna meet you on your own time.

177 JB: Right.



178 P: If this was a criminal matter and we thought in any way like that
179 time's ticking and it's sensitive. We would've - you could've told us
180 want to meet next week after Christmas.

181 JB: Right.

182 P: We don't care. We just have a job right now..

183 JB: No, I know.

184 P: with the JTTF. They say, "This is on the radar" and we are able to at
185 our level this is off the radar.

186 JB: Right.

187 B: [OV] The election has a lot of people spun up and then we have a
188 stand up command post. We all [OV]

189 JB: I'm hoping that ya'll are more spun up than you seem to be.

190 P: [chuckles] So, we did work through election week and ah - so that's -
191 honestly, this probably wouldn't be a concern if it wasn't around the
192 election. You know? I have no issues [OV]

193 JB: Well those comments weren't [08:00] around the election, were they?

194 P: No. Not that I saw.

195 JB: Because I got rid of Twitter. Cause I thought it was kind of comical
196 that now that I no longer have it.

197 [chuckles]

198 P: So, I wouldn't worry about it. Just wanted to sit down with you [OV]

199 JB: You mind if I see which tweets you're referencing? [OV] I only
200 printed a couple out.

201 P: [OV] The only two tweets that I printed out.

202 JB: I mean I am a relatively vocal guy when [OV]

203 B: You can be as vocal as you want.

204 P: Hey, you got 1st amendment right to say whatever you want.[UI] These
205 are the only I printed out. There were others. Just so I had these
206 for the record.

207 B: Cause we don't even know like if these groups or different things.
208 And Jeremy, this is even more of the point. [OV]

209 JB: [laughs] Well, this doesn't even mention it. This doesn't even
210 mention it. This is poker! This is poker now.

211 P: This is even more so. And this is what we do and you being a former
212 guy or whatever. If you're hearing stuff and you being around your
213 group. And someone's like, "Hey, we're training tonight and tomorrow.

214 Some shit's gonna go down." You calling us and letting us know and we
215 can prevent the next big thing.

216 JB: Are you...

217 P: That would be great. So we're gonna - we're not here adversarial
218 [09:00]. We're here to clear your name and we're also here if you
219 wanna work with us in the future and you hear stuff in your circles
220 that [OV] Not ex-wife, your stuff like we can't get involved in civil
221 matters.

222 JB: Um-hum.

223 P: But if you hear of a pending, imminent situation in Tampa. We would
224 love to hear from you. And if we - and again, I can't make any
225 promises, but like if you provide information that prevents something
226 big. The government pays for that. The government - we would love
227 [OV]

228 JB: Yeah, I know how CI's work. [chuckles]

229 P: That's what I'm saying. And I don't wanna overwhelm you and I don't
230 wanna say we'll get your fingerprints and picture and sign you up
231 today, but we think that we can help you. You can help us and we can
232 definitely on this side of things, less aggravation. But personally
233 this morning, I can 100% tell you it's nothing to do with our office,
234 Homeland Security or FBI. So, that's why we're here.

235 JB: Right.

236 P: You got our number. We're 24/7.

237 JB: Okay.

238 B: And like he said, we weren't concerned. But, I do see this happening.
239 In order to close out this lead, we just gotta sit down with you and
240 say it's fine. I knew it from the second I was emailing you that you
241 were a normal person...[10:00]

242 JB: Right.

243 B: and it was bullshit. So, that's where it is. If you have something
244 call my desk, I can come over to talk to you about it. Ah, especially
245 if something that's going on in Tampa. We're on the domestic side, so
246 anything domestic terrorism.

247 P: There's international and domestic.

248 JB: Right.

249 B: If anything, anything on the 3-4 counties around here, we can take
250 care of it.

251 JB: Okay.

252 P: Alright? I appreciate - yeah, I appreciate you coming out and I know
253 it's kinda a pain in the ass.

254 B: And again, we like to tell you you're one of 19 people that we're
255 gonna knock on the door, they're gonna say they're not home. But
256 they are home and we're like, "Can we just talk at some point?" Cause
257 we can't close this out until there's actually an interview.

258 JB: Right. Well, I - yeah - and I'll apologize for my girlfriend. Uh, we
259 were expecting the AC guy.

260 P: That's what she said.

261 JB: [OV] And she's a horrible liar.

262 B: [OV] If I knew more about. I'm like, "Are you related?" She's like,
263 "No." She's not allowed. I tell her because. Look, here's the bottom
264 line. She's just a pharmaceutical rep. She's scared to death,
265 alright? She knows what's going on because I tell her what's going
266 on, right?

267 I mean, I'm triple retired. [11:00] I'm retired from the military,
268 retired as a business owner and then I retired as a politician. Um,
269 so I just - I'm like a stay-at-home boyfriend. I sit at home, I
270 conduct open source analysis all day long to try to track what's
271 going on.

272 90 percent of it is bullshit, but you know, like I tell people all
273 the time. You have to take observations, not conclusions. Listen for
274 what is the observation in the statement. Not what that jackass
275 thinks it means, right? And then you gotta put together your own
276 picture.

277 Ah, I mean I'm concerned. I've got 5 daughters that are in St. Louis.
278 I don't have much control over what they're exposed to or their
279 safety if something happens. You know St. Louis isn't the safest
280 place in the world. Thank god you're in Tampa, right? Where the cops
281 actually try to arrest the looters.

282 Um, and so she - I've told her, "Don't ever answer the door for
283 anybody." I mean we've got cameras up and everything, but because you
284 guys came right [12:00] when we were expecting the AC guy..

285 B: Yeah, yeah.

286 JB: she automatically assumed that you were the AC guy and came in and
287 said, "Hey, the AC guy's here." So, I come to the door and then you
288 guys are standing there.

289 P: Yeah, I'm like that really looks like...[OV]

290 JB: I'm like...

291 B: After holding your picture up. I'm like, "Well" [OV]

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292 JB: Well, hey you don't ask a question you don't get an answer.
293 [chuckles]

294 P: We only came early because it [OV]

295 B: People gotta work.

296 JB: But I am concerned about one thing.

297 B: Yeah.

298 JB: One. Why do they give you shitty cards?

299 P: What do you think I'm driving?

300 JB: You guys are - cards?

301 P: Oh, card.

302 B: Oh, I [OV] I saw you looking at that pretty hard. [chuckles]

303 P: We do a lot of things different.

304 JB: I'm like...

305 P: We do a lot of things different and just to be truthful with you, I'm
306 [OV]

307 JB: I mean you guys deserve better cards than that.

308 B: I write hand personal notes and people are like, "Oh my gosh, there's
309 two fake agents out here." And we'll get called and we've got an
310 appointment this afternoon just to confirm because I wrote it on a
311 note my name and who I worked for. And the attorney doesn't believe
312 we're federal agents but he gets a lot of call back. He gets [OV]

313 JB: Oh yeah. When you hand somebody a card like that I'm like [OV] I
314 don't know [13:00] about this.

315 P: Hey, I'm sure you're aware we're under a continuing resolution.

316 JB: [chuckles]

317 P: We have no - we can't get car washes.

318 B: We do things a little different. [OV]

319 JB: Yeah, I'm like he's in an old Ford Fusion.

320 P: I'm getting a new car though. Next week, so.

321 B: He is. That's the Homeland Security. I've got a blue pickup truck.

322 JB: I know. I saw that. [OV]

323 B: Yeah, yeah. No, I'm just saying. [OV]

324 JB: Look, I did all my SDRs okay? I don't walk into ambushes without at
325 least knowing.

326 B: You picked the arena.

327 P: You know like if it was going down. We would not have left that day.
328 Like [OV]

329 JB: Oh, I know.

330 P: It's - there's a level and I don't wanna make light of this. But if
331 there's a level of 1 -10, we're like at a zero.

332 JB: Right.

333 P: This clears up what we do and this makes you - cause when he says, "I
334 don't wanna use that loosely." We've got people that live in
335 driveways, we got people that live in the park...

336 JB: Right.

337 P: We've got people, those people that are making claims that they're
338 gonna blow shit up.

339 B: And they make a lot more [OV]

340 P: But I'm saying again, you're not that guy and we can [UI]

341 B: We just want to document that. Memorialize that in a report. You go
342 on about your life. Deal with your stuff and just [14:00] if anything
343 - and you can tell me to "F" off. Like on social media, big brother,
344 conspiracy theories whatever. They do monitor that.

345 P: I don't. I'm not that smart. He's not that smart. I'm just saying
346 when you put stuff in anonymous emails or [OV]

347 B: They use key words. A lot of key words.

348 P: People smarter than us - that's how it gets filtered to Tampa to go
349 knock on this guy's door. We don't do that.

350 JB: I was the NCOIC of the special activities branch at SOCCENT so I know
351 all about that. [chuckles][OV] In fact when I had my hearing with my
352 ex in St. Louis back in June or July, her attorney - because you know
353 I tried to train my daughters. I tried to teach them things that
354 might be helpful. I say, "Hey, if you're ever in a situation where
355 there's trouble you know you can do these certain things." And, you
356 know so I didn't explain the technical aspects, but I said, "Here's
357 the thing. Just know that anytime you have your phone on you somebody
358 can find you, right?"

359 P: Yeah, yeah. [15:00]

360 JB: So her attorney brings that up in court. "Did you tell them this?" I
361 said, "Well, in accordance with you know U.S. code Title 18, you
362 know, blah, blah, blah I can't answer that question."

363 P: [chuckles]

364 JB: Because that was a direct - our office was directly - you know - I'm
365 very familiar with everything that is out there. Even stuff that's
366 not out there.

367 B: And you know the Internet's forever. So once you put anything out
368 there...

369 JB: Yeah. And I never say anything that I'm -- that I'm not willing to
370 sit down and talk with two DHS agents about.

371 B: And that's why I wasn't concerned. It wasn't a big thing to us at
372 all.

373 P: Compared to what we went on a couple that you know [OV]

374 JB: But the bad guy's are here. You know that right?

375 P: Oh yeah. We had one guy. He's a great guy but he had Biden is a
376 pedophile in the back of his truck. [OV]

377 JB: But Biden is a pedophile.

378 B: Yeah, well... there's 30 people in ours.

379 JB: You guys should know that. Ya'll have the laptop. [chuckles]

380 P: There's 60 people devoted to this with that in mind that they're bad
381 guys in Tampa.

382 JB: Yeah, I'm sure.

383 P: [UI] and probably [16:00] a 100 support people.

384 B: Oh yeah. No, no...[OV]

385 JB: St. Pete is worse. I mean look -- I'm a member of the SFA here the
386 Special Forces Association and you know guys - you know we all
387 exercise our skill set for the betterment of our communities, right?
388 Like you said if you know - we've got guys that are tracking BLM and
389 Antifa and other groups that are running those groups. I mean I don't
390 know how much you guys know about insurgents and stuff, but those
391 guys are being run just like you guys are being run.

392 Like you're not making the decisions, you're answering the task
393 force, right? I mean it comes down to you - hey, go check this guy
394 out. Well, that's what Antifa and BLM are doing, right? They say,
395 "Hey..."

396 B: It's organized. Yeah, we know.

397 JB: Yeah, but they don't even know. They don't realize [OV]

398 B: Yeah, there's a box of rocks under there and like they don't go pick
399 it up.

400 JB: They're like, "Ah, those evil Trump supporters." I walk with a group..

401 B: That's a bigger picture.

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402 JB: not this last weekend, but the weekend before [17:00]. They do a walk
403 in Clearwater and they started [U/I]. They just walk down - a bunch
404 of old, mostly old ladies and some old men. But, you know a few of us
405 go there and we walk along to provide security. And of course one of
406 the jackasses - I mean they're walking - these old ladies just wanna
407 support the President.

408 P: Yeah.

409 JB: Right? So they're walking along. They're live streaming on their
410 little Twitter or whatever they're doing. And this off duty stripper
411 walks up and just slaps the phone out of her hands. So now we're
412 there you know Clearwater PD shows up.

413 P: Yeah.

414 B: You have to be a witness.

415 JB: But, yeah because we're wearing body cams and things like that
416 because we know we have to document. Good guys always have to have
417 more evidence than bad guys, right? So see, you know Clearwater PD
418 shows up and they are literally like in this old woman's face. So
419 finally we had to step in [OV]

420 P: And try to explain what happened...

421 JB: and say hey...

422 B: Yeah, yeah.

423 JB: and then her boyfriend bowed up and I'm like, "I don't think you
424 wanna do that."

425 P: Right, right.

426 JB: Cause see they're used to

427 B: Getting their way? [18:00]

428 JB: Well, I mean they're bullies.

429 P: Entitled.

430 JB: They're used to people backing down, but the minute that you don't
431 back down they back down because they're pussies basically.

432 B: [chuckles]

433 JB: But, yeah, I'm sure you guys all know that.

434 P: For this climate in society and the younger people that were
435 protesting and doing their own thing. The sense of entitlement, the
436 sense of I don't have to follow the norms. The rules don't apply to
437 me - that is the problem. And it's not gonna be so much our problem,
438 but your 5 daughter's problems.

439 JB: Um-hum.

440 P: And our kids problems. The society that when we're old men that
441 they're living in is gonna be the fruits of what's happening.

442 JB: Yeah, I mean it's sad to see. You know frankly I'm mad at civilians
443 but -- cause they're the ones that let it get this way while we're
444 all fighting all over the fucking place. But, it is what it is. We
445 just have to monitor [OV]

446 B: Hey, definitely like Paul said. If you hear anything just call me.
447 Shoot me an emai - actually just shoot me an email. I'll respond
448 right away.

449 P: We can meet on a monthly basis. Or we can chat when things are open.
450 Get a coffee. But again, we are - we don't' have a crystal ball and
451 so the [19:00] news or whatever [OV]

452 JB: Nah, I know. Like I said. I know you're just doing your job.

453 B: That's all we got. I don't wanna take any more of your time. I want
454 you to get back to your girlfriend [OV]

455 JB: Well look, I appreciate it guys. I'm gonna turn this off cause I
456 don't think ya'll are gonna put me in cuffs.

457 P: Thanks, man. [chuckles]

458 JB: Aye, ya'll be safe.

459 B: You too.

460 P: Take care of yourself.

461 JB: And uh if I hear anything, I'll let you guys know.

462 B: Yep.

463 P: Appreciate it.

464 B: Send me an email, call me, whatever.

465 JB: Alright have a good one.

466 [walking][background noise]

467 [END TAPE]