

PATH CH. 014 – JERSEY CITY POLICE

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DURATION: 3.33 HOURS



(BEGINNING OF AUDIO FILE - NO DIALOGUE OR SOUNDS EXCEPT OCCASIONAL EXTREMELY FAINT GARBLED VOICE WHICH CANNOT BE MADE OUT AT ALL, STARTING AT APPROXIMATELY TEN MINUTES INTO AUDIO FILE, AND CONTINUING FOR LESS THAN THREE MINUTES.)

(AT 18:31 A SOUND IS HEARD, WHICH COULD BE A TELEPHONE RINGING ONE TIME)

(AT 19:47, CONVERSATION HEARD IN BACKGROUND)

(PHONE RINGING)

MALE ANSWERING PHONE: I'll get that.

MALE - PATH TRAIN: How are you doing? We had some type of explosion over at the Trade Center. We're not exactly sure what happened.

MALE ANSWERING PHONE: Right.

MALE - PATH TRAIN: Uh, we're gonna probably wind up with cars (Inaudible) at the station with backups, because we stopped service to the Trade Center.

MALE ANSWERING PHONE: Right.

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MALE - PATH TRAIN: So I don't know if you've got a couple of units just to, you know, keep an eye on the outside of the station.

MALE ANSWERING PHONE: Of which one?

MALE - PATH TRAIN: Of any of the stations -- Grove, Exchange -- because we're mobilizing all units.

MALE ANSWERING PHONE: No problem.

MALE - PATH TRAIN: All right, thank you.

MALE ANSWERING PHONE: Anything else, just give us a call.

MALE - PATH TRAIN: All right, thank you.

MALE ANSWERING PHONE: Bye.

MALE - PATH TRAIN: Bye. (LONG PAUSE)

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(30:12)

(PHONE RINGING)

PAPD FORTUNATO: (Inaudible) PATH.

PAPD - SERGEANT HOLLAND: Yeah, hi, Sergeant Holland from Port Authority, how are you doing?

PAPD FORTUNATO: (Overlap) What's up.

PAPD - SERGEANT HOLLAND: Yes, we've got two major explosions at the World Trade Center in New York.

PAPD FORTUNATO: Okay.

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PAPD - SERGEANT HOLLAND: Possible terrorist attack. At this time, we are still ascertaining a number of injuries, but they're multiple. Our department is requesting whatever units you can send to the World Trade Center.

PAPD FORTUNATO: Okay.

PAPD - SERGEANT HOLLAND: They can go through the Holland Tunnel.

PAPD FORTUNATO: Okay.

PAPD - SERGEANT HOLLAND: Via Toll Lane 9.

PAPD FORTUNATO: Toll Lane 9.

PAPD - SERGEANT HOLLAND: Right.

PAPD FORTUNATO: All right, boss, I'll get somebody over.

PAPD - SERGEANT HOLLAND: Your name?

PAPD FORTUNATO: Police Officer Fortunato.

PAPD - SERGEANT HOLLAND: Fortunato?

PAPD FORTUNATO: Yes, sir.

PAPD - SERGEANT HOLLAND: Okay, fine.

PAPD FORTUNATO: Looks bad now.

PAPD - SERGEANT HOLLAND: Yeah, bad. Yeah. (LONG PAUSE)

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(SOUND RESUMES AT 01:02:33)

(BACKGROUND CONVERSATION IN OFFICE - MOSTLY UNINTELLIGIBLE)

(PHONE RINGING IN BACKGROUND)

MALE IN OFFICE: Tell me where the fuck to go.

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MALE IN OFFICE: (Inaudible), that's what they said.

SERGEANT : They might get some helicopters up there, right? From the army base, right? (Speaking into telephone?) Hello, this is Sergeant . I'm at Port Authority here in Journal Square.

MAN RESPONDING: Right.

SERGEANT : And we need a man to go to Summit and Sip Avenue to help out the Port Authority guys.

MAN RESPONDING: Summit and where?

SERGEANT : Summit and Sip.

MAN RESPONDING: All right. I don't think anybody is free right now.

SERGEANT : All right, but in case you can.

MAN RESPONDING: Okay.

SERGEANT : (Overlap) support ... and help the Port Authority out, they're sending cops over there left and right, over to New York. They've got to keep traffic flowing there, they need two guys. One guy from us, one guy from the Port Authority.

MAN RESPONDING: All right, I'll pass it on.

SERGEANT : All right.

MAN RESPONDING: All right.

(LONG PAUSE - NO SOUNDS OR DIALOGUE)

(01:30:15)

(PHONE RINGING)

(BACKGROUND CONVERSATION IN OFFICE)

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MAN: Hello? Hello?

(PHONE RINGING) (BUSY SIGNAL) (SOUND CUTS OUT)

(PHONE RINGING)

CONTROL DESK: Control, Cunningham.

PAPD OFFICER: This is (inaudible), in the Port Authority.

CONTROL DESK: Right.

PAPD OFFICER: So do ... do we have ... can the Port Authority get down the ramp from Palisade and the highway?

CONTROL DESK: (To personnel at the station) Can Port Authority get down the ramp from Palisades to (Overlap)

MAN: It's down, I doubt it.

PAPD OFFICER: (Inaudible), okay, thank you, bye.

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(LONG PAUSE)

(PHONE RINGING) (01:39:22)

CONTROL DESK - CUNNINGHAM: Control, Cunningham.

OFFICER: Johnny (Inaudible).

CONTROL DESK - CUNNINGHAM: Yes?

OFFICER: (Inaudible) (Overlap)

CONTROL DESK - CUNNINGHAM: Hey, how are (Overlap)

OFFICER: And ... and, uh, I'm at PATH.

CONTROL DESK - CUNNINGHAM: At PATH. (Overlap) Right.

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OFFICER: And just (Inaudible), get (Inaudible) officers over here once you get things organized? Five officers to the PATH.

CONTROL DESK - CUNNINGHAM: All right, for the PATH. All right.

OFFICER: When you get organized. (Overlap)

CONTROL DESK - CUNNINGHAM: All right. Okay.

OFFICER: Okay?

CONTROL DESK - CUNNINGHAM: (Overlap) Okay.

OFFICER: So we start a perimeter up here, and we get some security here.

CONTROL DESK - CUNNINGHAM: You're not sending your own guys in? Or they're all (Overlap)

OFFICER: No, no, the Port Authority sent everybody over to New York. We are going to give them help, with five, six guys, whatever you can send here.

CONTROL DESK - CUNNINGHAM: What do ... what do you need? Just some traffic or (Overlap)

OFFICER: No, no, we need security for the building.

CONTROL DESK - CUNNINGHAM: Okay. (Overlap)

OFFICER: Okay?

CONTROL DESK - CUNNINGHAM: All right, I'll advise them (Overlap)

OFFICER: All right, bye now.

CONTROL DESK - CUNNINGHAM: Bye. (LONG PAUSE)

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(01:58:58)

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(SOUND COMES UP)

(BACKGROUND CONVERSATION - SOUNDS SUCH AS TRANSMISSIONS FROM  
RADIOS HEARD IN BACKGROUND)

(PHONE RINGING)

CONTROL DESK - CUNNINGHAM: Control, Cunningham.

OFFICER: Cunningham, can we get one officer Lou, to come to the PATH station?

And we need somebody in the lobby.

CONTROL DESK - CUNNINGHAM: Hold on. (To personnel at the station)

(Inaudible) the Command Center (Inaudible). They're in now and they have (Inaudible).

Will they be able to (Inaudible).

LIEUTENANT POWERS: This is Lieutenant Powers. Have them report down to you?

OFFICER: Yeah, have them report down to me.

LIEUTENANT POWERS: Okay.

OFFICER: Okay, thanks. (SOUND CUTS OUT) (LONG PAUSE)

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(PHONE RINGING) (SOUND COMES IN) (02:25:24)

PATH DESK: PATH desk.

SERGEANT : Hello, this is Sergeant (INAUDIBLE) again.

PATH DESK: What's up?

SERGEANT : Have we got any men coming over here to the Port Authority building  
for security reasons?

PATH DESK: Uh ... hold on.

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SERGEANT : I asked for five. And I then asked for one forthwith, and I haven't gotten anybody yet.

PATH DESK: Hold on.

(BACKGROUND CONVERSATION IN OFFICE MINGLED WITH WHAT SOUNDS LIKE TRANSMISSIONS TO RADIO)

MALE IN OFFICE 1: They went out the back of the building here, up to (Inaudible) in the parking lot. And the (Inaudible) Port Authority office, waiting for somebody to get a (Inaudible) ride over to New York from there. And they were (Inaudible) straight out.

MALE IN OFFICE 2: No, I have no communication with these guys. I'm calling down and ...

MALE IN OFFICE 3: They got three guys, they just told me, who are trapped in the building.

MALE IN OFFICE 4: We've got missing (Inaudible) right now.

MALE IN OFFICE 3: (Inaudible) guys, one guy who had the dog (Inaudible).

(INAUDIBLE SECTION)

MALE IN OFFICE: Port Authority Police, (Inaudible).

MALE IN OFFICE: I mean, have all the roll call (Inaudible).

MALE IN OFFICE: (Inaudible)

MALE IN OFFICE: Hello?

MALE IN OFFICE: (Inaudible) called security.

MALE IN OFFICE: He wants them out of there. (Overlap)

MALE IN OFFICE: He wants the whole building.



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MALE IN OFFICE: The whole building. (Overlap)

MALE IN OFFICE: Yeah, they were concerned about the (Overlap)

MALE IN OFFICE: Hello?

MALE IN OFFICE: Sergeant (Overlap)

MALE IN OFFICE: And the busses, you know where the busses come in there?

MALE IN OFFICE: Right.

MALE IN OFFICE: Well, they need to go there. That's where they need help.

MALE IN OFFICE: They're (Inaudible) across the bus (Inaudible). So even if there was (Inaudible) busses (Overlap) at the street.

MALE IN OFFICE: Well, I was afraid of that.

MALE IN OFFICE: Well, Artie (Overlap)

MALE IN OFFICE: Okay, what's going on? (Overlap)

MALE IN OFFICE: (Inaudible) you know why?

MALE IN OFFICE: Yeah, (Inaudible) ... the dogs ...

MALE IN OFFICE: (Inaudible) down, calling (Inaudible) like I said, (Inaudible).

MALE IN OFFICE: (Inaudible) New Jersey ... I don't know what we're ... they want us to do (Inaudible)

MALE IN OFFICE: Jersey City (Inaudible), got you.

MALE IN OFFICE: Do you want ... do you want ... do you want to close up the (Inaudible), and then you've got to (Inaudible) the busses outside.

MALE IN OFFICE: Uh, right now, the (Inaudible) as it stands.

MALE IN OFFICE: All right, probably getting (Inaudible).

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MALE IN OFFICE: What did he say, (Inaudible)?

MALE IN OFFICE: (Inaudible) he doesn't ...

MALE IN OFFICE: What is he, on the (Inaudible)?

MALE IN OFFICE: (Inaudible)

MALE IN OFFICE: All right, how do I get ... the only thing is ... let me ... let me ... let me get through to them, and see what they are sending me. And, uh ...

(PHONE IS HUNG UP – CONVERSATIONS IN OFFICE CONTINUE)

SERGEANT : Hello?

MALE IN OFFICE: It's possible they've got the military (Inaudible)

MALE IN OFFICE: I know they ... I heard them calling off duty men. Now, you know

MALE IN OFFICE: All right.

MALE IN OFFICE: ... as far as (Inaudible)

MALE IN OFFICE: (Inaudible) nothing to (Inaudible).

MALE IN OFFICE: Oh, well, I mean, (Inaudible).

SERGEANT : Hello?

MALE IN OFFICE: Marty Duane is in Beth Israel Hospital, with minor, something (Inaudible) ... just (Inaudible) EMS (Inaudible) okay? So (Inaudible).

MALE IN OFFICE: What line.

MALE IN OFFICE: Now, (Inaudible) the area at 125 Worth Street, they got to check back with us as far as Port Authority officers, okay? Who else are we missing right now (Inaudible)?

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MALE IN OFFICE: You've got (Inaudible) As you know, on the sixth, we've got (Inaudible). I've got (Inaudible). All right, what are you (Inaudible) for?

MALE IN OFFICE: The (Inaudible) as of EMS (Inaudible).

MALE IN OFFICE: They're (Inaudible) men. (Inaudible) Out of the whole roll call, two, three, four, five, six, seven accounted for. (Inaudible) accounted for, get them out of there. Still (Inaudible) something, you know?

MALE IN OFFICE: All right, okay.

MALE IN OFFICE: All right? So ...

MALE IN OFFICE: All right.

MALE IN OFFICE: ... (Inaudible) what we have right now.

MALE IN OFFICE: (Inaudible) truck.

(PHONE RINGING)

SERGEANT HOLLAND Port Authority Police, Sergeant Holland. Yes. Yes, Barney. I ... you know, so far, we've got some people missing. But, you know, (Inaudible).

(INAUDIBLE SECTION)

(TRANSMISSION COMING FROM RADIO)

MALE ON RADIO: North (Inaudible), want that transporter to Kaplan, as completed, is that the command?

MALE IN OFFICE: I got (Inaudible).

MALE ON RADIO: The Deputy Chief, the (Inaudible) officer on standby now, (Inaudible) back to the North.

MAN TO RADIO: Received. (INAUDIBLE SECTION)

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MALE IN OFFICE: That's where you would go with (Inaudible).

MAN TO RADIO: Billy, stop by the Port Authority. Let me know when you are outside.

MALE IN OFFICE: There's (Inaudible) up there!

FEMALE ON RADIO: (Inaudible) side.

MAN TO RADIO: (Inaudible) I have no idea! We got no (Inaudible). They're trying to (Inaudible).

FEMALE ON RADIO: (Inaudible) now (Inaudible) officers. (Inaudible) ten-four.

MALE ON RADIO: Can you reach (Inaudible).

(SOUND CUTS OUT AND RETURNS) (02:30:21) (PAUSE)

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(PHONE RINGING)

MALE IN OFFICE: I would say ... I mean, there's no train service right now.

MALE IN OFFICE: There's no trains?

MALE IN OFFICE: No.

(PHONE IS ANSWERED)

SERGEANT: Sergeant (Inaudible), Jersey City .

PA FRANK DEKALB: Hi, Gary, (Inaudible), Frank DeKalb, Port Authority.

SERGEANT: Yes, what can we do for you? (Overlap)

PA FRANK DEKALB: They want to close down this building. They want to make it secure. They want to put busses and something in the ... in the, you know, so nobody can get underneath the building here. They want to block it off with busses.

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SERGEANT: I'm thinking about the PATH up to the Square ...

PA FRANK DEKALB: Right, I need officers. We don't have any. I asked them, and somebody ... you know what I mean? I asked about half an hour ago, I asked for one to come here. And we haven't even got one.

SERGEANT: Yes, we're in the middle of a recalling.

PA FRANK DEKALB: I know, I know.

SERGEANT: And everybody (Overlap)

PA FRANK DEKALB: I know.

SERGEANT: They're like putting them in staging areas. And we're handling some of the injuries coming in.

PA FRANK DEKALB: I know. I got what you're saying. I understand you. But  
(Overlap)

SERGEANT: You need officers (Overlap) units ...

PA FRANK DEKALB: At Port Authority, for security. Okay?

SERGEANT: Okay.

PA FRANK DEKALB: All right.

SERGEANT: I'll see what we can do.

PA FRANK DEKALB: All right, thank you.

(BACKGROUND CONVERSATION HEARD AND THEN CUTS OUT)

(LONG PAUSE) (02:39:41) (SOUNDS COME UP) (02:44:08)

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(PHONE RINGING)

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(BACKGROUND CONVERSATION AND TRANSMISSIONS TO AND FROM  
RADIO )

MALE IN OFFICE: This is (Inaudible)

MALE IN OFFICE: (Inaudible) Duane to the hospital.

MALE ON RADIO: (Inaudible) McIntyre please.

MAN TO RADIO: (Inaudible) to McIntyre. (Inaudible) to McIntyre on the air, any  
unit in contact, 1-8-2 McIntyre, come up on the air.

(SEPARATE SIMULTANEOUS CONVERSATIONS)

LIEUTENANT : Lieutenant (indcipherable), police radio.

PATH COMMUNICATIONS: Hey, this is PATH Communications. Uh, we're testing  
out the phone circuits, make sure they're working. Thank you.

LIEUTENANT : Okay. (HANG-UP NOISE)

MAN TO RADIO: A-2 to (Inaudible)! (02:44:56)

(SOUND CUTS OUT FOR REMAINDER OF AUDIO FILE)

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