

HIDDEN TRUTH SHOW WITH JIM BRESLO



WHAT TO DO WHEN THE
UNTHINKABLE HAPPENS

SURVIVING MASS VICTIM ATTACKS

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00:00:04,849 --> 00:00:02,600
okay now for our interview with dr. Gary

2
00:00:08,330 --> 00:00:04,859
Jackson I started by asking him his

3
00:00:11,990 --> 00:00:08,340
thoughts on paddocks motive okay yeah

4
00:00:14,200 --> 00:00:12,000
it's a little complex but I think

5
00:00:17,359 --> 00:00:14,210
there's a behavioral psychological

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00:00:20,779 --> 00:00:17,369
reason maybe for what he did so I

7
00:00:23,720 --> 00:00:20,789
practiced this with you know we all were

8
00:00:26,450 --> 00:00:23,730
all speculating here but at looking at a

9
00:00:29,359 --> 00:00:26,460
tremendous number of mass victim attacks

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00:00:32,179 --> 00:00:29,369
plus terrorist attacks lets you know all

11
00:00:34,700 --> 00:00:32,189
kinds of attacks there is some similarly

12
00:00:38,090 --> 00:00:34,710
similarity here to other things I had

13
00:00:44,600 --> 00:00:38,100

worked on so first of all when you look

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00:00:50,270 --> 00:00:44,610

at the act itself this person killed 58

15

00:00:54,619 --> 00:00:50,280

people wounded you know 431 used you

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00:00:56,959 --> 00:00:54,629

know 14 ar-15s with bucks box had other

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00:00:59,810 --> 00:00:56,969

weapons in the room had a handgun

18

00:01:03,139 --> 00:00:59,820

committed suicide left no suicide note

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00:01:05,359 --> 00:01:03,149

he just doesn't fit he did have a note

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00:01:08,210 --> 00:01:05,369

with the directory and wind direction

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00:01:12,050 --> 00:01:08,220

Amin shooting now what's really

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00:01:16,670 --> 00:01:12,060

important in his case is he visited

23

00:01:18,920 --> 00:01:16,680

before that other venues that had large

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00:01:21,800 --> 00:01:18,930

festivals you know for example the often

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00:01:24,560 --> 00:01:21,810

hotel he visited not that long before

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00:01:25,550 --> 00:01:24,570

that and that's where they had the life

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00:01:28,760 --> 00:01:25,560

is beautiful

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00:01:33,999 --> 00:01:28,770

acceptable very similar 18 blocks this

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00:01:36,620 --> 00:01:34,009

one was 15 many thousands of people and

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00:01:38,539 --> 00:01:36,630

within shooting distance of the Ogden

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00:01:41,990 --> 00:01:38,549

where he stayed as the Grand Hotel and

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00:01:46,569 --> 00:01:42,000

Casino now that's the key here

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00:01:49,730 --> 00:01:46,579

Cassini the Mandalay Bay Casino the

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00:01:52,730 --> 00:01:49,740

Grand Casino which is next to where he

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00:01:58,370 --> 00:01:52,740

stayed and scouted out this other

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00:02:01,219 --> 00:01:58,380

festival now we've had many attacks and

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00:02:04,300 --> 00:02:01,229

I'll take a close comparison to

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00:02:07,459 --> 00:02:04,310

terrorism for a minute they don't care

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00:02:09,440 --> 00:02:07,469

who the target is it's just people they

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00:02:12,990 --> 00:02:09,450

don't care if it's when the children you

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00:02:16,320 --> 00:02:13,000

know adults whatever they just

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00:02:19,410 --> 00:02:16,330

means to an end so when I started

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00:02:23,870 --> 00:02:19,420

looking at this seriously and but okay

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00:02:27,480 --> 00:02:23,880

if we look at this as a means to an end

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00:02:32,430 --> 00:02:27,490

what could be the means to an end for a

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00:02:35,699 --> 00:02:32,440

paddock and only may is not going to get

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00:02:39,600 --> 00:02:35,709

out of there his exit strategy obviously

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00:02:42,690 --> 00:02:39,610

was suicide all the rifles he brought

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00:02:45,630 --> 00:02:42,700

into that room were uploaded for killing

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00:02:48,750 --> 00:02:45,640

including 14 with the bump stock and one

51
00:02:52,080 --> 00:02:48,760
handgun which he used to kill himself he

52
00:02:54,930 --> 00:02:52,090
bolted himself in no suicide note

53
00:02:59,910 --> 00:02:54,940
because he had no one to leave it to so

54
00:03:05,130 --> 00:02:59,920
here's the point I'm making the casino

55
00:03:06,720 --> 00:03:05,140
he had lost approximately by reports one

56
00:03:11,190 --> 00:03:06,730
and a half million dollars over the past

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00:03:14,460 --> 00:03:11,200
two years before the attack he had this

58
00:03:16,770 --> 00:03:14,470
long relationship with casinos but you

59
00:03:19,770 --> 00:03:16,780
can separate casinos into casino and

60
00:03:22,340 --> 00:03:19,780
people in minutes you know the people in

61
00:03:25,920 --> 00:03:22,350
the casino were his cohorts its peers

62
00:03:29,850 --> 00:03:25,930
and maybe even the few French he was not

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00:03:31,110 --> 00:03:29,860

known to be friendly pretty much a loner

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00:03:34,050 --> 00:03:31,120

in fact mean he went to the pits you

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00:03:36,090 --> 00:03:34,060

know I played video Parker of poker he

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00:03:38,880 --> 00:03:36,100

didn't play table poker and play video

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00:03:40,470 --> 00:03:38,890

poker kind of section kept himself that

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00:03:45,840 --> 00:03:40,480

he had to go to that casino because that

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00:03:48,870 --> 00:03:45,850

was clerks kind of home was so if we

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00:03:53,310 --> 00:03:48,880

lost all of this money we're starting to

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00:03:55,460 --> 00:03:53,320

see a potential motive that could be

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00:03:58,949 --> 00:03:55,470

directed at a casino

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00:04:00,150 --> 00:03:58,959

now if the casino I'm just cutting this

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00:04:04,009 --> 00:04:00,160

really short there's a lot of

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00:04:09,180 --> 00:04:04,019

complexities here if you lost money

76
00:04:11,729 --> 00:04:09,190
you're blaming the casinos what would be

77
00:04:16,949 --> 00:04:11,739
your motive how would you awkwardly

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00:04:21,320 --> 00:04:16,959
divert that you know but you can create

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00:04:25,620 --> 00:04:21,330
a massive massive violent attack in

80
00:04:26,490 --> 00:04:25,630
which they would lose revenue for a long

81
00:04:28,650 --> 00:04:26,500
time

82
00:04:30,450 --> 00:04:28,660
but people wouldn't want to go there and

83
00:04:34,320 --> 00:04:30,460
gambol you wouldn't want to go there and

84
00:04:35,820 --> 00:04:34,330
visit because it's dangerous it's

85
00:04:36,990 --> 00:04:35,830
horrible thoughts think about this

86
00:04:37,980 --> 00:04:37,000
killing that happened to right across

87
00:04:43,790 --> 00:04:37,990
the street

88
00:04:48,390 --> 00:04:43,800

well that's what happened so afterwards

89
00:04:52,350 --> 00:04:48,400
MGM stock tanked the gym only Mandalay

90
00:04:58,410 --> 00:04:52,360
Bay their stock tanked other casinos

91
00:05:03,090 --> 00:04:58,420
along the strip went down in GM got sued

92
00:05:06,120 --> 00:05:03,100
by victims and had to settle for eight

93
00:05:09,270 --> 00:05:06,130
hundred million dollars it took two

94
00:05:12,840 --> 00:05:09,280
years just to get back to the 95 percent

95
00:05:14,820 --> 00:05:12,850
level of the revenue that they had

96
00:05:17,160 --> 00:05:14,830
before the shooting I mean they really

97
00:05:18,990 --> 00:05:17,170
dragged for a long time the only thing

98
00:05:21,480 --> 00:05:19,000
that saved them were their conventions

99
00:05:24,000 --> 00:05:21,490
that when the largest convention been

100
00:05:26,100 --> 00:05:24,010
used in the world and the inventions

101
00:05:28,920 --> 00:05:26,110
kept them alive not the gambling and not

102
00:05:31,409 --> 00:05:28,930
the hotel rooms the hotel rates dropped

103
00:05:33,870 --> 00:05:31,419
tremendously people just didn't want to

104
00:05:38,120 --> 00:05:33,880
go there as well as the rest of the

105
00:05:42,390 --> 00:05:38,130
strip so that's a pretty powerful effect

106
00:05:46,200 --> 00:05:42,400
from an act and that's why I think it

107
00:05:48,120 --> 00:05:46,210
needs to be looked at I mean he he

108
00:05:51,120 --> 00:05:48,130
prepared this he sent his girlfriend off

109
00:05:53,490 --> 00:05:51,130
two weeks before beaver surprise ticket

110
00:05:54,960 --> 00:05:53,500
to the Philippines she left he sent her

111
00:05:58,080 --> 00:05:54,970
a hundred thousand dollars to buy a

112
00:05:59,909 --> 00:05:58,090
house there she was gone okay he started

113
00:06:02,760 --> 00:05:59,919

correcting everything before he went

114

00:06:07,050 --> 00:06:02,770

that's why we know it's suicide he paid

115

00:06:09,420 --> 00:06:07,060

off all the debts he had no debt if you

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00:06:10,830 --> 00:06:09,430

wanted to leave clean and when you're a

117

00:06:12,720 --> 00:06:10,840

gambler that's just the way you out

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00:06:15,990 --> 00:06:12,730

great you don't have any decks you want

119

00:06:20,220 --> 00:06:16,000

to keep the debt free so he prepared

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00:06:23,370 --> 00:06:20,230

this and if I'm correct and I don't know

121

00:06:25,530 --> 00:06:23,380

Cheyenne I practice that you wanted to

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00:06:27,510 --> 00:06:25,540

make like you want make this look like

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00:06:29,460 --> 00:06:27,520

the most violent act in the world that

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00:06:31,920 --> 00:06:29,470

many people could have been

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00:06:35,130 --> 00:06:31,930

participating so you don't bring two

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00:06:38,820 --> 00:06:35,140

guns you bring 20 some-odd weapons and

127

00:06:39,909 --> 00:06:38,830

put them in the room you put ammonium

128

00:06:42,279 --> 00:06:39,919

nitrate fertile

129

00:06:45,489 --> 00:06:42,289

which leaders as an explosive in your

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00:06:50,469 --> 00:06:45,499

trunk he put additional 13 rounds of

131

00:06:54,100 --> 00:06:50,479

ammo you shoot the deer by kerosene

132

00:06:55,600 --> 00:06:54,110

tanks that were within reach fortunately

133

00:06:57,279 --> 00:06:55,610

didn't explode because it's kerosene

134

00:06:59,830 --> 00:06:57,289

they don't do that like gasoline and

135

00:07:02,800 --> 00:06:59,840

then you create this vicious horrible

136

00:07:07,779 --> 00:07:02,810

act that's going to keep people away for

137

00:07:09,909 --> 00:07:07,789

a very long time to get back so I'm not

138

00:07:11,559 --> 00:07:09,919

saying that's what happened I'm saying

139

00:07:14,769 --> 00:07:11,569

that that's a motive I think that has

140

00:07:16,390 --> 00:07:14,779

not been really looked at and I think it

141

00:07:19,659 --> 00:07:16,400

makes there's a better case for that

142

00:07:23,679 --> 00:07:19,669

than thinking gee he's thinking that

143

00:07:25,749 --> 00:07:23,689

this bank robber father in the 60s and

144

00:07:27,790 --> 00:07:25,759

just wants to make a name for himself a

145

00:07:32,309 --> 00:07:27,800

person he wants to make a name for

146

00:07:36,360 --> 00:07:32,319

himself usually leaves a manifesto or a

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00:07:39,329 --> 00:07:36,370

suicide note or makes it known somehow

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00:07:42,700 --> 00:07:39,339

he just wanted to complete the act and

149

00:07:47,679 --> 00:07:42,710

leave that way in leaving damage in the

150

00:07:49,709 --> 00:07:47,689

lake that's one way I see it yeah I

151
00:07:54,070 --> 00:07:49,719
certainly agree with much of what you

152
00:07:56,439 --> 00:07:54,080
say it certainly seems as if his

153
00:07:59,230 --> 00:07:56,449
gambling had turned south he went from

154
00:08:01,749 --> 00:07:59,240
being a fairly consistent winner to a

155
00:08:06,040 --> 00:08:01,759
very consistent loser and that's going

156
00:08:07,450 --> 00:08:06,050
to play on your emotions and your mental

157
00:08:09,040 --> 00:08:07,460
health to extent that he had any

158
00:08:12,100 --> 00:08:09,050
weaknesses in his mental health we know

159
00:08:14,320 --> 00:08:12,110
that he was prescribed some medications

160
00:08:16,480 --> 00:08:14,330
by his doctor we also know that his

161
00:08:18,369 --> 00:08:16,490
father was a well-known psychopath

162
00:08:21,700 --> 00:08:18,379
sociopath whatever you want to call it

163
00:08:24,369 --> 00:08:21,710

yeah and you also have eyebrow I'd be

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00:08:28,360 --> 00:08:24,379

curious to know do you think it's

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00:08:31,450 --> 00:08:28,370

possible that paddock may have been

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00:08:34,389 --> 00:08:31,460

slightly autistic you know he was a math

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00:08:36,130 --> 00:08:34,399

whiz apparently and hence the reason why

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00:08:39,100 --> 00:08:36,140

he was able to be successful at the

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00:08:40,810 --> 00:08:39,110

machines but to be so glued in and

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00:08:43,870 --> 00:08:40,820

focused on those machines for such an

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00:08:46,900 --> 00:08:43,880

extended period of time in playing math

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00:08:48,550 --> 00:08:46,910

playing the games to perfection which is

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00:08:50,860 --> 00:08:48,560

what you need to do to be successful at

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00:08:52,030 --> 00:08:50,870

those poker games I'm wondering if you

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00:08:54,040 --> 00:08:52,040

think the

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00:08:57,160 --> 00:08:54,050

being slightly autistic could also have

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00:08:59,370 --> 00:08:57,170

played in well that's interesting you

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00:09:03,570 --> 00:08:59,380

can look at this as some characteristics

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00:09:06,070 --> 00:09:03,580

you know where he was attached however

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00:09:08,890 --> 00:09:06,080

there was no diagnosis of that in the

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00:09:13,480 --> 00:09:08,900

past the doctors had said he appeared to

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00:09:15,300 --> 00:09:13,490

be lone but he was described as having a

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00:09:18,220 --> 00:09:15,310

condition called alexithymia

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00:09:21,550 --> 00:09:18,230

it's not a diagnosis it's a condition

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00:09:25,510 --> 00:09:21,560

and it basically means you can't

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00:09:27,280 --> 00:09:25,520

describe yourself there's no story about

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00:09:29,890 --> 00:09:27,290

yourself you just don't know you don't

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00:09:32,260 --> 00:09:29,900

have any insight you can't introspect

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00:09:36,070 --> 00:09:32,270

and say what's wrong now that leaves you

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00:09:37,870 --> 00:09:36,080

kind of cold and you know uncaring about

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00:09:43,000 --> 00:09:37,880

other people which allows you to create

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00:09:44,890 --> 00:09:43,010

an act like this so he obviously was

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00:09:48,340 --> 00:09:44,900

despondent he was described at the

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00:09:49,990 --> 00:09:48,350

sonnet because he basically had lost so

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00:09:52,150 --> 00:09:50,000

much money and money meant a lot to this

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00:09:54,940 --> 00:09:52,160

guy he worked hard to do it he was a

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00:09:57,520 --> 00:09:54,950

smart guy he had a degree in Business

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00:09:58,000 --> 00:09:57,530

Administration and he worked for the

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00:10:01,420 --> 00:09:58,010

government

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00:10:06,370 --> 00:10:01,430

he was an IRS agent as well and he was

201
00:10:10,690 --> 00:10:06,380
an auditor of government contracts but

202
00:10:12,130 --> 00:10:10,700
he never had any legal problems didn't

203
00:10:14,890 --> 00:10:12,140
get in trouble with the law

204
00:10:17,560 --> 00:10:14,900
he kept pretty much to himself money

205
00:10:20,380 --> 00:10:17,570
seemed to be his focus he bragged about

206
00:10:23,200 --> 00:10:20,390
it he bragged about having algorithms

207
00:10:25,840 --> 00:10:23,210
that would allow him his outer image

208
00:10:28,090 --> 00:10:25,850
that would allow him to win at video

209
00:10:30,970 --> 00:10:28,100
poker which probably was true it's hit

210
00:10:33,430 --> 00:10:30,980
rate was pretty good for a long time he

211
00:10:35,140 --> 00:10:33,440
amassed quite a bit of money but he also

212
00:10:39,070 --> 00:10:35,150
amassed money you know working with his

213
00:10:41,050 --> 00:10:39,080

brother with real estate but that all

214

00:10:43,660 --> 00:10:41,060

kind of went away the last couple years

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00:10:45,520 --> 00:10:43,670

and that's that that means so much to

216

00:10:47,860 --> 00:10:45,530

you well what's interesting to me with

217

00:10:49,600 --> 00:10:47,870

what I'm saying why did he just turn the

218

00:10:53,980 --> 00:10:49,610

gun around and start shooting inside of

219

00:10:58,540 --> 00:10:53,990

a casino because he loved the casino

220

00:11:01,830 --> 00:10:58,550

people you know there are some I think

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00:11:04,600 --> 00:11:01,840

some feeling based on his background of

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00:11:05,910 --> 00:11:04,610

wanting to go to these casinos and play

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00:11:08,639 --> 00:11:05,920

video poker my god

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00:11:11,850 --> 00:11:08,649

could have played it at home but he had

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00:11:13,639 --> 00:11:11,860

to be in that environment and wanted to

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00:11:16,829 --> 00:11:13,649

be very much a part of that environment

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00:11:19,590 --> 00:11:16,839

but the casino leadership and senior

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00:11:23,790 --> 00:11:19,600

casino management and ownership that's

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00:11:25,379 --> 00:11:23,800

different and if I'm saying it's true

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00:11:28,470 --> 00:11:25,389

that I'm not saying it is it's just

231

00:11:30,629 --> 00:11:28,480

another possibility I think that should

232

00:11:33,689 --> 00:11:30,639

be explored yeah well I think you

233

00:11:34,350 --> 00:11:33,699

certainly liked being treated as someone

234

00:11:36,090 --> 00:11:34,360

special

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00:11:38,340 --> 00:11:36,100

I think you liked being treated as

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00:11:40,620 --> 00:11:38,350

someone special and in that you feel

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00:11:43,650 --> 00:11:40,630

when you're a VIP at a casino I mean

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00:11:45,449 --> 00:11:43,660

even more so probably than at being a

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00:11:47,670 --> 00:11:45,459

VIP at any other Hotel you've got both

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00:11:49,290 --> 00:11:47,680

the hotel that you're a VIP yet he had

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00:11:50,610 --> 00:11:49,300

the casino that you're a VIP had in

242

00:11:52,350 --> 00:11:50,620

every restaurant at the casino that

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00:11:57,000 --> 00:11:52,360

you're a VIP at so you get to feel like

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00:11:59,730 --> 00:11:57,010

a big shot and they gave him the rooms

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00:12:01,590 --> 00:11:59,740

he got the rooms free right because he

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00:12:04,290 --> 00:12:01,600

was a good customer right now that the

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00:12:07,350 --> 00:12:04,300

rooms free food free yeah porting your

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00:12:09,480 --> 00:12:07,360

theory I think is the fact that it's my

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00:12:11,340 --> 00:12:09,490

understanding that whether it was

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00:12:14,310 --> 00:12:11,350

directly in response to his success or

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00:12:17,250 --> 00:12:14,320

not that the casino had tightened up

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00:12:19,740 --> 00:12:17,260

things a bit you know he relied on two

253

00:12:21,900 --> 00:12:19,750

things he relied on relatively loose

254

00:12:24,509 --> 00:12:21,910

machines with a very high payback

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00:12:27,840 --> 00:12:24,519

percentage not over a hundred percent

256

00:12:29,449 --> 00:12:27,850

but very close to it and then the perks

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00:12:32,040 --> 00:12:29,459

that you get because you get cash back

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00:12:34,680 --> 00:12:32,050

with your players card and when you can

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00:12:37,439 --> 00:12:34,690

combine your cash back with the high

260

00:12:39,900 --> 00:12:37,449

payouts believe it or not

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00:12:41,910 --> 00:12:39,910

the payout on a video poker machine a

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00:12:43,470 --> 00:12:41,920

high dollar machine can actually be over

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00:12:46,139 --> 00:12:43,480

a hundred percent and I think that's

264

00:12:48,870 --> 00:12:46,149

what he probably was exploiting but that

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00:12:52,139 --> 00:12:48,880

they had dialed some of those levers

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00:12:55,230 --> 00:12:52,149

back and that would be something that

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00:12:58,019 --> 00:12:55,240

would cause him to think hey yeah you

268

00:13:01,470 --> 00:12:58,029

you a-holes look what you did to me you

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00:13:06,540 --> 00:13:01,480

know yeah finally some people bear-bear

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00:13:09,170 --> 00:13:06,550

I've lost be cognitive exactly finally

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00:13:14,340 --> 00:13:09,180

someone is able to win in your casino

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00:13:16,769 --> 00:13:14,350

right now in a way in a smart way now on

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00:13:18,480 --> 00:13:16,779

the other side though you have to take

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00:13:20,329 --> 00:13:18,490

into consideration that

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00:13:23,639 --> 00:13:20,339

apparently he also scoped out

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00:13:26,250 --> 00:13:23,649

Lollapalooza festival in Chicago in

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00:13:28,620 --> 00:13:26,260

actually supposedly rented a room with a

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00:13:31,199 --> 00:13:28,630

view that supposedly he canceled and

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00:13:33,000 --> 00:13:31,209

then on his computer there was Google

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00:13:37,650 --> 00:13:33,010

searches about Santa Monica Pier and I

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00:13:40,710 --> 00:13:37,660

think Fenway Park yes yes but you know

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00:13:42,650 --> 00:13:40,720

as a good strategist which as we can

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00:13:45,690 --> 00:13:42,660

assume he kind of was I mean keeping

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00:13:48,449 --> 00:13:45,700

notes in his room before the shooting on

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00:13:51,570 --> 00:13:48,459

the wind direction and the trajectory

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00:13:53,850 --> 00:13:51,580

that the the ammunition would be taking

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00:13:56,730 --> 00:13:53,860

when fired shows that it really thought

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00:13:59,100 --> 00:13:56,740

these things out and as we know about

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00:14:02,490 --> 00:13:59,110

most that Matt's victim attacks

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00:14:05,730 --> 00:14:02,500

typically terrorism is you have a lot of