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ON WEDNESDAY PRIOR TO THE 1st DONNA SHEA CAME TO MY OFFICE AT 197 QUINCY AVE IN BRAINTREE AND WANTED TO GET THE REMOTE CONTROL CAR THAT WE HAD SPOKEN ABOUT A FEW DAYS EARLIER. DONNA AND I WENT TO THE RADIO SHACK ON QUINCY AVE IN QUINCY AND BOUGHT A \$20.00 DOLLAR REMOTE CONTROL CAR. IT WAS THE TYPE THAT WOULD HAVE A 50 TO 100 FOOT RANGE. BOTH DONNA AND I WENT INTO THE STORE, PICKED THE FIRST CHEAP REMOTE CONTROL CAR THAT WE SAW (SINCE I WAS NOT SURE I COULD EVEN MAKE SOMETHING OUT OF THE REMOTE CAR SYSTEM AND HAD MENTIONED THIS TO DONNA, SHE DID NOT WANT TO SPEND A LOT OF MONEY ON SOMETHING THAT MAY OR MAY NOT WORK). WE BOTH WENT UP TO THE COUNTER, DONNA HANDED THE CLERK THE MONEY TO PURCHASE THE CAR.

THIS WAS AT A POINT IN TIME WHEN RADIO SHACK DID NOT HAVE THEIR POINT OF SALE COMPUTERS AND BACK IN 86, FOR SMALL PURCHASES, THE SALESMAN WOULD NOT ASK FOR NAME AND ADDRESS.

DONNA THEN TOOK ME BACK TO MY OFFICE AND SAID SHE WAS GOING HOME, ME TAKING THE MODEL CAR. AFTER THAT I WENT BACK TO 35 UNION STREET FROM MY OFFICE IN BRAINTREE. WHEN I GOT HOME, BOB WAS THERE AND HE WANTED TO PLAY WITH THE TOY CAR, SO HE PUT THE BATTERIES IN THE MODEL CAR AND BOB AND I PLAYED WITH IT THAT NIGHT. SOME PEOPLE CAME OVER AND ALSO PLAYED WITH IT THAT EVENING. A BILL MILLER WAS ONE OF THE PEOPLE WHO PLAYED WITH IT. BILL MILLER'S NUMBER IS 770-3945. THIS WENT ON FOR A COUPLE OF NIGHTS.

ON SUNDAY AROUND 12:00 NOON DONNA CALLED ON THE PHONE AND INVITED BOB CRAIG AND I TO A COOKOUT AND SHE TOLD ME TO BRING THE REMOTE CONTROL CAR.

WHEN WE ARRIVED, AROUND 2:00 PM, DONNA WAS UPSET THAT I HAD NOT BUILT THE CONTROLLER. BOB AND I PLAYED WITH THE CAR IN THE DRIVEWAY FOR AWHILE. DONNA THEN DEMANDED THAT I START BUILDING THE REMOTE SO THAT THE DEVICE COULD BE SET OFF.

PRESENT WERE:

DONNA SHEA
JOHN SHEA
JENNIFER SHEA - DONNA'S DAUGHTER AGE 10 OR 11
NICOLE SHEA - DONNA'S DAUGHTER AGE 1 OR 2
MARYANNE LEACH - DONNA'S SISTER
TODD LEACH AGE 11 - MARYANNE'S SON
DONNA'S MOTHER (STILL AT 247A LAKE ST, WEYMOUTH)
DAVID NOONAN - MARYANNE'S BOYFRIEND
BOB CRAIG - MY ROOMATE
AND OTHER NEIGHBORS (NAMES UNKNOWN TO ME)

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AT THIS POINT, AROUND 2:30 PM, MY CAR PARKED IN THE PARKING LOT, NEXT TO DONNA'S HOUSE, ON THE HOOD OF MY CAR, NEXT TO WHERE EVERYONE WAS SITTING, I BROKE APART THE CAR TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE REMOTE CONTROL CIRCUIT BOARD, LEAVING ALL THE WIRES CONNECTED TO WHATEVER THEY CONTROLLED SO THAT I COULD TAKE VOLTAGE READINGS AS I ACTIVATED THE REMOTE CONTROL TRANSMITTER. TODD LEACH WATCHED AND ASKED WHAT HE COULD DO TO HELP.

TODD LEACH WAS WATCHING ME WHILE EVERYONE ELSE WAS SITTING ABOUT TWENY FEET AWAY INCLUDING BOB CRAIG.

I FOUND A COUPLE OF WIRES THAT WOULD HAVE NO VOLTAGE IF THE TRANSMITTER CONTROL BUTTON WAS NOT PRESSED AND VOLTAGE IF THE TRANSMITTER CONTROL BUTTON WAS PRESSED. HOWEVER, I WAS TOLD BY DONNA, WHO SAID THAT HER FRIEND, PEG LEG, TOLD HER THAT THE SIMULATOR REQUIRED 12 VOLTS TO SET IT OFF. THE VOLTAGE COMMING OUT OF THE RECEIVER WAS ONLY ABOUT THREE VOLTS. I THEN TOLD DONNA THAT I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE THIS WORK. SHE ASKED ME WHAT WOULD BE NEEDED AND I TOLD HER THAT I MAY BE ABLE TO HOOK UP A RELAY BUT I WOULD NEED ANOTHER POWER SOURCE TO MAKE UP THE 12 VOLTS. SHE ASKED IF A CAMERA BATTERY WOULD BE ENOUGH POWER BECAUSE HER BATTERIES FOR HER CAMERA WERE 6 VOLTS. I TOLD HER THAT WE WOULD NEED TWO OF THEM TO MAKE IT WORK. BUT FIRST I TOLD HER THAT I HAD TO MAKE SURE THAT I COULD EVEN CONTROL A RELAY WITH THE REMOTE CONTROL.

AT THIS POINT I LOOKED THROUGH MY SPARE PARTS SUPPLY, WHICH I HAD IN MY CAR FROM A PREVIOUS JOB, AND FOUND A RELAY. I THEN LOOSELY ATTACHED THE WIRES FROM THE RECIEVER UNIT TO THE RELAY, THEN, USING CLIP LEADS, ATTACHED MY VOLT OHM METER (IN THE 200 OHM RANGE-RESISTANCE) TO THE SWITCHED PART OF THE RELAY TO SEE IF THE RECEIVER WOULD CAUSE THE RELAY TO ACTIVATE. THIS WORKED. BOTH BOB AND TODD WERE WATCHING ME.

THE NEXT THING I DID WAS TO SEE HOW FAR THE TRANSMITTER WOULD WORK FROM THE RECEIVER AFTER ADDING A LONG LENGTH OF WIRE (SINCE PLAYING WITH THE CAR IT ONLY SEEMED TO WORK ABOUT 50 TO 70 FEET AWAY). I THEN HANDED THE TRANSMITTER TO TODD LEACH AND TOLD HIM TO WALK AWAY TO THE END OF THE PARKING LOT AND PRESS THE TRANSMITTER. THIS WOULD BARELY WORK AT A 100 FOOT DISTANCE. BUT THEN THE NEXT PROBLEM WAS THAT THE RELAY WOULD SWITCH WITHOUT ANYONE PRESSING THE TRANSMITTER.

SO AT THIS POINT I ADDED A RESISTOR IN SERIES WITH THE RELAY TO BLEED OFF THE EXCESS CURRENT SO THAT THE RELAY WOULD NOT TRIP. THIS HELPED BUT THE RALAY WOULD STILL TRIP ON OCCASION.

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I THEN TOOK A LIGHT BULB FROM MY SPARE PARTS SUPPLY AND CONNECTED IT TO THE RELAY SO THAT I COULD MONITOR HOW MANY TIMES THE RECEIVER WOULD GO OFF BY ITSELF AND SEE HOW FAR I COULD WALK AWAY FROM THE RECEIVER AND STILL BE ABLE TO CONTROL IT, ALSO, SINCE THE FALSE RECEIVER ACTION WAS SO QUICK, MY VOLT METER HAD A DIFFICULT TIME READING SUCH A QUICK ON-OFF-ON ACTION. THIS ENABLED ME TO BE AROUND 50 FEET AWAY AND MONITOR THE RESULTS. I TOLD DONNA THAT I MADE IT WORK BUT THAT IT WAS NOT THAT RELIABLE AND THAT IF WE HOOKED UP THE SIMULATOR IT COULD GO OFF AT ANY TIME. DONNA TOLD ME THAT THE SIMULATOR COULD NOT GO OFF UNLESS THE SAFETY CAP WAS PULLED. SO WITH THIS IN MIND, COMBINED WITH THE FACT THAT THE WIRES THAT WERE ATTACHED TO THE SIMULATOR WERE ALMOST 20 INCHES LONG, THE SAFETY CAP COULD BE PULLED FROM A SAFE DISTANCE (SHOULD THE SIMULATOR GO OFF).

I NEEDED MY SOLDERING IRON SO I BORROWED AN EXTENSION CORD FROM JOHN SHEA, HE PLUGGED IT AT HIS HOUSE AND RAN THE CORD OUT TO WHERE I WAS BY THE HOOD OF MY CAR. I THEN PLUGGED MY SOLDERING IRON IN. I THEN STARTED TO SOLDER THE WIRES FROM THE RECEIVER TO THE RELAY. (BOB AND TODD WATCHING OFF AND ON) DONNA WENT TO THE CAMERA STORE TO GET THE TWO 6 VOLT BATTERIES. WHEN SHE ARRIVED SHE GAVE ME THE TWO BATTERIES. WHEN I SAW THEM I REALIZED THAT I WOULD NOW HAVE TO SOLDER THE WIRES TO THE BATTERY SINCE THE BATTERIES ONLY HAD SURFACE CONTACTS. SO NOW I GOT SOME SCRAPS OF WIRE THAT I HAD IN MY CAR AND SOLDERED WIRES TO THE RELAY AND TO THE BATTERIES.

AT THIS POINT I CONNECTED MY VOLT OHM METER TO THE BATTERY/RELAY CIRCUIT TO MAKE SURE THAT IT WORKED WHEN THE TRANSMITTER BUTTON WAS PRESSED. IT WORKED. AGAIN TODD STANDING NEXT TO ME, WATCHING MY EVERY MOVE.

AT THIS POINT I WAS READY FOR THE SIMULATOR. DONNA HANDED ME THE SIMULATOR. I THEN STRIPPED SOME OF THE INSULATION OFF OF THE SIMULATOR LEADS AND ATTACHED AND SOLDERED THE WIRES FROM THE RELAY / BATTERY CIRCUIT TO THE SIMULATOR.

I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE WAS NO WAY FOR THE SIMULATOR TO GO OFF ACCIDENTALLY SINCE THE SAFETY CAP ON THE SIMULATOR WAS LOOSE. I THEN FOUND A TOGGLE SWITCH IN MY SPARE PARTS COLLECTION AND SOLDERED MORE WIRE SCRAPS TO THE SWITCH CONTACTS. THEN I SOLDERED THE OTHER ENDS OF THE WIRES TO THE TWO SIMULATOR WIRES SO THAT WHEN THE SWITCH WAS IN THE 'ON' POSITION IT WOULD ACT AS A SHORT, BACKING UP THE SHORTING CAP, SHOULD IT FALL OFF.

NOW ALL THE CONNECTIONS I TAPED WITH ELECTRICAL TAPE

NOW WAS THE PROBLEM OF ATTACHING THIS DEVICE TO A METAL SURFACE. THE ONLY WAY WE COULD FIGURE IT WAS TO USE A MAGNET. WELL, IN THE PARKING LOT WAS A DISCARDED SPEAKER. IT

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COULD NOT BE USED IN THE FORM THAT I SAW IT SO I TOLD TODD LEACH TO BREAK THE MAGNET APART FROM THE REST OF THE SPEAKER

(IT WAS A CAR STEREO SPEAKER, I REMEMBER IT WAS A JENSON SPEAKER, A VERY COMMON CAR STEREO SPEAKER).

AFTER TODD BROKE APART THE SPEAKER HE HANDED IT TO ME. I THEN HAD TO INSULATE THE BOTTOM OF THE RECEIVER CIRCUIT BOARD FROM THE METAL SURFACE OF THE MAGNET. I TOOK SOME DUCT TAPE AND LAYERED IT ON ONE SIDE OF THE MAGNET. I PUT THE CIRCUIT BOARD, (CONTAINING 4 AA SIZE RAY-O-VAC BATTERIES IN THE TYCO BATTERY COMPARTMENT), ON TOP OF THE TAPE, ON TOP OF THE MAGNET THEN PUT THE TWO CAMERA BATTERIES NEXT TO THE RECEIVER CIRCUIT BOARD, THEN PUT THE RELAY NEXT TO THE TWO 6 VOLT BATTERIES THEN PUT THE SIMULATOR ON TOP OF THE RECEIVER AND BATTERIES AND WRAPPED THIS WHOLE MESS WITH DUCT TAPE, AT THIS POINT BOB CRAIG WAS HELPING ME TAPE THE DEVICE, LEAVING THE TOGGLE SWITCH HANGING OUT OF THE ASSEMBLY AS WELL AS THE WIRES FROM THE SIMULATOR WITH THE SHORTING CAP ON THE END, ALSO LEAVING AN ACCESS TO THE SLIDE SWITCH OF THE RECEIVER.

I THEN WENT OVER HOW THE DEVICE WORKED WITH JOHN, AND DONNA WITH BOB CRAIG, TODD LEACH, AND DAVID NOONAN ALL WATCHING.

AT THIS POINT DONNA GOT A CARDBOARD BOX AND PUT THE DEVICE IN IT AND PUT IT IN HER CAR SO THAT THE KIDS COULD NOT GET AT IT.

IT TOOK ME ALL OF AN HOUR AND A HALF TO PUT THIS WHOLE THING TOGETHER. WE ALL SAT DOWN AND ATE.

BOB AND I LEFT AND WENT BACK TO 35 UNION STREET FOR WHAT WE THOUGHT WAS THE NIGHT.

AS FOR BOB'S PARTICIPATION, THE ONLY THING HE HELPED ME WITH WAS WRAPPING THE DEVICE WITH TAPE AND OBSERVING SOME OF THE STEPS OF ME TESTING THE DEVICE BASICALLY WANTING NOTHING TO DO WITH THE THING.

TODD LEACH WAS VERY INTERESTED IN WHAT I WAS DOING ASKING TO HELP WHENEVER HE COULD. THE ONLY PART HE HAD IN THE BUILDING OF THE DEVICE WAS BREAKING APART THE MAGNET FOR ME AND PRESSING THE REMOTE CONTROL TRANSMITTER AT A SHORT DISTANCE. HE WAS NEVER IN MY CAR AT ANY POINT OF THAT DAY OR ANY OTHER DAY FOR THAT MATTER.

DONNA'S PART THIS DAY WAS TO GET THE 2 DURACELL BATTERIES FROM THE CAMERA STORE AND COOK HER FOOD FOR THE COOKOUT AS WELL AS THE MAIN INSTIGATOR OF THE WHOLE AFFAIR.

JOHN SHEA'S ONLY PARTICIPATION WAS RUNNING AN EXSTENSION CORD FOR MY SOLDERING IRON.

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MARYANNE AND DAVE WERE IN THEIR USUAL VEGITATIVE STATE.

AS FOR MY PART, THE ONLY THINGS THAT HAD TO BE PURCHASED WERE, THE REMOTE CONTROL MODEL CAR, WHICH DONNA SHEA AND I PURCHASED THE PREVIOUS WEDNESDAY AND THE TWO DURACELL CAMERA BATTERIES THAT DONNA PURCHASED ON THE AFTERNOON ON MY MAKING OF THIS DEVICE.

THE OTHER PARTS, WIRE, RELAY, TOGGLE SWITCH, ELECTRICAL TAPE AND DUCT TAPE, WERE ALL PARTS THAT I CARRIED AROUND WITH ME IN MY TOOL BOXES IN MY CAR. I NEVER HAD TO GO TO A STORE TO GET ANY FURTHER ITEMS FOR THIS DEVICE.

BOB CRAIG SHOULD REMEMBER HE AND I PLAYING WITH THE REMOTE CONTROL CAR AT OUR 35 UNION STREET APARTMENT, QUINCY.

* THERE WAS NO PREPARATION FOR MAKING THIS DEVICE PRIOR TO
* THE DAY I MADE IT. AS A MATTER OF FACT, THE 3 DAYS PRIOR
* TO MY MAKING OF THE DEVICE, BOB AND I WERE BUSY AT BOSTON
* UNIVERSITY PUTTING IN A MICROWAVE SYSTEM (THUR AUG 28,
* FRIDAY AUG 29 AND SAT AUG 30).

***** SEE '86-87 AT-A-GLANCE SCHEDUAL BOOK *****

AS YOU CAN SEE FROM MY '86 SCHEDUAL BOOK, I WAS FREE ON WEDNESDAY, WHICH USUALLY WOULD PUT ME IN THE OFFICE (197 QUINCY AVE, BRAINTREE)

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DURING 1986 DONNA HAS PROBLEMS WITH CAPEWAY FISH

DURING ONE OF BOB AND MINE'S VISIT TO DONNA'S HOUSE SHE VOICED HER ANGER AT THE OWNERS OF THE FISH COMPANY AND WANTED TO GET BACK AT THEM OR AT LEAST SCARE THEM THE SAME WAY THAT THEY SCARED DONNA'S KIDS. DONNA THEN WENT TO THE BACK ROOM OF HER BASEMENT AND SHOWED BOB AND I THE FLASH SIMULATOR, WHICH SHE HAD SHOWED BOB AND I BEFORE, AND ASKED HOW IT COULD BE SET OFF. I TOLD HER I HAD NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THAT BEFORE AND HAD NO IDEA HOW TO SET IT OFF. AT THIS POINT THE DISCUSSION WAS DROPPED. THIS WAS PROBABLY A MONTH OR SO BEFORE I BECAME INVOLVED.

ABOUT A WEEK OR SO BEFORE I MADE THE DEVICE, DONNA TOLD ME SHE HAD SPOKEN TO 'PEG LEG' WHO SHE SAID HAD ORIGINALLY GIVEN HER THE SIMULATOR. SHE TOLD ME THAT HE SAID THAT THE SIMULATOR WAS SET OFF BY ATTACHING 12 VOLTS TO THE WIRES THAT CAME OUT OF THE TOP OF THE WHITE PLASTIC CONTAINER. SHE THEN ASKED ME HOW WOULD WE GO ABOUT SETTING THIS OFF WITHOUT GETTING CAUGHT. AT THIS POINT I TOLD HER THAT I HAD NO IDEA, OTHER THAN CARRYING A BATTERY WITH LONG WIRES AND A SWITCH. SHE TOLD ME TO THINK ABOUT IT, HOW TO SET THIS THING OFF, WHICH, AT THE TIME I DID NOT TAKE HER SERIOUSLY.

SUBSEQUENT TO THE ABOVE VISIT, BOB AND I WERE AGAIN AT DONNA'S HOUSE. DONNA KEPT ON PRODDING ME FOR AN ANSWER ON HOW TO SET OFF THE SIMULATOR FROM A DISTANCE. I THEN SAID THAT IT COULD PROBABLY BE DONE BY REMOTE CONTROL BUT I DID NOT HAVE ANY EXPERIENCE WITH THAT SORT OF THING. THIS HAD NOE BECOME AN OBSESSION OF DONNA'S AND EVERY OTHER TOPIC HAD TO DO WITH SETTING OFF THIS SIMULATOR.

THEN IT WAS THAT WEDNESDAY THAT DONNA CAME BY MY OFFICE AND WANTED ME TO GO FOR A RIDE TO RADIO SHACK TO LOOK AT REMOTE CONTROL CARS AS WELL AS GO FOOD SHOPPING WITH HER FOR THE WEEKEND COOKOUT. THAT BRINGS US TO THE SUNDAY WHEN I PUT THE DEVICE TOGETHER.

AFTER I HAD PUT THE DEVICE TOGETHER ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, BOB AND I WENT BACK TO OUR 35 UNION STREET APARTMENT FOR WHAT WE THOUGHT WAS THE NIGHT. AROUND 11:30 PM DONNA AND JOHN SHEA CAME BY OUR APARTMENT AND WANTED US TO GO WITH THEM FOR DRINKS AT THE SUN TUEY RESTAURANT ON CAMBRIDGE STREET IN BOSTON. ON THE WAY DONNA HAD JOHN GO BY WILLARD STREET WHERE THE CAPEWAY FISH OWNER LIVED TO SHOW EVERYONE WHERE THEY LIVED AND TO SEE IF THE TRUCK WAS PARKED THERE. IT WAS. WE DID NOT STOP. WE JUST WENT BY AND WENT TO TOWN. WE RETURNED FROM TOWN AROUND 1:30 AM AND JOHN WAS IN THE PROCESS OF DROPPING BOB AND I OFF AT OUR APARTMENT. DONNA, AT THIS POINT, ASKED WHO WOULD STICK THE DEVICE ON THE FISH TRUCK. WE ALL SAID NO. DONNA WENT BALLISTIC. SHE YELLED AT JOHN TO GO DO IT, AT WHICH POINT JOHN GOT IN HIS CAR AND SPUN HIS

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TIRES IN REVERSE AND STARTED TO MAKE A REAL SCENE WITH DONNA. SHE WOULD NOT STOP.

I MUST HAVE BEEN DRUNK AT THE TIME, (I WAS) I TOLD DONNA TO SHUT UP AND I WOULD GO DO IT. JOHN AND DONNA CALMED DOWN AND WENT IN WITH BOB TO OUR APARTMENT.

I THEN WENT TO WILLARD STREET WHERE THE TRUCK WAS PARKED. I PARKED AROUND THE CORNER. I GOT OUT AND WENT TO THE SIDE OF THE TRUCK. I PUT THE DEVICE ON THE FRAME, AWAY FROM THE GAS TANK OR ANY FUEL LINES (THE AREA WAS WELL LIT). I THREW THE TOGGLE SWITCH THEN RAN BACK TO MY CAR AND DROVE AWAY, PRESSING THE REMOTE CONTROL BUTTON AS I DROVE BY, BUT NOTHING HAPPENED. THEN I REMEMBERED THAT I HAD FORGOTTEN TO PULL THE SHORTING CAP.

I WENT BACK TO THE APARTMENT AND TOLD DONNA THAT IT DID NOT WORK BECAUSE I FORGOT TO PULL THE SHORTING CAP. I SAID THAT I HAD TO GO BACK TO SET IT OFF. I THEN WENT BACK, PARKED MY CAR IN THE SAME SPOT, WENT UP TO THE TRUCK AND PULLED THE SHORTING CAP (SHUNT) AND QUICKLY WALKED AWAY. BY THE TIME I GOT 75 FEET AWAY, THE DEVICE WENT OFF AND I DID NOT EVEN HAVE THE REMOTE CONTROL TRANSMITTED WITH ME, IT WAS IN THE CAR.

I THEN LEFT AND WENT BACK TO THE APARTMENT.