

Brandon Neely- Facebook

Oh yeah every day before...I guess what you would consider we had like a briefing. They would tell you where to work, what happened the night before, and right before the end, they'd just be like, "And remember these are the worst of the worst. These are the guys that would kill your family in a heartbeat. Have a good day." That was every day.

Interviewer: And when you started talking to the detainees, what made you start talking to them? How did that even happen?

Pretty much being bored. I know it was surprising to me to hear some of the guys speak English, speak English as good as I spoke. And then you would start talking to some of them, and you realize, like man, *this guy was doing the same thing I was doing just two weeks ago*. You know, like I spoke to Ruhai and like, we were talking about girls, nightclubs, it was just...music. And we had a lot of...you know we listen to a lot of the same music. And it was just...I mean this would be a guy that I would probably hang out with back in the States. But here he is in Guantanamo. But like, at the time I thought everybody there was guilty. So I was just like, "Ok, you're going to feed me a line of BS," but he had to do something to get here, so...

Interviewer: Are you in touch with other detainees today?

Yeah, I talk to Ruhai, Shafiq through Facebook and text message, you know maybe a couple times a week, once every other week. And we exchange photos of the kids, and I mean just normal conversation. I mean since we're past the whole awkward stage, I mean I would say that we're friends.

Interviewer: And do you think it's surprising to you that you're on Facebook with people who we used to lock up?

It was funny, because I hadn't been on Facebook long, and I...I can't remember. It was about the time I was doing some research on Guantanamo and saw the whole thing about the "Tipton Three." And I was like, *yeah, I remember those guys*. And I, just for kicks, I put in Shafiq's name, and there it was. It just popped up with his picture. And I said, "Man, no way this guy's on Facebook." So I sent him a message, and we just started talking through there. It's just weird. You can find everybody on Facebook now.