

## CHRIS LOWELL AND DETECTIVE THOMPSON VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS

5:26:36 - "I opened Josh's door and the lights were out completely, it was dark. I hit the second step, the lights went on immediately. And I came up around the bend of his room there. Adam was dressed in his underwear and a tanktop and Josh in shorts and a tanktop. Obviously, Adam came over there fully clothed, so obviously their intentions weren't to, uh. Josh had said that Adam had snuck into the house, but that's just bullshit."

5:27:10 - "Adam held the knife to Josh's neck and kind of had him around the neck and said, 'Call the police back and tell them it was a mistake or I'm gonna fucking kill him.'"

5:27:26 - "I said get the fuck out of this room several times, I said, 'Adam, I'm going no place, you're doing nothin' with that knife, you're not gonna stab anybody, you're all talk, you have no intentions of hurting anybody, and there is no way on God's green earth that I'm gonna move from this spot. I said (???) **I'm gonna come over there in a minute and knock you out.**' So I kind of slowly worked my way across the room. This has only been maybe 15 seconds, a step here, a step there. And then I think he pricked Josh once, a small stab, to let me know that he meant business. It wasn't a [violent stabbing motion], I mean if anything it was a [minor pricking motion] he held it up and pricked him, **so I didn't strike it as a threat. Bad that Josh was hurt, yes. So at that point I jumped Adam.**"

5:28:16 - "**I just went in there and jumped him**, and I went for his hand that had the knife in it, and I got it with my right and my left hand, and he managed to grab Josh, hit Josh as soon as he was leaving, and then he came down on me [motioning to left shoulder], although I barely remember that. I threw his arm up against the bookcase wall to try to lodge the knife from him. This was after Josh screamed the second time, so, it must've hurt. And I didn't know I was hit or bleeding, I didn't know until - so then **I grabbed Adam and I just threw him down on the bed and I had both hands around, with a death grip, around the wrist that he had the knife on, and I put my neck to his throat, to keep him placed. He started turning blue and he said 'They're gonna arrest you for murder, you're gonna kill me, I can't breathe,' he started choking a little bit. I said 'Good, you know it'll get you off my back, 'cause it'll be the best time I ever spent in jail, and I'm just knowing you're off the streets, or dead, so, you've caused my family enough misery.'**"

5:29:25 - "And he's like, you know, 'It's all your fault, it's all your fault,' and I kept trying to pry the knife from him, and at the same time I'm screaming for my wife Danielle because I need somebody's help to - you know, Adam, he - he's got the adrenaline rush to him, he's fight' me, so, and he's trying to bite at me too [biting movement]. He's trying to do whatever he can, you know, kick, but I must have screamed for Danielle ten or fifteen times. **And then I noticed I was bleeding, and**

**then I really got pissed off, and uh, I thought about taking my right hand and just pummel the shit out of his head until the knife came free**, but my better sense said that if I let go of his hand, he's gonna stab me again. So, all of this is going through my mind and then finally I hear the police come in, 'Police, police!' I said, 'I'm upstairs, help, please, he's got a knife.'"

5:30:40 - "And when Adam went to swing at me, after I kind of threw Josh out of the way, he told me he was gonna fucking kill me, and then fucking kill himself. I mean, he swung for my head, but he got my [indicates shoulder], it was kind of a dodge [stabbing/swinging head motion]."

5:31:00 - ("So, did you just take the one hit to the shoulder?") "Yep, that's it." ("Um, what kind of injury was it?") "It was a 3-inch wound. So I might need surgery." ("3 inches in length, 3 inches deep?") "3 inches deep. He actually got me deeper than he got Josh. Josh - Josh's wounds were, um, the one was just a little prick, you know, it was just a little entry wound, there was no pressure. The other one was more of a slashing down, not so much in, so it looked worse on the back, and it looked bloodier, but, I mean, my whole shoulder was bloody, and I didn't realize I'd lost so much blood, and, uh, it all happened so fast."

5:32:57 - "I had one-hundred percent confidence that (???) he is the king of the bluffer, the king of the liar, says he's gonna do this, gonna do that, he never does anything. He sent me ten suicide notes, says he's gonna kill himself if he doesn't get this or that. I don't answer his emails, it frustrates him. And he doesn't do any of that. **I had no belief in my mind, none whatsoever, that he was gonna harm Josh.**"

5:33:18 - "**I still don't think that he intended as much as he meant to, at first, but then when he saw that I was taking control of the situation, he made a last gash at Josh. I think he just lost it at that point.** And he told the cop that he was gonna - it doesn't matter if you get me, I'm gonna kill myself anyway, so, he, uh, I'm sure he said what he needed to to get into the psych ward instead of the jail."

5:33:42 - "Danielle and her kids have a PFA against him, I have a PFA against him. When he assaulted Josh last time he had conditions of release not to have contact with Josh."

5:34:24 - "**Josh was convicted of 3 counts of Gross Sexual Assault**, well those were the charges, they were reduced. But, he's been in a 3-year program down in South Portland, I take him every week...He's been seeing a specialist down there for over 3 years. The last part of the program he needs to write a letter to the victim...Zachary was my girlfriend's son, at the time, was five, and they don't think it was anything more than, just, you know, Josh is gay and he's a safer person to figure out if he is gay, if I do like it, then my 5-year-old brother [Josh was 11]...He wrote this letter to Zachary that says, 'Look it's not your fault, it's my fault.' Well, Adam got a copy of that letter and he posted it on MySpace. So now the whole

world can see it."

5:36:03 - "Adam's been a psycho, he sends me two emails a month. I report them but the DA won't do anything because they can't prove it's coming from Adam's email address. There's always a reason the DA can't do anything about it, it's kind of been impossible to deal with. The third time I went for a PFA, the fourth time I actually got it."

5:37:08 - "Our concern right now is not just Adam being free but, uh, we have real concerns about Adam's mother. She's nuttier than a fruitcake. She's driven Adam down to break the PFA on numerous occasions, she's been an accomplice to it. And, uh, she's called me during times when Adam's in jail, saying do this, do that, and get him out, or, I just won't have anything to do with her. Josh is terrified of what she's gonna do. She has a long collection. And my wife is staying at her mother's house tonight; she's terrified to stay home. So, um, I refuse to live in fear. That's just the way I am. If I knew the planes were going down September 11th, I still would have flown in them, given the terrorism. That's just not me, so I'm staying home tonight. Danielle's brother is gonna stay there and keep an eye out for things. But, um, I'm worried about the mother terribly, because every time Adam gets in trouble, she calls and says, can't we just work this out, just do this and that, and I don't talk to her. I've been told by the probation officer, by the lawyers, not to talk to her, not to give her the time of day, not to even listen to her, so I don't."

5:38:30 - "Adam's accused me of a million things. He's called DHS on me. He said I was an unfit parent...I was even supportive of his relationship with Adam, but Adam wen't nutso, and when the threats start comin', I take them seriously, **I could tell this kid was whack, anyway, a little obsessive, and I had to put a stop to it.** It was for my family's safety and for Josh's safety, and I know he can see it this time. **I had to put him [Josh] up in Mountain View [juvenile detention center] a couple times for breaking his conditions of release, but you know, if they taught him a lesson, tough love.**"

5:39:34 - "He's not finished - Josh is still under probation for illegal sexual contact, I believe it was 3 counts."

5:40:24 - "**[Josh] is a great liar. He's fooled therapists. He's fooled his family. We're all just tired. We just want Adam Flanders to go away forever.** And I'm not convinced this is going to be enough to put him away for a long time. His dad's got money. I don't know how safe we can feel...I'm just terribly concerned of once he gets out, what's gonna happen."

5:42:02 - "What are the charges going to be?" ("Right now we are leaning towards aggravated assault, and, uh, we've also got the --") "How about the attempted murder?" ("Attempted murder --") "He said he was gonna fucking kill me, before he swung the knife at me." ("It's gonna be discussed but I seriously doubt if that charge would be brought. That usually requires quite a substantial steps of planning, um.")

"How about the fact that he brought the knife over?" ("Again, it's his story that he carries this big knife for protection.") "That's ridiculous." ("Well, I have seen people carrying knives, you know, not necessarily a kitchen knife like that, you know, walk around with bowie knives, stuff like that, and you know, that's their thing, for protection, personal protection. But that's gonna be all placed in my report and we'll let the DA's Office decide whether or not they're gonna go with that.")

5:43:44 - "Is he gonna spend some time in jail?" ("I am hoping so.")

5:43:57 - "**Do I have any legal recourse? I mean, just off the record. Completely off the record.**" (Well, as far as legal recourse, um, there is restitution, 'cause there's obviously gonna be medical bills. Um, where Adam's an adult --) "But he's 20 and lives at home." ("Now I don't know if there's, if you have any recourse on that, um, I can't give legal advice.")

5:46:33 - "Is this gonna go to trial?" ("Oh, absolutely") "So there's gonna be a trial and I'll be a witness, or whatever." ("As far as the legal system goes, that's the course that this runs, unless something happens prior to, you know, if things are decided out of the courtroom"). "He can't plea his way out of this without my permission, right?" ("No, that's not usually the case.") "So he's gonna go to trial?" ("I would think so.") "And I have a right to be there?" ("Absolutely").

6:07:10 - "And what I'm worried about is his mother. I don't know what you guys can do about that. Can you interview her?" ("No, um, not at this, she has no involvement, he's an adult"). "She dropped him off in the past when --" ("That was in the past, uh, one thing that you could possibly pursue would be a modification of the protective order to have her included, or just do a whole 'nother protective order, um, listing her as a defendant.")

6:08:24 ("Um, I can actually give you a ride [home from the police station]").

6:08:38 - "Is this as exciting as it gets in Rockland? Yeah? I'd like to think so." [both laugh] ("Every now and then we get a little bit more excitement, but not too often.")