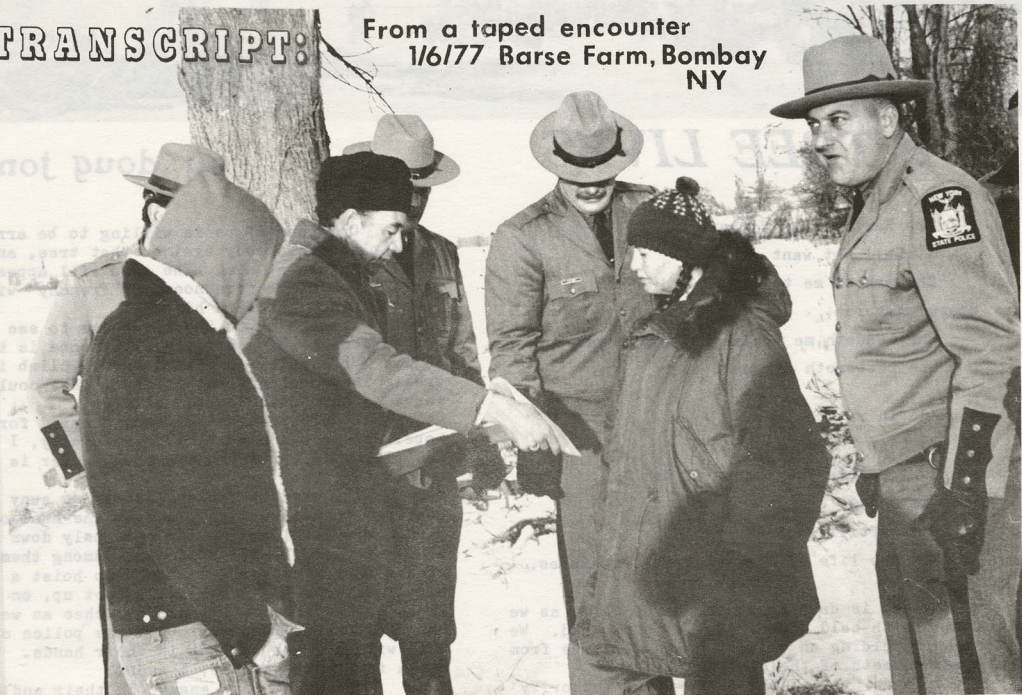


TRANSCRIPT:

From a taped encounter
1/6/77 Barse Farm, Bombay
NY



NEYLON JOHNSON(holding papers): I don't think you know who I am.
BETSY SIMONDS(venly): Yes, I know who you are.
NJ: All right, you're Mrs. Simonds.
BS: Yes, I'm Mrs. Simonds.
NJ: All right, then I'm going to have to arrest you, Mrs. Simonds.
BS: And what for? For telling you what the truth is?
NJ: This is...No - Here is the description of a person right here - I'm suppose to arrest. This is a bench warrant put out by Judge Lawrence...
BS: Boy he does things easily doesn't he?
NJ: A white female, face partially covered with a scarf and pulled up green parka - Now they have identified you by three men over here - You are the one that they describe in here who the injunction was served on this morning, right?
BS(seething): I was not given an injunction, no one even tried to give me an injunction this morning! I was standing away from the tree when injunctions were served this morning.
CLYDE MORSE(not pictured): You're confused with another lady who was just let out.
BS: He did not even try to give me an injunction this morning!
CM: He is confusing her with someone else.
NJ(questioning): Did she or did she not get an injunction?
BS: I was never handed an injunction, I was never even offered an injunction...
OFFICIAL OF POWER AUTHORITY(not pictured)(small squeaky voice): No...All right, all right...
UNIDENTIFIED MALE LAUGHTER.
BS: Yeah - He knows cause I was standing off to the other side of the tree when he did it...
NJ: No injunction...No arrest.
BS: That's right. (Sharply) Now that we settled that - are we going to straighten this thing out?
NJ: We can't straighten this thing out... (points to tree)
BS(loudly): Why? Are we too dumb?
NJ: No - The only way you are gonna get this straightened out is eventually that tree is going to go - it - that's - that's what they...
BS: It is not! He came and told Mrs. Barse - I stood right there beside her - That guy in the red jacket - John Pietras...
CM: We have a tape of him saying this.
BS: ...told her he had made arrangements to have that tree topped because she wanted it saved - and that's all they were going to do.
NJ: Would you be satisfied to have it topped?
CM: We'll have to ask Mrs. Barse that.
BS: We'll have to ask Mrs. Barse that.
STELLA BARSE'S SON(blue jeans): You've already taken care of mom. You've already put her in jail!
CM: They attempted to cut the bottom this morning.
BS: And you put her under a pretense! You've put her in jail under a big fat pretense! Because he promised not to cut the tree and he tried to cut it and she stopped him so you jailed her.
BARSE: Yup - so you threw her in jail with all your almighty powers.
NJ: I'll tell yuh...
BS: what?
NJ: All I can say is that we are ordered to do these things because we are law enforcement officers.
BARSE: Pass the buck.
NJ: ...and that is the reason we are here today.
CM: Cause you're paid!
NJ: Standing here like the rest of you freezing in the cold.
PROTESTOR(not pictured): And getting paid.
NJ: Right, right.
BARSE: And passing the buck...
2ND PROTESTOR(not pictured): And who's paying?
BS: You arrested them under a great big fat pretense because they set you up and you fell for it. And I hope when a nuclear plant melts down you're sitting on it.
BARSE: Pass the buck.
PROTESTOR: Pass the buck, sure.

(Police walk off)