The interview was conducted at a small café called the Pannikin in the Flower Hill Mall, located in Del Mar. Present during the interview was the Narrator, Stefan Nguyen, and myself. We followed protocol and signed all consent and release forms prior to beginning our interview, as well as, ordering something to drink and getting a small bite to eat.

Stefan came to the café quickly, because he was running behind schedule as he had been in business meetings all morning, and he didn’t want to keep me waiting. He seemed rushed, so I assured him that he could take his time, and could order whatever he wanted to eat or drink. Before we started the interview, I told him that he could continue talking and to take the lead of the conversation, since I would be mainly listening and writing notes. I ended up asking a lot of questions during the interview because I was nervous, and there were some long pauses. Stefan seemed very relaxed and was eager to answer my questions; moreover, he gave many examples of certain situations that have occurred lately to explain certain experiences about his past. At times, during a pause or while I was asking a question, Stefan would try and take a quick bite of his muffin before answering the following question, but Stefan was a pro, and didn’t seem nervous at all throughout the whole interview process. At one point, when Stefan was explaining his escape from Vietnam boat experience, I felt the mood had gotten a little down, so instead of making Stefan uncomfortable, I took the opportunity to ask different questions and discuss other things about his past. There were times that Stefan threw in some jokes while he was explaining his past experiences, and I didn’t catch on, but he would say “that was a joke” and I would shyly smile, because I believe he noticed I was listening too seriously. There was a point when Stefan was talking about how he likes to move around a lot and mentions that he is the Chinese animal: the Horse. I mouthed, that I am a Horse too, and he laughed at that, which I feel that since he was so comfortable during our interview process, we could have some laughs as well. Stefan was very focused during the interview, as I noticed many people walking by us, birds flying over and around our table, and I was a little distracted trying to make sure the recorder was still recording without any problems. However, nothing seemed to distract Stefan, as he was very much into the whole interview process. I asked him if there was anything else, or any other special memories
he would like to share, and he stated that he would have to reflect and think of more special memories for future references like this.

Because Stefan was on a time crunch, he looked at his phone a couple times during the first hour of our interview, and quietly mentioned he needed to pick up his daughter. So we ended the interview, and he said he hoped I got everything I needed while I kept thanking him for taking time out of his Saturday to meet with me.