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MILITARY SUSPECT'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Place: NCISRA GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA
Date: June 14, 2006

I, (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C), have been advised by (b)(7)(C) that I am suspected of failure to obey a direct order.

I have also been advised that:

1) I have the right to remain silent and make no statement at all;
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I understand my rights as related to me and as set forth above. With that understanding, I have decided that I do not desire to remain silent, consult with a retained or appointed lawyer, or have a lawyer present at this time. I make this decision freely and voluntarily. No threats or promises have been made to me.

Signature

Date & Time: 11/23, 143000G

Witnessed: (b)(7)(C)

Statement follows
I, [redacted], make the following free and voluntary statement to [redacted] whom I know to be a Representative of the United States Naval Criminal Investigative Service. I make this statement of my own free will and without any threats made to me or promises extended. I fully understand that this statement is given concerning my knowledge of the death of three detainees in Alpha Block.

For informational purposes, [redacted]

On 9 JUN 06, I was assigned guard duty in Alpha Block, Camp 1, of the Camp Delta Detention Facility. I was assigned to work from [redacted] 10 JUN 06. The Platoon Leader (PL) was [redacted] and the Sergeant of the Guard that night [redacted]. My block Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) was [redacted] and the other guards working with me were [redacted]. I am NCO Qualified along with [redacted]

Our platoon formed up for Guard Mount at the [redacted] at approximately 1715. [redacted] is rest area next to the Detainee Clinic. It has a camo cover for shade and this is where we meet prior to assuming the watch. At Guard Mount, we receive our assignments for that day and any changes of Guard Mount Messages and brief of that days events as it would effect our watch are relayed to us.

From there, we proceed to our watch stations and those personnel assigned to the Force Cell Extraction Team go to [redacted] to check our gear. [redacted] from my watch are assigned to this team. I arrived at Alpha block at approximately [redacted] and we assumed the watch at around [redacted] after a positive head count and inventory was conducted. All detainees were present and accounted for at that time. We were advised the Shower and Recreation area was closed for the detainees due to thunderstorms being in the area.

At approximately, 1800-1900 all of us served meals to the detainees. It normally takes about two hours from the time meals are issued to the time we finish trash pickup, which includes accounting for the detainees clamshell dish and spork. Detainees are allowed to have two non-perishable items in their cell. This can be two juices, one milk and cereal as long as they are closed containers. When handing out the food, [redacted] only took his milk. This was out of the ordinary because he stated me me that when the block is upset, he gets a stomachache and does not eat. We asked him why he was not eating and he did not say anything. Normally [redacted] talks to us a lot but this night, he only stared at us without saying anything. Detainees 93, 588 and 693 ate all their meals.
After the meals, there was detainee prayer call. This is normally after 1900. The prayer times are posted on the blocks and the call to prayer goes over the loudspeakers. The detainees normally start their prayers 10-15 minutes after that. Someone on the block will ask that we put out the prayer cone and then someone will lead the prayers. Following the fist prayer call, we picked up trash and it was taken off the block. The detainees sang after prayer call until the second prayer call that happens about 2105-2120. They sang again until about 2125-2130 I started sweeping from the rear end of the cell block toward the front when they started singing for the second time. I swept and finished sweeping before they stopped singing. I got all the numbers of the detainees who were not singing and who was leading the songs. I am positive that all three detainees were alive when I completed sweeping. This would have been shortly before 2130. I also saw that 0093 in cell A-8 had a sheet tied up that covered the left corner of his cell. This is very normal as the detainees only get to change their blanket once a month. They are allowed to wash their blankets and hang them up as long as they do no obstruct the view inside the cells. I went to the guard shack from there.

The guards were assigned watches for intervals. This night they were:

(b)(2)  
(b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7) (C)  

It is my understanding that changed watches with .

I walked the tier between cells from I looked in all the cells as I walked by. I always start on the left side walking from 1 – 24 and come back on the right side from 25-48. One if not both of the detainees in A-5 and A-12 were on the floor covered with a sheet. I do not remember looking at their bed since I did see one or both on the floor. I looked in cell A-8 and saw what I believed to be him sleeping in his bed under a blanket. We are not allowed to wake the detainees according to the SOG so I did not try to get his attention. He had a blanket tied across the corner of his room stretching from his window to the other cell wall. The view of his sink was covered but this is acceptable practice because the blanket did not restrict the view inside the cell from the tier.

During my watch, did a walk-through. I was approximately in the middle of the tier when they arrived. They came up behind and passed me. They walked to the end of the tier, turned around and walked back toward the guard shack. I do not know if they looked into each cell and by the time they passed me, they had passed cells A-5, A-8 and possibly A-12.

I was relieved at 2330 by I went to mid-rats with and I returned to Alpha Block at around 2340. Upon returning, I went into the guard shack and was there. I sat down for about 2 minutes and come in shouting something isn’t right, I opened up the kit and retrieved and gave the shears. We both ran out to A-8. were pounding on the door trying to get ISN 93’S attention. opened the bean hole hesitantly not knowing if 93 was
planning to grab him said not to put our hand in the bean hole while the detainee is sleeping. Recently got 3 counseling chits for waking up detainees at night because she couldn’t see the skin. Also, detainees have been faking code (b) in order to assault the guards. (b)10 opened the beanhole and yanked the blanket off the rack. Under it were clothes that had been put there to represent a human form. I opened A-7, which was empty and (b)10 and I jumped on the bed and tried to get a visual of where 93 was. (b)10 was able to push the sheet aside and saw him hanging by his neck. We jumped down and I unlocked A-8 and (b)10 went in first followed by (b)6 (b)7(C) grabbed 93 and picked him up and HUNT cut the braided rope made from sheets from the cell wall. We carried 93 out of the cell and placed him on the deck of the tier. Someone put arm shackles on him and I put leg shackles on. I observed (b)6 and (b)7(C) try to pull of sheet form 93’s mouth but they were not able to. (b)10 got a backboard and (b)3 and (b)3 tried to obtain a pulse but there was none. I saw what appeared to be urine spots on the front of 93’s pants. His fingers were discolored a light blue. His eyes were wide open and his face was not discolored. I touched him and he was cool. We transported 93 to medical and when we got there we pounded on the door. I opened the door and screamed “we got something serious”. People were casually walking out of random rooms and slowly putting on their stab vests and blouses. They didn’t even know what room to put him in. They appeared to be more interested in just looking at him than trying to help. I told them they needed to remove the rag from his mouth and that we had already tried. Told us to get back to Alpha Block. I ran straight to the block. and (b)3 brought two more backboards from medical to Alpha Block.

Upon arriving back at Alpha Block, I ran down to A-12 and opened the door because said the detainee was not in his cell. I don’t know who took the detainee down but I think I used the shears to cut him down. I do remember 588 having a mask made from sheets that was in him mouth and wrapped around his head. helped me take the mask from his head. I did not get a good view as there were a lot of people in the cell working on 588. I said someone needs to walk the block and I was told to walk toward the end of the tier when I heard Alpha 5. I ran that way and shouted five is down. There were escorts there so I opened the door. Someone shouted we need shears so I ran to Block and when I got back, detainee 693 had already been cut down and was ready to be transported to medical. I began walking to tier looking for others. I told all the detainees to take down anything hanging and woke them all up.

I am not surprised this incident happened and it could have been prevented. We guards have complained to our chain of command that the detainees should not be allowed to have anything hanging in their cells but we were only allowed to instruct them to remove items from the door. In March 2006, CAMP 1 AOIC told us at evening Guard Mount that “The SOP is only a guideline and to use common sense and to not take anything from the detainees that wasn’t necessary like extra sheets, blankets, linen and food and to not disturb them”.

This statement, consisting of this page and 3 other page(s) was typed for me as we discussed its contents. I have read and understand the above statement. I have been given the opportunity to make any changes or corrections I desire to make and have placed my initials over the changes or corrections. This statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Continuation of voluntary sworn statement of [redacted] on June 15, 2006

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of [redacted] in the year 2006 at

Witnessed: [redacted]  

Representative, Naval Criminal Investigative Service  
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MILITARY SUSPECT'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Place: NCISRU Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
Date: June 14, 2006

I have been advised by that I am suspected of providing a false official statement.

I have also been advised that:

1. I have the right to remain silent and make no statement at all;
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4. I have the right to have my retained lawyer and/or appointed military lawyer present during this interview; and
5. I may terminate this interview at any time, for any reason.

I understand my rights as related to me and as set forth above. With that understanding, I have decided that I do not desire to remain silent, consult with a retained or appointed lawyer, or have a lawyer present at this time. I make this decision freely and voluntarily. No threats or promises have been made to me.

Signature
Date & Time: 06/14/2006 10:30

Witnessed:

Statement is attached

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Place: NCISRU Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
Date: June 14, 2006

For the purpose of identification, I am a (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) whom I know to be a Representative of the United States Naval Criminal Investigative Service. I make this statement of my own free will and without any threats made to me or promises extended. I fully understand that this statement is given concerning my knowledge of the hanging deaths of three detainees within Camp Delta, Camp 1, Alpha Block, who were discovered on 10Jun06.

For background I arrived at JTF-GTMO on 03Dec05 for a one year assignment and am scheduled to depart sometime in Dec06. I had just returned from emergency leave on 03Jun06 and had worked on 04Jun06, 05Jun06, and 08Jun06 prior to reporting for duty on 09Jun06.

On 09Jun06, I departed on a bus at approximately 1645 headed for the Camp Delta bus stop. I arrived at Camp Delta at approximately 1700. Camp 1 night shift personnel mustered at the Detention (DET) Clinic. The DET Clinic is located next to the Detention (DET) Clinic. (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) put out information during the muster. At the muster I was told which block I was going to be working that night. I was informed I would be on Alpha block with (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) on the same team. I am a primary member of the Emergency Response Force (ERF) as is (b)(3) (b)(6) and we went directly to (b)(2) to check on our gear. (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) went straight to the Alpha block. We relieved the Day shift. An oncoming team guard conducts a head count. The inventory of supplies is also checked between the outgoing and oncoming teams.

I was involved in distributing the meals to the detainees between 1853 and 1900. (b)(3) (b)(6) took care of Cell (b)(2) and I took care of Cell (b)(2). The reason for this was that the detainee in Cell (b)(2) claims to be non-Muslim and likes to harass women. After we had walked through and passed out the meals, we went back by and provided extra food to any detainees who wanted some.

At approximately 2016, the detainees began to sing after prayers. (b)(3) (b)(6) and I were cleaning the tier in Alpha block, at that time. She was sweeping and I was mopping. We met in the middle of the block and I told her not to let the detainees see that the singing bothered her. (b)(3) (b)(6) told us to stop the cleaning. I think we had been cleaning for about 20 minutes when we stopped. During this time I recall the detainee in cell A-8 squirting his blanket with water as if he was washing it. This singing was very unusual. The only times I have heard singing in the past was when something bad happened. The last time I remember the singing was several months ago when the detainees rioted.
Continuation of voluntary sworn statement of

about a week. There were a number of detainees who were staring at me, while I was on the block cleaning. Some were pacing in their cells as well. They sang until the next call to prayer.

The Headcount that is recorded in the DIMS at 2017 is generated by the DOC. They send us a message that says headcount random. One of the block personnel then types in “staff (space) = (space) the # of guards assigned and then hits enter twice. If someone is at chow or the bathroom at the time the information is entered it would not be reflected in the random headcount. There is one guard assigned to be on the tier at all times walking past the cells. Currently we are doing this in (b)(2).

On 09Jun06, we did not have any detainee movements during the night.

We have to have at least 3 guards on the block at all times, but only one had to be on the tier walking. I walked a shift on the block between (b)(2). During this time I mopped up some puddles. I reminded the guards about turning off one side of the lights, which was the SOP on the night of the hangings, for night shifts. I can’t say whether or not the three detainees who hung themselves were alive or dead when I walked through on the (b)(2) shift. I stopped and looked in each cell, but didn’t see anything out of the ordinary. However, we as guards were not allowed to yell at the detainees, bang on the cell, or make them take there blankets of the walls. We were not allowed to carry flashlights on the tier, because the light might bother the detainees. As far as the blankets and sheets being hung up in the cells, we were told that they could hang items up after they washed them to dry, as long as they were not hanging any items on the doors to the cells. Between half the lights being off, no flashlights and the blankets and sheets being hung up it makes the blocks very dark at night especially difficult to see in the cells on the dark side of the block, where the overhead lights have been turned off. We have brought this up to the chain of command about all the restrictions put upon us to keep the detainees happy and that something was going to happen because we don’t have any control. There is no way that one block guard can be accountable for 30 or more detainees. Since the hangings now the command has decided to have (b)(2).

The detainees are now issued their blankets at 2200 and they are retrieved no later than 0500 the next morning. This was not being done before the incident. We were not allowed to have flashlights while we walked the tier prior to the hangings nor were we allowed to bang on the cells. We had been told we are not supposed to wake the detainees. I know other guards who had been given counseling chits for waking up detainees. (b)(3) (b)(6) is a guard who got counseled. At 2230, (b)(3) (b)(6) told me I could make a telephone call next door at (b)(2) (b)(3) (b)(6) told me to be back a little before 2300 so that (b)(3) (b)(6), and I could go to chow. We normally went first because we were primary ERF members, (b)(3) (b)(6), and I walked to chow at the Caribbean Café inside Camp Delta and came back about 45 minutes later. (b)(3) (b)(6) went back to the block first while I stopped to talk to (b)(3).

(b)(3) at Delta block about my leave request. I returned to Alpha block at about 2355, apologized to (b)(3) (b)(6) for being late, (b)(3) (b)(6) had already gone to chow by the time I returned. (b)(3) (b)(6) and I were at the Guard shack and (b)(3) (b)(6) was walking the tier between (b)(2), 10Jun06. At 0030, (b)(3) (b)(6) took over the next shift. (b)(2) I got word from the Sergeant of the Guard (SOG) to come talk to him after 0100 about my leave chit. I went to (b)(3) (b)(6) and switched with him on the shift at approximately 0036.

I started at cell (b)(2) and proceeded down one side of the cellblock towards cell (b)(2) then turned and came up the other side from cell (b)(2). On night shift we alternate each night which bank of overhead lights is going to be on. On 09-10Jun06, the lights were on over the cells on the (b)(2).
side of the tier. My normal practice is to go down one side then back up the other. I do not like to go back and forth across the tier. I stopped at cell A- [redacted] because he had a sheet over his head. I tapped lightly on his bean hole and asked him to take down his sheet so I could see his head. He complied with my request. I also stopped at cell A-[redacted] because he was lying on his stomach. I stayed there for about 45-60 seconds until I could be sure he was moving. When I got to cell A-8, I could see the outline of legs and a torso under a blue blanket, but the detainee had a green mattress up towards the tier blocking the view of his head in the bunk. I noticed another blue blanket hanging up in the corner blocking the sink from my view. I knelt down, but could not see any feet below the blanket. I climbed up some on an empty cell A-7 and saw that a sheet was blocking the view of the corner of cell A-8 where the blanket was hanging. I ran and got M [redacted] who came back with me and he began to bang on cell A-8. We still got no response. I ran to get [redacted] who was there with him. As we were running back towards the cell we had opened the bean hole and pulled the blanket off the bunk and started yelling "he's hanging", which means a suicide. There were towels and clothes on the bunk. We all went to look inside the window from outside cell A-8 and started yelling "he's hanging, he's hanging!" [redacted] opened the cell door and MA1 [redacted] and myself rushed into the cell. [redacted] pulled the blanket down and I saw the detainee hanging fully suspended off the floor of his cell. [redacted] lifted the detainee up to ease the weight and they couldn't cut the material at first. I pulled at it and got a little slack and they were able to cut it and we got the detainee down out of the cell where we put zip ties on his wrists and ankles, put him on a stretcher and headed out of Alpha block in about a minute and a half. The detainee had urinated on himself and his eyes were wide open and white. The detainee was wearing tan pants and shirt. He was barefoot. I do not remember any bindings around his ankles. The detainee was totally upright against the cell wall between cells A-8 and A-7, next to the sink.

The detainee had his hands bound in front of his body and intricate bindings around his head. I could see his eyes and cheeks, but there was material I believe was from torn sheets across his forehead, and under his chin and over his mouth. There was material jammed into his mouth. [redacted] told me later he was the one who cut down the detainee. He also checked for pulse, but didn't find any to my knowledge. The detainee from cell A-8 had some light purple on his fingertips. Based on what I observed I would think that the detainee in cell A-8 had been dead at least 30-40 minutes, before I found him.

When we got to the DET Clinic, we had to beat on the door to get someone to answer. I helped put the detainee on a bed in the clinic and the staff seemed to just stare at first like they didn't know what to do. I heard [redacted] get yelled again and got two stretchers from the DET Clinic. [redacted] carried one stretcher and I carried the other. When I got back to Alpha block cell A-12 detainee was gone and I started helping with the detainee in cell A-5. I don't remember much about the detainee in cell A-5, but I do believe his eyes were wide open. I did not touch his body.

One interesting thing I remember and [redacted] also noticed it was that on 09Jun06 and on the 1st day that the riots started several months ago the detainee in cell A-48 refused to eat. He stated to MA3 [redacted] the first time this happened that he gets stomach aches when something bad is going to happen.
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(b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)
on June 14, 2006

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Signature: __________________________

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of June in the year 20_ at 17:24

Witnessed: __________________________

Representative

Authorization: __________________________
V/AL ZAHRANI, YASSER TALAL/CIV
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SUPP: DETAINEE BEING HELD AT JTF-GTMO

RESULTS OF RE-INTERVIEW OF

1. On 16Jun06, Reporting Agent (RA) re-interviewed LOPEZ at NCISRU Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Before questioning, he was reminded of his rights to remain silent and to refer to an attorney. Advised he understood his rights and wanted to talk to RA.

2. Regarding the DIMS headcount entry made at 2350 hours, said he did not make the entry and did not know who did. He said the only entry he made in DIMS on 09Jun06 was at the beginning of his shift regarding the detainee in cell A25. Further, said he was not on A-Block at 09Jun06; he came back late from chow around 2355 hours after stopping to see at D-Block.

3. was also asked about the last time he saw any of the detainees alive. He specifically remembered seeing the detainee in A8 washing his blanket around hours, when he was mopping the block with . took note of A8, because they had "gotten into it" before. When he walked the block at hours, did not take note of anything out of place in cells A5, A8, or A12. But, he knew he conducted a thorough walk-through, because he remembered specifics about detainees in other cells.

4. had no other new information to report.

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Place: NCIS GTMO
Date: June 14, 2006

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I have also been advised that:

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I, (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C), make the following free and voluntary statement to (b)(7)(C) whom I know to be a Representative of the United States Naval Criminal Investigative Service. I make this statement of my own free will and without any threats made to me or promises extended. I fully understand that this statement is given concerning my knowledge of the suicides that occurred in Camp Delta on 09 June 2006. (b)(6)

For identification purposes: (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

On 09 Jun 06 I reported to Camp Delta for guard mount. At the beginning of the shift (b)(3) called the blocks off and assigned my position on Alpha block. My NCO was (b)(3) (b)(6) and my fellow block guards were (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) We were posted and the shift went to go to their blocks (b)(3) (b)(6)

I arrived on Alpha block at approximately 1735, and I believe I was the person that was assigned to perform the headcount. I proceeded to conduct a head count and all the detainees were accounted for. After the head count I informed (b)(3) (b)(6) there was 28 detainees accounted for. I made sure that all of the detainees were alive and moving at that time. I talked to the off going shift to see if there were any problems with the detainees. I went down to cell (b)(3) (b)(6) and talked to the (b)(6) We had a short conversation that lasted approximately 10-15 minutes. While talking to him I visually inspected the courtyard (b)(3) (b)(6)

The detainees were served chow at approximately 1830. I assisted the other Master at Arms with serving each detainee chow at that time. The only thing unusual that I witnessed was (b)(6) was in a somber mood and he only accepted milk for chow. (b)(6) also refused chow and only accepted milk. When we were finished with chow, I entered the suspicious incident into the DIMMS system (b)(3) (b)(6)

After serving the food to the detainees, the all of alpha block crew met outside of the guard shack towards the Sallys. We ate some of the extra food that the detainees did not want and had a short conversation, which last approximately 10 minutes. No one was watching the detainees at that time. I collected all of the food and trash after the detainees finished eating (b)(3) (b)(6)

Around 1900, the detainees received the call for prayer. (b)(3) (b)(6) instructed me to talk to (b)(6) so he wouldn’t disturb the others while they prayed. I spoke to (b)(6) while the others prayed. I left the block for approximately 10-15 after that to phone my wife. While talking to my wife I heard the detainees singing. I recognized the song but did not think anything of it because I had heard it many times before from this particular block (b)(3) (b)(6)
I returned to the block and I went into the guard shack. I was entering information regarding the singing into the DIMMS system. While the detainees were still singing, I went out to walk the block and I noticed a cell door come to the front of the cell, rip his prayer rug down and singing Yahoo Day directly at me. This was the first time this happens and it seemed odd but I thought nothing of it. I talked to and he informed me the detainees were singing a Taliban song and that “yahoo day” meant something like “kill them all”.

In the middle of the singing there was another call to prayer. The detainees immediately stopped singing but none of the detainees prepared to pray. This seemed very odd to me but I didn’t think any thing of it because some of the blocks don’t pray right away when the call to prayer proceeds. After the conclusion of the call to prayer over the loud speaker, the detainees began to sing again. Even the detainees that committed suicide were singing. When they had finished singing their song they proceeded to pray.

Between 2130-2145, all of the detainees were in bed except. Although I was on the block, I was not visually looking into each and every cell. I can not say definitively that any of the detainees had sheets hanging in there cells or that one of them committed suicide at that time. No one had ordered a head counts that day except for the one that I performed at the beginning of the shift.

The next time I had watch was during this time I walked the entire block. From I made sure that I saw every detainee skin. From I did see each of the detainees skin. When I arrived at A12, I saw a blue blanket on the floor. The blanket appeared to have something or someone under it so I proceeded on. I interpreted this to be the detainee lying underneath it. I did not visually scan the cell to see if anything or anyone was hanging inside. I proceeded past but I didn’t look in any of the cells because I was thinking about the blanket on the floor in A12. I continued to walk the block until my shift was over but I didn’t look in each individual cell each time I passed them.

My relief was at 2300. I went into the guard shack and started to read my video game magazine. I entered the guard shack so I closed my magazine. I walked out and went to chow at approximately 2345.

I went to chow but I decided to call my wife before eating. We talked for approximately 20 minutes. I went to chow and got a plate to go then I headed back. On the way back, I saw and I gave her my plate to take back to the guard shack. did not alert me that anything had occurred on the block unusual while she was on duty. After taking a dip, I walked towards sally 4. While in the sally, began running from within the camp to sally 4 screaming someone is hanging on alpha block.

I exited the sally and ran to Alpha bock. I ran on the block and I saw and outside of cell A8. When I arrived, A8 was already cut down and shackled on the tier. A8 had something around his neck. His hands and body looked as if rigor mortis had set in. I didn’t see anything on his hands or legs other than the shackles. attempted but he could not. We placed A8 on a backboard and transported him to the medical unit.
When we arrive at the medical unit, the Doctors appeared to be unprepared. They were coming out of different rooms placing on their outer shirts. We placed A8 on the bed but the Doctors and corpsmen did not administer care to him for approximately 2-3 minutes due to the fact that they were getting dressed. I believe there was nothing that they could have done for A8 but I felt the Doctors and corpsmen should have been more alert than they were.

I walked back to the block with [b](3) [b](6) [b](7)(C) and said that a lot of detainees have attempted suicide, but this is the first one that succeeded. He said the suicide happen on our watch and we are going to be under investigation for this. He further told us not to speak to anyone about what had happened that night.

We returned to the block but [b](3) [b](6) stayed outside of Alpha block sally. He appeared to be in shock. I walked back to the tier and [b](3) [b](6) requested my assistance at cell 12. We tried to get A12 attention but he would not respond. I went around the rear of the cell and I saw a pair of hands dangling from the air through a small crack in the window. I ran to the front of the cell while screaming [b](2) [b](3) [b](4) [b](5) [b](7)(C) met me at the front of the cell.

[b](3) unlocked the cell and we entered. After entering the cell, I removed the blanket that covered the back left off the cell. Once the blanket was removed, I saw A12 hanging. Someone grabbed him and lifted him up while [b](3) cut him down. I am not sure but someone might have dropped him while putting A12 on the floor because I heard a loud bang. I noticed that A12 had urinated and defecated on himself. I cannot remember if his hands or his legs were bound. All I could remember is that rigor mortis had set into his feet and that his feet were also very cold. We had to wait approximately 2-3 minutes for [b](2) [b](7) I heard in the background someone yell, check on cell A5.

We finally got A12 and on a backboard. We ran him all the way to the medical unit for treatment. After getting A12 inside, we placed him on a bed in a separate room and left. While leaving the medical unit, I saw A5 being brought in too. He was on a backboard lying motionless. I could not tell if his legs or hands were bound.

I went back to the block and I made a physical head count of every detainee there. Every detainee was alive and moving. As I was coming by for my second check I heard someone yell "tell the detainees to take everything down and fold it up". I didn't see anything else hanging in or on any other of the detainee's cells. I immediately instructed the detainees to do so, but there was nothing hanging up for them to take down.

I feel that the guards and myself on Alpha block did an inadequate job monitoring the detainees that night to make sure that they were following the rules as to show some kind of skin while sleeping. I feel this happens with everyone on every block, everyday. We see and do the same things every day, and it gets old and boring. I wish I would have been more attentive and could have done something to save the detainees. I don't know if the detainees died on my watch, but I somehow feel responsible for their deaths.
Continuation of voluntary sworn statement of

on June 14, 2006

From the time that A8 was discovered, to the time that the whole situation was over, I feel that each of us that were involved did an extreme duty without ever experiencing something like this before. From what I can think of, we did things by the book on how to assess this kind of situation, and see nothing wrong about our performance as to the situation.

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Signature:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of JUNE in the year 2006 at

1715 HRS

Witnessed:

Representative, Naval Criminal Investigative Service
RESULTS OF RE-INTERVIEW OF

1. On 16Jun06, Reporting Agent (RA) re-interviewed [redacted] at NCISRU Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Before questioning, MASA [redacted] was reminded of his rights to remain silent and to refer to an attorney. [redacted] advised he understood his rights and wanted to talk to RA.

2. Regarding the DIMS headcount entry made at 2350 hours, MASA [redacted] said he did not make the entry and didn't remember anyone doing the headcount. He said the only entry he made in DIMS on 09Jun06 was regarding meal refusals by A43 and A15 after he distributed chow at 1830 hours. Further, [redacted] said he was not on the block at 2350 hours; he said he was at chow. According to MASA [redacted] returned from dinner around 2345, and he went to eat right after they returned.

3. [redacted] was also asked to about his observation that all the detainees but [redacted] were in bed at 2130-2145 hours. [redacted] said [redacted] asked to talk to him, and when he walked down the tier, the block was quiet. He said none of the detainees were sitting up, moving or talking in their cells, and he assumed they were all asleep. However, he did not pay close attention to any specific cell.

4. [redacted] had no other new information to report.

REPORTED BY: [redacted], Special Agent
OFFICE: NCISFO Washington, DC
V/AL ZAHRANI, YASSER TALAL/CIV
N/W/FNSA/N/26DEC83/SAUDI ARABIA
SUPP: DETAINEE BEING HELD AT JTF-GTMO

RESULTS OF INTERVIEW OF (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

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NARRATIVE

1. In the early morning hours of 10Jun06, three detainees were found hanging inside Alpha Block of Camp 1 at Camp Delta, Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Reporting Agent (RA) interviewed (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) at Camp Delta, Bldg 1, regarding his knowledge of the circumstances surrounding the discovery of V/AL TABI (ISN 588), hanging inside Alpha Block cell A-12, during the early morning hours of 10Jun06.

2. For background, (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) hour shift commenced at approximately 1700, on 09Jun06. (b)(3) (b)(6) was assigned on his shift to work on (b)(2) as a Block Guard.

3. (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) reported between 0001-0030, on 10Jun06, he heard the call go over the radio for (b)(2) (b)(3) (b)(5) (b)(7)(C) indicated (b)(2) is the code word for a suicide attempt. (b)(3) (b)(6) had just returned from chow and he and (b)(3) (b)(6) ran from (b)(2) to Alpha Block. (b)(3) (b)(5) (b)(7)(C) explained the blocks are across from each other. When (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) and (b)(3) (b)(6) arrived at Alpha Block other military members were taking out ISN 0093, who had been discovered hanging in cell A-8. (b)(3) (b)(6) took over walking the tier inside Alpha Block. About that time two of the Alpha Block personnel showed up. (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) advised (b)(3) (b)(6) passed by Cell A-12 and called out to ISN 588, but received no response. They had a Guard run to look inside the cell window from the outside. The guard yelled out (b)(2) ISN 588 was located in the corner of his cell with a blanket covering him. A MA3 female unlocked the cell and (b)(3) (b)(6) entered and pulled the blanket back. (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) reported he first observed that ISN 588 was hanging and his hands appeared to be tied or wrapped around his wrists with cloth. (b)(3) (b)(6) indicated he lifted up ISN 588's body and felt the weight fall on his shoulder. (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) didn't know if someone had cut the material that was suspending ISN 588 or if it had just come loose. (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) advised he held the head of ISN 588 and lowered the body to the floor of the cell. (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) stated the body was cold and there was a dead blank stare on ISN 588. (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) explained the MA3 female was taking material off the neck of ISN 588, as well as a cover made of material from the face. (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) reported he helped to place ISN 588 on a backboard and

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helped to carry him out of Alpha Block. After that [b](3) [b](6) [b](7)[C] continued to walk the tier of Alpha Block. [b](3) [b](6) [b](7)[C] stated some of the Army CAV personnel came in and helped with the block. [b](3) [b](6) [b](7)[C] indicated he was helping to tape off the three cells of the hangings when he was told to report to Bldg. 1.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA
EMPLOYMENT: [b](3) [b](6) [b](7)[C]
SSN: 
DOB: 
POB: 

REPORTED BY: [b](7)[C]
OFFICE: NCISRU GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA

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STATEMENT

PLACE: NCISRU Guantanamo Bay, Cuba Office
DATE: June 14, 2006

I make this free and voluntary statement to whom I know to be a Representative of the United States Naval Criminal Investigative Service. I make this statement of my own free will and without any threats made to me or promises extended. I fully understand that this statement is given concerning my knowledge of the of deaths of three detainees residing in Alpha Block, Camp Delta on 10JUN06. For the purposes of this statement I will refer to the detainees as ISN93, ISN693 and ISN588.

For identification purposes, I have served as at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba since 20SEP05. My duties here involve guarding the enemy combatants that have been detained during the course of the war on terrorism.

On 09JUN06 I served as guard of Camp 1 from until approximately on 10JUN06. Working with were. At that time I responded to Alpha Block to assist with that was occurring at Alpha Block. We call a suicide attempt among one of the detainees at. The following is a more detailed timeline of my activities that night.

At approximately I reported to duty where we had a pass down meeting with the previous shift. The purpose of this meeting is to relay any concerns or problems that the previous shift had encountered during their shift. I do not recall any concerns or problems relayed during this meeting. There was no discussion regarding a incident where a guard told cell block detainee to take down sheets he hung in his room. Normally that information would not have been discussed during passdown meeting because that event occurred in Alpha Block not.

After the passdown meeting I then went to do either an inventory of the and other supplies in the guard shack or the head count. I did both an inventory and a head count after the passdown meeting but I cannot remember which one I did first. One of the other guards, probably, did the head count while I did the inventory and vice-versa.

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was quiet at all times I was there. There was no chanting or singing or other disturbance. It is not normal for detainees to sing and chant. From my experience at JTF, I know that when the detainees sing and chant some type of trouble is brewing. For example, started rioting after chanting and singing. The detainees were banging on their cells and yelling. I was serving on at that time. The cellblocks are approximately 25 feet apart so if a disturbance occurs in one block Sailors in another block know of the disturbance.

At approximately 0000 on 10JUN06, I heard come over the radio from Alpha Block. I know it was approximately that time because had just come back from the chow hall. guards take dinner break starting at 1100 and each take a half hour. I went from 1100 to 1130 on 09JUN06 and then went. He came back and that is when we heard the call. to assist with the and I also went. remained on

As I arrived at Alpha Block I noticed removing one of the detainees from the block. The only thing I noticed about the detainee was that he looked lifeless and he had gauze sticking out of his mouth. I then went inside Alpha Block to do a head count and to determine if there were any other problems on the block. was following me approximately 30 seconds to my rear. I proceeded down the side that contained proceeded down the side that contained cells 1 through 24. When I arrived at the end of my side, motioned me to come to cell 12 for a second opinion. I went to cell 12 and noticed that the detainee had a blanket hung from near the ceiling on the left side and from the window on the right side. The blanket appeared to be tied off through the mesh in the cell. It was also tied through the mesh of the cell on the bottom but only on the left side. The blanket covered a diagonal portion of the cell that contained the sink but not the toilet. It only covered a small portion of the cell so I looked for the presence of the detainee under the bunk. Detainees normally sleep under the bunks rather than on the bunk because it is darker there. I saw a sheet lying under the bunk with a lump under the sheet that appeared to be a person. I checked for breathing or other movement. I did not see any so I loudly called out—"Alpha 12, Alpha 12"—to the detainee for a response. I didn't receive a response so I called him out by his ISN and I still did not receive a response. I then asked who had returned from the clinic, to go outside and look through the window.
When he did he called out a (b)(2) I sent (b)(3) (b)(6) to get shackles and shears. I went into the cell after (b)(3) (b)(6) opened the cell door and pulled the blanket from the left side of the cell. The blanket was tied very securely because it was difficult to pull down. I stepped back for safety and to observe the situation and saw the detainee hanging from the neck by what looked like a t-shirt or some other white cloth. The cloth was cut into strips and weaved together. I do not remember exactly where the noose was tied but it had to be high on the cell because the detainees’ feet were dangling and his eyes were wide open in a blank stare. It appeared to me that he climbed onto the sink and tied himself off and then jumped from the sink. I also noticed that the detainee had covered the sides of the cell with a sheet and the window with a towel. After a split second of observation I grabbed the detainee around the buttocks area, as his waist was about the level of my chest, and lift him up. Somebody must have cut him down or loosened the cloth because as I lifted him up the detainee drooped over my shoulder. I then placed him on the ground and secured his hands, which I noticed were loosely tied together. (b)(3) (b)(6) secured his feet. I do not recall who secured his head. (b)(3) removed the noose around the detainee’s neck and what looked like a T-shirt that was tied around his mouth and jaw. This T-shirt was cut up to make sort of a mask. The (b)(7)(C) I believe (b)(3) (b)(6) tossed aside the cloth she removed and left it in the cell. When the (b)(2) (b)(7)(E) came I secured his hands with the (b)(2) (b)(7)(E) and (b)(3) secured his feet. We do this as Standard Operating Procedure because JTF has had take suicides in the past where the detainees have assaulted the guards when removed from the cellblocks. When I was securing his hands and examining his body I noticed a white piece of paper in the detainee’s left breast pocket. (b)(3) (b)(6).

Sometime after we shackled the detainee the backboard arrived and we placed the detainee on the board and secured him to the board. Five of us took the detainee out to the sally, the passageway between the various cellblocks. I think the individuals who did this were (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) and others I do not recall. I stayed back at Alpha Block to maintain order. At this time I saw individuals strapping the detainee from cell Alpha 5 to a backboard and removing him from the block. I then told the detainees to remove all items hanging from the cells, i.e. prayer rigs, towels, sheets, and linen clothing. All the cells had these items or some combination of these items hanging in them. Hanging items on the cell walls but not the doors is allowed per Guard Mount Message or Standard Operating Procedures but I cannot remember which. The detainees’ complied with the order. I did so to monitor the detainees and to prevent other suicide attempts. I then secured the shutters outside the windows and turned off the water mains to the cells. Six members of the Army Cavalry helped me with this task. I do not remember the names of the members of Army Cavalry. After this duty, which lasted about 30 to 45 minutes, I went to see orders from (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C). After I saw (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) and spoke to an NCIS agent I was released for the night at 0500 to 0530. I was called back to duty at 0800 and helped the SOGs and Platoon Leader input the information into the Detainee Information Management System. I was released from duty at 1100 on 10JUN06.
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On 14 June 2006

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Signature:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of June in the year 2006 at NCIS BU GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA.

Witnessed: (b)(7)(C)

Representative, Naval Criminal Investigative Service
AUTH: DERIVED FROM ARTICLE 136,
UCMJ (10 U.S.C. 936) AND 5 U.S.C. 303
STATEMENT

PLACE: NCISRU Guantanamo Bay, Cuba Office
DATE: June 15, 2006

I make this free and voluntary statement to whom I know to be a Representative of the United States Naval Criminal Investigative Service. I make this statement of my own free will and without any threats made to me or promises extended. I fully understand that this statement is given concerning my knowledge of the deaths of three detainees residing in Alpha Block, Camp Delta on 10JUN06.

For identification purposes

I serve as a Block Guard at Camp 1 of the Joint Task Force, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. As a Block Guard I conduct cell searches, escort the detainees to the Recreation Rooms and showers, provide food to the detainees and try to maintain order in the Block. To maintain order, the Block Guards walk on the “tier” between the two rows of cells. There should be a Block Guard on the tier at all times. The purpose of being on the tier is to monitor the activities of the detainees.

On 09JUN06 from I served as a Block Guard on Alpha Block of Camp 1. During this time the block was mostly quiet except for three events. The first event involved the inmate in cell. He was using the restroom and was covering his head with sheets. This is not allowed. The detainees are allowed to cover themselves up to their shoulders but no higher. The Non-Commissioned Officer, seized the detainee’s sheet. I don’t remember what time this event occurred.

The second event was the detainee in cell. He cannot remember which, was moved to. He was moved because he shouldn’t have been in cell. He was originally in and somebody moved him to cell. Once he was in the detainee complained about being too close to because there is a disruptive detainee in that cell. After he complained about being too close to the detainee was moved to. The team moved him. I do not know who the members of the were. I think the detainee was moved to between 1000 and 1100 and then was moved to two hours later.

The third event involved the inmate in cell 4 where the detainee hung a blanket from the sides of the cell. The blanket was hung from approximately half way up the wall across the cell. The blanket was tied off through the mesh of the cell walls. The blanket was approximately 2 to 3 feet from the back wall. It was approximately 4 to 5 feet high. I believed he was covering himself while he was using the restroom. I told him to take it.
down three times but he would not comply. I then went to do paperwork in order to seize the blanket. After completing the paperwork, seized the blanket by requesting it from the detainee. The detainee provided both of his blankets and took one of the blankets and sent it the linen department and put the other one on top of his cell. This event occurred from 1500 to 1600.

The events described in the preceding three paragraphs should have been entered into the Detainee Information Management System (DIMS). I did not enter the information. I do not remember the times of these events but the exact times should be recorded in DIMS.

The shift I worked Block Guards conducted cell searches of all the cells on Alpha Block. We did not discover anything that a detainee could hang himself with. We did not find any weapons either. I heard rumors that the detainees bound their hands and feet and then hung themselves with altered sheets. I searched cell 5 but I did not find anything that would allow the detainee in cell 5 to hang himself in the manner of the rumors. I did not see any hanging blankets in cell 5. My recollection is that they were folded on the bunk. I took them and shook them loose refolded them and put them back on the bunk. I may have searched cells 8 and 12 but I do not remember. These cell searches were done between 1400 and 1700.
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On 15 June 2006

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Signature:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of June in the year 2006 at NCSSRU, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Witnessed:

Representative, Naval Criminal Investigative Service
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STATEMENT

Place: NCISRU Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
Date: June 17, 2006

I, (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C), make the following free and voluntary statement to (b)(7)(C) whom I know to be a Representative of the United States Naval Criminal Investigative Service. I make this statement of my own free will and without any threats made to me or promises extended. I fully understand that this statement is given concerning my knowledge of the deaths of three detainees at Camp Delta, Camp 1, A-Block on or about 10Jun06. (b)(3)

For identification purposes, (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(C) I am currently assigned to the Escort Department at Joint Task Force GITMO, Camp Delta. The Escort Department is responsible for all detainee movements within the camps. I am the LPO for Escort Department Squad 2, which includes (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) (b)(3) (b)(6) is the Squad 1 LPO and oversees (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(C). We were all on duty on 09-10Jun06, when the detainee deaths were discovered on A-Block. (b)(3) (b)(6)

Around 2330 or 2400 on 09Jun06, we got a call at our department office in Camp Delta, Camp 1 from A-Block for (b)(2) which is code for a detainee injury. I sent (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) to the block to escort the injured detainee (A8) to the deck clinic. After a few minutes, I headed toward the block to check on their progress. But, at Sally 4, I was told they were already on the way to the clinic. I then went to the clinic and saw that the medical staff was already working on the detainee.

While there, I heard a call for (b)(2) over the radio worn by one of the A-Block guards. (b)(2) is code for suicide. (b)(3)

When I heard the (b)(2) I ran towards A-Block. On the way, I stopped at the Escort Department office to tell them about the suicide attempt. (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) then went with me to the block. When we got there, the second detainee (Cell A12) was already down, and the guards were placing him on a back board. I also saw a small Asian female guard banging on the cells, trying to wake up all the detainees. I heard her say, “A5 is not responding,” and a guard helping with A12 ran over and unlocked the cell (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) ran inside while he opened the door, and they were followed by the guard that opened the cell and another guard from the block. I stayed outside the cell, because there were already four people inside. From what I remember, (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) (b)(3) were holding the body up, while the two guards from A-Block tried to get him down. They eventually cut him down, but I don’t remember seeing the shears. (b)(7)(C)
Once A5 was cut down, I ran toward the clinic to get a backboard. On the way, I ran into a guard inside the Sally 3 gates. He had a back board with him, so we both ran back to the block and into A5 with the back board. We put the board down outside the cell and loosened the straps, then laid it on the deck inside the cell, next to the detainee. Then, and one other guard rolled him onto the back board and strapped him down. I don’t remember if he had on, but he already had leg shackles on when we arrived with the back board. After he was secured on the back board, they passed him out to me and others from the block. Then, two guards from A-Block and I carried the detainee on the back board to the deck clinic. I didn’t touch the detainee’s body, but saw that his eyes were open. I thought he might be alive, but unconscious.

Something I noticed that night, that I thought was strange, was that all the detainees on A-Block were very quiet when we responded to the block. Usually, when there is a detainee on the block make a lot of noise and call out, “Help my brother!” But that night, there wasn’t one word from them. I think they already knew what happened.

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Witness:

Representative, Naval Criminal Investigative Service
AUTH: DERIVED FROM ARTICLE 136,
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U.S. NAVAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE

TITLE: V/AL ZAHARANI, YASSER TALAL/CIV
CCN: 10JUN06-MP0T-0031-7HN

INVESTIGATIVE ACTION: RESULTS OF INTERVIEW OF

NARRATIVE
1. In the early morning hours of 10JUN06, three detainees were found hanging inside Alpha Block of Camp 1 at Camp Delta, Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Reporting Agent (RA) interviewed at Camp Delta, Bldg 1, regarding his knowledge of the circumstances surrounding the discovery of three detainees, hanging inside Alpha Block cells, during the early morning hours of 10Jun06.

2. For background, a 12-hour shift commenced at approximately on 09Jun06. The was assigned to work Escort Control.

3. Advised on 10Jun06, he was working Escort Control with when they responded to the Alpha block in response to the being called. Indicated the code word for a suicide attempt. Stated he and were the assigned Escort Team for the hanging victim, V/AL ZAHARANI (ISN 093), from Alpha Block to the Detention (DET) Clinic (b) stated he assisted while in the DET Clinic with Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). Advised while he was at the DET Clinic he observed Combat Camera filming the bodies of the 3 hanging victims. Assisted medical personnel with CPR in the Naval Hospital Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (NAVHOSP GTMO) Ambulance. Explained during the transit of ISN 093 to NAVHOSP GTMO blood started coming out of ISN 093's mouth. Swelling was observed of ISN 093's neck. They observed material layered still around the neck. Stated the rescue personnel cut off the material on the way to the hospital believed the material around the neck might have been parts of a sheet cut into strips. Reported the ambulance arrived at the NAVHOSP at approximately 0111. ISN 093 was brought to the Detainee Wing where NAVHOSP medical personnel worked on him until he was declared dead at approximately 0150.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

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him on a bed. I stayed while the other guards returned back to Alpha Block. Three corpsman then came in and proceed to perform CPR and another put an IV into his arm. The corpsman was on his knees on the side of the bed while performing chest compressions. I assisted in keeping the corpsman from fall off the bed by holding his back. I also witnessed a black female lieutenant bring in the electrodes and attached them to the detainee’s chest. She shocked the subject approximately three times but got no response. The corpsman rotated positions and kept giving them chest compression but got no response. After several minutes, a white male doctor in civilian cloths entered the room. The doctor tried to open the detainee’s mouth to give him medical attention but it was too stiff. He then left and the corpsman proceed with CPR. The doctor returned and asked a corpsman what time it was. The corpsman said, “0115”. The doctor said, “I pronounce him dead at 0115.” After that, all the corpsman left the room but I stayed with the body. (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) were in the room with the other body. During my time in the clinic, there were only two bodies there. I was relieved at approximately 0130 and told watch the other body at the main hospital. (b)(3) (b)(6) came into my room at the clinic and we both left to go to the big hospital (b)(3).

When we arrived at the hospital, we were told we would not be needed. We then went back to escorts. I am not sure of the time but I was told to relieve (b)(3) (b)(6) who was one of the three escort guards watching the two bodies. I relieved him and documented who come into the room. NCIS investigators along with combat camera personnel later entered the room and I turned over my documentation. I waited outside the room until investigators were done with their investigation. The bodies were put into bags and moved to the morgue by ambulance. We were no longer needed so we went back to escort control. During the incident, I did not know the name of the guards and medical personnel involved. (b)(3)

Based upon my training at Fort Lewis and training here, it taught that nothing should be hung above the beanhold. In some blocks there is a black line painted on the fence of cells indicating that nothing can be hung above the line. Based upon my experience escorting, each camp is operated differently. I have seen blankets and other items hanging before but I never saw items hung as high as I did on the night in question (b)(3) (b)(7)(C).

3) This statement, consisting of this page and 1 page(s) was typed for me by (b)(7)(C) as we discussed its contents. I have read and understand the above statement. I have been given the opportunity to make any changes or corrections I desire to make and have placed my initials over the changes or corrections. This statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C).

Signature (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

Sworn and subscribed before me this 15 day of June in the year at 2006.

Witnessed: (b)(7)(C)

Representative, Naval Criminal Investigative Service
AUTH: DERIVED FROM ARTICLE 136
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U.S. NAVAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE

INVESTIGATIVE ACTION 10JUN06

CONTROL: 10JUN06-MPGT-0031-7HNA

V/AL ZAHRAHI, YASSER TALAL/CIV
M/W/FNSA/N/26DEC83/SAUDI ARABIA
SUPP: DETAINEE BEING HELD AT JTF-GTMO

RESULTS OF INTERVIEW OF: (b)(3)(b)(6)(b)(7)(C)

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NARRATIVE

1. In the early morning hours of 10Jun06, three detainees were found hanging inside Alpha Block of Camp 1 at Camp Delta, Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Reporting Agent (RA) interviewed (b)(3)(b)(6) at Camp Delta, Bldg. 1, regarding her knowledge of the circumstances surrounding the discovery of three detainees, hanging inside Alpha Block cells, during the early morning hours of 10Jun06.

2. For background, (b)(3)(b)(6) commenced at approximately 1700, on 09Jun06. (b)(3)(b)(6) was assigned to work Escort Control.

3. (b)(3)(b)(6) advised on 10Jun06, she was working Escort Control with (b)(3)(b)(6) when they responded to the Alpha Block in response to a (b)(2) being called. (b)(3)(b)(6) indicated (b)(2) is the code word for a suicide attempt. (b)(3)(b)(6) stated she ran following other military members to Alpha Block, Cell A-12. (b)(3)(b)(6) reported she could not see anything because of other people. (b)(3)(b)(6) then went to Cell A-5, where she observed a detainee hanging. This detainee was identified as VAHAMED (ISN 693). (b)(3)(b)(6) pulled at cloth material, which was wrapped around ISN 693's neck. (b)(3)(b)(6) was able to unravel enough of the material so that others could get ISN 693 down. Once down (b)(3)(b)(6) continued to unwrap the material from his neck. (b)(3)(b)(6) advised the material felt to be soft similar to t-shirt material. (b)(3)(b)(6) helped put ISN 693 on a backboard and carry him to the Detention (DET) Clinic. (b)(3)(b)(6) stayed at the DET Clinic and helped to stabilize a corpse-man that was performing Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) on ISN 588, the hanging victim from Cell A-12. (b)(3)(b)(6) stated she observed a deep indentation on the neck of ISN 693. She added that his pupils were fixed and dilated, his fingernails and feet purple. (b)(3)(b)(6) did not witness any signs of life on either ISN 693 or ISN 588 while she was around them. (b)(3)(b)(6) stated she thought ISN 693 was pronounced dead at approximately 0112, 10Jun06 and that ISN 588 was pronounced dead at approximately 0115, 10Jun06. (b)(3)(b)(6) indicated both ISN 693 and ISN 588 were in the DET Clinic when they were pronounced dead.

) BIOGRAPHICAL DATA
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10JUN06

CONTROL: 10JUN06-MPGR-0031-7HNA

V/AL ZAHRANI, YASSER TALAL/CIV
M/W/FNSA/N/26DEC83/SAUDI ARABIA
SUFP: DETAINTEE BEING HELD AT JTF-GTMO

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NARRATIVE

1. In the early morning hours of 10Jun06, three detainees were found hanging inside Alpha Block of Camp 1 at Camp Delta, Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Reporting Agent (RA) interviewed (b)(3)(b)(6)(b)(3) at Camp Delta, Bldg. 1 regarding his knowledge of the circumstances surrounding the discovery of V/AHMED (ISN 693), hanging inside Alpha Block cell A-5, during the early morning hours of 10Jun06.

2. For background, (b)(7)(C) a 12-hour shift commenced at approximately (b)(2) on 09Jun06. (b)(3)(b)(6) was assigned on his shift as the Escort Team LPO.

3. (b)(3)(b)(6) reported on 10Jun06, he heard the call go out over the radio for "(b)(2)". (b)(3)(b)(6) stated when he arrived at Alpha Block the 1st detainee, from Cell A-8, had already been removed from the block. (b)(3)(b)(6) entered Alpha Block to see the 2nd detainee, from Cell A-12, being placed on a backboard. About that time (b)(3)(b)(6) advised someone yelled out A-5. MA (b)(3) responded to Cell A-5 and witnessed a blanket on the side of the cell. (b)(3)(b)(6) grabbed the blanket and saw the detainee ISN 693 hanging. (b)(3)(b)(6) immediately lifted up the body to release the weight and someone cut the material wrapped around ISN 693's neck. (b)(3)(b)(6) stated there was something tied around the hands of ISN 693. (b)(3)(b)(6) explained ISN 693's eyes were open. (b)(3)(b)(6) did not observe any signs of life on ISN 693. (b)(3)(b)(6) also did not observe any signs of life as he passed cell A-12 where ISN 588 had been discovered hanging. (b)(3)(b)(6) accompanied ISN 693 to the Detention (DET) Clinic, where he remained until being told to respond to Bldg. 1.

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STATEMENT

PLACE: NCISRA Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
DATE: June 14, 2006

I, [redacted], make this free and voluntary statement to [redacted], whom I know to be a Representative of the United States Naval Criminal Investigative Service. I make this statement of my own free will and without any threats made to me or promises extended. I fully understand that this statement is given concerning my knowledge of the death of three detainees found hanged on 10JUN06 inside Alpha Block, Camp 1 aboard the Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

(FOUO) For identification purposes [redacted], assigned to JTF-GTMO since 09FEB06 I expect to rotate on 09FEB07. (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

(S/NF) I reported for Mid-watch at 1700 on 09JUN06 to receive turn over from (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) informed me of no unusual activity during his watch (10530-0730) and minimal activity had been scheduled to transpire during my watch. Subsequent to turnover, I assumed the watch for the 1st Squad for the night. I last saw ISN-093 alive approximately a month before 09JUN06. I last saw ISN-588 alive approximately 10-12 days prior to 09JUN06. I last saw ISN-693 approximately 10-12 days prior to 09JUN06. For background purposes, the codeword [redacted] is used by the guard staff at JTF-GTMO as indicating a self harmed attempt, as defined in the Standard Operating Procedures. Approximately at sunset, I noticed the inmates from Alpha Block were singing. This in itself is typically not unusual, especially on Friday evenings, however I did note the singing was particularly louder, and in seemingly better unison, than normal. At approximately 2300, I departed for chow. At approximately 2330, I returned our office at Escort Control. My entire team and I were in the office when, at approximately 5-10 minutes before midnight, Escort Control received a phone call, from I believe, the Detention Operation Center (DOC) relaying a code [redacted] on Alpha Block. For informational purposes, code [redacted] is used to convey a medical emergency of a detainee. I sent (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) to respond to the declared emergency. Shortly thereafter, I walked out the side door and noticed MALE BISHOPS from the "sally port" and entered my office. (b)(3) [redacted] informed me that we had a "shower". My team and I immediately departed our office and entered into "Alpha" Block. Subsequent to entering Alpha Block, I donned rubber surgical gloves. I saw ISN-588 on the ground while a number of Sergeant of the Guard (SOG) and Alpha Block personnel were placing ISN-588 onto a backboard. I kneeled down and felt for pulse and respiration. I detected no signs of life. His eyes were open and blank. His mouth was open and I could see his teeth. I noticed his toenails and fingernails had already started to turn blue.
I then heard someone shout “Alpha-5”. I believe the person yelled “Alpha 5” in an attempt to wake ISN-693. When I arrived, I paused to notice what I thought to believe was ISN-693 laying on his bunk under a blanket. I then noticed a blanket draped in the corner of the cell. At this time, someone, a unidentified USN service member, with a set of keys unlocked the cell door and partially entered the room, hesitant to fully enter the room without further backup. The unknown service member felt the bed as I looked behind the blanket suspended in the corner of the cell. I immediately saw ISN-693 hanging from his neck between two blankets. I pulled on the blanket facing the front of the cell in an attempt to get it down when another person cut it free. I approached the body and lifted it to release the tension on the noose. ISN-693’s waist was against my chest. ISN-693 was suspended approximately six (6) inches from the deck. No part of his body was in contact with the deck. Someone behind me cut the noose and ISN-693’s weight shifted so I automatically transitioned ISN-693 to the ground. I noticed ISN-693’s hands were bound and secured to the front of his body inside a makeshift belt fashioned from the same material that comprised the noose. The noose that suspended ISN-693 was wrapped several times around his neck. While I untied and shackled ISN-693’s hands, untied the noose from his neck. I called out for a backboard. I checked for respirations and a pulse but could not detect any signs of life. I noticed ISN-693 was cool to the touch. I saw and felt the ligature marks around his neck, they felt rough and “plastic”. ISN-693’s mouth was slightly open and I could see his teeth. I did not see anything in his mouth. His eyes were slightly open and one was open wider than the other. Someone brought a backboard in to the cell and prepped the board to place him on the board. Out of habit, I instructed them to assist me to place ISN-693 onto the backboard prior to transporting him from his cell. We secured him to the backboard and transported him (physically ran) to the Detainee Clinic. Medical personnel directed us to take ISN-693 to room eleven (11). Along the way to room eleven, I noticed what I believe to be ISN-093 in the trauma area with emergency personnel performing CPR. Someone called for a combat camera. I am combat camera qualified so I volunteered to videotape the event. I ran the video camera for approximately two (2) minutes until I was instructed by to halt taping. Members of my team and I were helping the corpsmen as we could. At approximately 0116 hrs, the attending medical doctor pronounced ISN-693 and ISN-588 to be dead. After they were pronounced dead, assigned and me to guard the bodies. I heard there was another Detainee transferred to the medical facility so I was instructed by the attending medical doctor to relocate ISN-693 from room eleven to room ten (10) where ISN-588 was located in order to free room eleven for the incoming Detainee. We collected all the materials that came on the Detainees and consolidated them with that specific Detainee, placing the items on their bodies. I instructed to to shut the door of room ten and posted them outside the door with instructions to allow no person inside. assumed responsibility for segregating ISN-693 and ISN-588 in room ten. A few moments later, I was informed of the conference room. I signed out of the logbook and departed the medical facility to the conference room at building one.

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Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14 day of June in the year 2006 at NCIS RA, Guantanamo Bay.

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INVESTIGATIVE ACTION

CONTROL: 10JUN06-MFGT-0031-7HRN

V/AZ ZAHRAI, YASSER TALAL/CIV
M/W/FNSA/W/1260EC88/SAUDI ARABIA
SUPP: DETAINEE BEING HELD AT JTF-GTMO

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2. For background, a 12-hour shift commenced at approximately 0300 on 09Jun06. (b)(6) was assigned working the Sally Gates.

3. (b)(6) reported on 10Jun06, she was working the sally gates when she heard the call go out over the radio for (b)(6). She stated she ran to medical to get a backboard. MA2 JEMISON indicated she brought it into the Alpha block. She opened the gate for the 1st body to leave Camp 1. She stated the feet of the 1st body appeared to be blue. (b)(6) explained she helped to carry out the 3rd body from Alpha Block. (b)(6) indicated the head of the 3rd body was cold. She believed he may have used a blanket to hang himself, because she saw fuzz that may have come from a blanket, on his neck. (b)(6) indicated there was a braided makeshift rope on the floor beside the 3rd detainee in the cell.

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STATEMENT

Place: Building 760, NCISRU Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
Date: 14JUN06

I, , make the following free and voluntary statement to , whom I know to be a Representative of the United States Naval Criminal Investigative Service. I make this statement of my own free will and without any threats made to me or promises extended. I fully understand that this statement is given concerning my knowledge of the three detainee deaths which occurred in the Alpha Block of Camp 1 at Camp Delta, Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, during the early morning hours of 10JUN06. I

For identification purposes, I, , am a Master at Arms (MA2), USN, JTF-NEGB, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. I arrived at GTMO in FEB06, and after a short indoctrination period, I began work in Camp 1. On the night of 09JUN06, I was working SALLY 4. SALLY is the secure area that individuals must go through to get to Camp 1. My job in SALLY 4 was to check the identification and destination of individuals entering the camp. My shift started at 2:30, and I was a rover throughout the causeway until I took over at SALLY 4 at 2400.

I was talking to SOG at SALLY 4 when someone came running up and said that there was a detainee hanging himself on Alpha Block. I do not recall what time this took place. I immediately left to go to Alpha block and went on to block. I yelled to on SALLY 3 to be prepared for medicals arrival. It seemed like as soon as I said this to , I turned back toward the camp and the block guards were carrying the first detainee out on a backboard. I observed that the detainee was blue. The detainee's feet were puffy and blue and it was blue hours of his mouth.

When we got to the clinic, the clinic staff was working on the first detainee, but we finally got someone to get us some more backboards. We obtained two backboards and ran back to the Camp 1.

(b) (b) arrived before I did, and it was when I arrived that I learned there were not one, but two involving Alpha 12 and Alpha 5. headed to Alpha 12, and I went to Alpha 5, which contained ISN 693. I could not get into the cell because it was full of people, so I started setting up the board on the tier. I remember seeing in the cell, but I do not recall who else was in the cell. I remember seeing that the knot of the detainee's blanket, which was powder blue, still attached to the upper part of the cell. Then end of it was frayed and look as if it had been ripped not cut. There was a makeshift white rope, lying beside the detainee in the cell, it looked like it was braided and had been haphazardly thrown down on floor. It was thin and it was probably less than a foot long. I am not sure what material was used to make the rope.
soon as the backboard was unstrapped they said to slide it into the cell, which I did. The individuals in the cell rolled the detainee toward them as we are taught in training so that they could get the board underneath him. Since the detainee's head was facing the front of the cell, and I held his head as he was rolled back on to the backboard. We then carried the backboard out into the tier, and I remember that as we left the tier, the Chief had to let go so that we could pass through and Chief told me to "make sure you hold the head." 

As we were carrying him to the DET, I noticed that his head flopped around a lot. I thought that people went stiff when they were dead, but I had to hold his head as I ran because it was flopping around and I was doing what I could to keep him from any additional injury. The backboard did not have a brace for the head. I had to run backwards in order to hold onto his head and the board. I observed that his eyes were open, but did not observe further down his body than his eyes. 

When we got to the DET clinic we had to hold ISN 693 for a short time while a bed was found for him. We then placed him on the bed while he was still on the backboard, and I then left the room and went back to my SALLY.

For further background, detainees are allowed to hang linens in their cells in order to dry them, or provide privacy while they go to the head or pray. Detainees are not ever allowed to hang anything up on the grating of the door to the cell. However, hanging material on other areas of the cell is allowed at the discretion of the NCO and block guard. If block guards do not see skin or movement behind the hanging item, guards have the detainee to remove it. If the detainee is asleep, guards may get a second opinion or poke the material in order to see the detainee behind it. Guards may also peer through another cell to see into the cell of the hidden detainee.

On 08JUN06, I was assigned to Alpha block during my shift, which runs After the evening meal was served to the detainees, I picked up the trash from the cells. When I got to Alpha 5 (ISN 693), I opened his "clamshell" to check to see how much he ate and to check for the spork. Since I knew he had been on a hunger strike up until about a week prior, and I did not think he could have eaten that much of what was served that night so soon after the end of his hunger strike. For this reason, I looked at him and said in a conversational tone, "You didn't eat all this." ISN 693 just smiled at me and shook his head.

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[Signature]

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of June 2006, 

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STATEMENT

PLACE: NCISRA Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
DATE: 15JUN06

On 09-10JUN06, I was assigned to Block, Camp One (1). I reported for the night shift at approximately 1900 hrs. I waited in the area comprising of four picnic tables between the Detainee Clinic and the “R and U” area, for the shift’s assignment and passdown. I was assigned to Block for the evening and began to walk the tier. At approximately 1913 hrs, I assisted in serving the Detainees their dinner meal. At approximately 1940 hrs, I began to collect the trash and meal trays. Subsequent to that, I began making Detainees Information Management System (DIMS) entries, while another person was walking the block. I resumed walking the tier at approximately 2030 hrs. It was at this time, before the last prayer call, which was scheduled on the Muslim Calendar to occur at 2103 hrs, I noticed the Detainees in Alpha Block singing. This was the only time I have noticed such singing since the last group of detainees were released from GTMO. I walked to the guard shack and approached a who was referring to the DIMS, specifically entries. I saw a DIMS entry stating had informed a guard that evening that the detainees were singing a “victory song”, specifically the phrase “kill them all”. After I had ascertained the gist of the song, I resumed walking the tier. At 2115 hrs, I noticed the singing ceased and the nightly prayers began. I went to chow at approximately 2330 hrs and returned to Block at 0003 hrs. I resumed walking the tier. I overheard someone say “open up, open up sally” (an unknown guard requesting entry into Alpha Block). I was passing by EMI when I overheard being call on his radio. I remained because I was instructed not to depart. The detainees Block began to awake. I then noticed four to five guards transporting a detainee on a backpack through the sally toward the Detainee Clinic. stated she overheard say: “I don’t think he made it.” It was a matter of minutes when I heard people in the causeway calling “Alpha-Twelve” (12). I noticed the Sergeant of the Guard (SOG)
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...run into Alpha Block. I overheard someone say there were two (2) more, not one (1), as previously considered. (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) then ran to the sally of (b)(2) and informed (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) who was standing at the (b)(2) Alpha Sally, that he needed an additional person on Alpha Block. (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) instructed me to go to Alpha Block. When I arrived, I saw (b)(2) lying on the deck inside cell A-5. I noticed his face seemed larger than normal, as if being swollen. I noticed his hands were bound together with either strips of bed sheets, the T-shirts or a combination of both supplied to them. I noticed a piece of white cloth protruding out of his mouth. (b)(3) (b)(2) facial color appeared to be darker, as if more “sun-tanned”, than normal.

Regarding ISN-093, I only remember his hands were bound with either strips of bed sheets, the T-shirts or a combination of both supplied to them. (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) instructed me and 4 other guards to begin walking the tier to wake the other Detainees on Alpha Block and account for them. I then witnessed ISN-588, A-12, having been placed on the backboard and being readied for transport to the Detainee Clinic. I noticed both of the Detainees’ hands were bound with what appeared to be strips of white cloth fashioned together. I noticed ISN-093’s cell, A-8, was empty. I continued to walk the tier, conducting the head check. I noticed some of the detainees having teary eyes and inquiring, with concern, regarding the status of the detainees. I last saw ISN-093, ISN-693 and ISN-588 alive on 07JUN06, the last day I worked on Alpha Block. All of the detainees were awake except for two (2) and another detainee on the left side of Alpha Block. I woke (b)(6) and instructed him to say awake. I noticed the other detainee move in his sleep, indicating he was alive. I continued to walk the tier for approximately 10 minutes until (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) assigned each of us to monitor specific cells. After approximately 10-15 minutes, (b)(3) (b)(6) then instructed me to return to (b)(2) and I returned to (b)(2) Block and began to walk the tier. (b)(3) (b)(6) approached the (b)(2) Sally door and instructed me to log all the detainees on (b)(2) Block and to wake them. I went to the guard shack and retrieved that day’s “shower and recreations” log clip board, and used it to annotate in the “TIME IN” column that all detainees of Echo Block were “OK” after I woke each of them. I then went to (b)(3) (b)(6) and informed him all detainees on (b)(2) Block were accounted for and safe. I spent the rest of my shift walking the tier on (b)(2) Block. Two (2) additional guards, (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) entered Echo Block to assist waking the tier. After they assumed waking the tier, I approached (b)(3) (b)(6) who instructed me to secure the water and shutters in all cells, meaning turn off the water and close the shutters. (b)(3) (b)(6) further instructed me to take (b)(3) (b)(6) to assist me with securing the water and shutters. I told (b)(3) (b)(6) to secure the right side as I did the left side. After securing the cells, we again were posted on the tier by (b)(3) (b)(6). Ten (10) to twelve (12) additional guards were recalled to (b)(2) Block and posted on the tier. We each assigned specific cells on (b)(2) Block to monitor. I was assigned...
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Forty-five (45) to sixty (60) minutes, (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) escorted a 3rd Class PO to relieve me. Subsequent to being relieved, (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) instructed (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) and me to accompany him to the conference room. (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) met everyone who was involved in the incident in the conference room and instructed us to sign a roster. He further specified to annotate, with an asterisk, whether or not you were assigned to Alpha Block that night (b)(3)

At no time during these events, did any member of the medical staff report to the situation at Camp 1 (one). At 1600 hrs on 10JUN06, all personnel present on Alpha Block, during the discovery of the three (3) deceased detainees, met with a Chaplain. It was brought up by (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) that at no time did the medical staff of the Detainee Clinic respond to Alpha Block. It was also stated that when the guards transporting ISN-588 arrived at the Detainee Clinic, they had to bang on the door to gain entrance to the facility. When the medical staff opened the door, they were not even attired in their uniforms (b)(3)

This statement, consisting of this page and two (2) other pages were typed for me by (b)(7)(C) as we discussed its contents. I have read and understand the above statement. I have been given the opportunity to make any changes or corrections I desire to make and have placed my initials over the changes or corrections. This statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief. (b)(3)

Signature: (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15 day of JUNE in the year 2006
at NCIS ROK GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA

Witness: (b)(7)(C)

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AUTH: DERIVED FROM ARTICLE 136,
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NCIS 5580/26(1/2001) (Formerly NCISForm 016/04-81)
INVESTIGATIVE ACTION: RESULTS OF INTERVIEW OF

NARRATIVE
1. In the early morning hours of 10Jun06, three detainees were found hanging inside Alpha Block of Camp 1 at Camp Delta, Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Reporting Agent (RA) interviewed at Camp Delta, Bldg 1, regarding her knowledge of the circumstances surrounding the discovery of three detainees, hanging inside Alpha Block cells, during the early morning hours of 10Jun06.

2. For background (b)(3) hour shift commenced at approximately 1700, on 09Jun06. MA2 was assigned to work Escort Control.

3. (b)(3) advised on 10Jun06, she was working Escort Control with (b)(3) when they responded to the Alpha block in response to the 1st (b) being called. (b) indicated is the code word for a suicide attempt. (b) stated she and (b) went to the Detention (DET) Clinic with the 1st hanging victim, VIAL ZAHARANI, (ISN 093). (b) stated she rode in the Naval Station Hospital Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (NAVHOSP GTMO) ambulance with ISN 093, during transport to NAVHOSP GTMO. (b) advised she was at the hospital from approximately 0115-0150, on 10Jun06. (b) explained she never saw any signs of life in ISN 093. MA2 stated ISN 093 was already blue when he was at the DET Clinic.

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STATEMENT

Place: NCISRU Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
Date: June 15, 2006

At this time, I, make the following free and voluntary statement to whom I know to be a Special Agent with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS). I make this statement of my own free will and with no threats made to me or promises extended. I fully understand that this statement is given concerning my response to a alert at Camp Delta, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and my subsequent work in transporting an apparent suicide victim, Yasser Talal AL ZAHARANI, Interim Serial Number (ISN) 093, to the Naval Hospital, Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay.

For the purpose of identification, my full name is

I am assigned to Joint Task Force (JTF) Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. I am part of the Navy Expeditionary Guard Battalion (NEGB), escort division. I have been assigned here for about five months. I have been in the escort division.

On Friday evening, June 9, 2006, at I commenced my as an escort division guard at Camp Delta. Late that evening, after dinner, I heard chanting by the detainees. A lot of detainees were chanting that night. The chanting was louder than usual. I noticed that an interpreter was called over to the cells to try to understand what they were saying. I had heard the detainees chanting before, but this was different. Myself and some of the other guards were taking a break, and were smoking in a designated smoking area. We were near enough to the blocks that we could hear the chanting. I mentioned to my leading petty officer that the chants sounded different.

midnight, not too long after our break, escort control informed me us of a "Code Yellow." This is code word for a medical emergency. My partner and myself started running toward the Sally Four, where we were told to go to the Detention (Det) Clinic. Once we got to the clinic, my partner and myself offered to assist. We were told that ISN 093 had been found hanging in his cell. When we got to the clinic, ISN 093 had just brought in by block guards. We were also told that there were two more detainees being transported to the clinic, who were possible suicide victims. We later identified these as ISN 693 and ISN 588. Our first responsibility was to monitor the situation with ISN 093, as that was our reason for being sent to the clinic.
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When we got to the clinic, we found out that there had been a (b)(2) alert. This refers to possible suicide attempt.

When I first saw ISN 093, he was on a backboard being transported to the clinic. The medics and the block guards placed the backboard onto a bed at the clinic. The bed was of the type used at clinics, which had wheels and was mobile. I looked at ISN 093. He was right in front of me. I could see no movement and no signs of life in ISN 093. His eyelids were open, and his eyes did not move. I could see his chest. I did not remember him wearing a shirt. He had tan pants. He was not wearing any shoes. The skin on his chest was the normal color. However, his hands and feet were bluish in color. The skin underneath his toenails was purple in color. I could tell at the clinic, when I looked at him, the ISN 093 was deceased.

I saw the other two apparent suicide victims, ISN 588 and ISN 693, briefly at the DET Clinic. I only saw them briefly, but I remember that their appearance was similar to ISN 093. Their hands and feet were bluish in color, and their eyelids also were open. I could tell that they were deceased also. (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) who works in escort control, were also at the Det Clinic and got better look at the other two detainees.

I also helped with compressions.

The medics tried to get a pulse from ISN 093. They had a hard time getting the Intravenous (IV) feeder into his arm. The medics tried chest compressions. They kept saying they couldn’t get a pulse. There were Det Clinic medical staff there, as well as paramedics. I remember that they set up the electrodes for a defibrillator, but I don’t recall them actually using the defibrillator. They may not have been able to use the defibrillator because the paramedics showed up so fast and prepared him for transport to the hospital.

I don’t recall just how long we were in the Det Clinic. I would say we were there for roughly half an hour. An ambulance came right up the Det Clinic. They brought their own stretcher. We helped the medics lift the backboard, with ISN 093’s body, onto the ambulance stretcher. We then helped the medics put the stretcher into the ambulance. I found a medic to come over and drive the ambulance. We rode in the ambulance to the hospital. I rode in front of the ambulance. My partner rode in back and helped two paramedics with chest compressions. They had an oxygen mask which they were holding on to ISN 93’s nose and mouth. They were also performing CPR in the ambulance. The driver of the ambulance was one of our own Det Clinic medics, from the camp. The two medics in back were from the Naval Hospital.
We arrived at the Naval Hospital, on the base, at roughly 0100. I remember the doctors worked on ISN 093, trying to revive him, from roughly 0115 to 0150. At the hospital, they put more medicine into the IV. They did more chest compressions. These attempts to revive ISN 093 were not successful. At about 0150, a doctor at the Naval Hospital pronounced ISN 093 dead.

While we were at the hospital, a commander called us from the Det Clinic, inquiring as to the status of ISN 093 and wanting to know if ISN 093 was still alive. I explained to her on the phone that we were still trying to revive ISN 093. I tried to pass on her call to the doctors, but they did not take the call as they were still busy working on trying to revive ISN 093. The commander called three times, inquiring about the status of ISN 093. I took the first call, took the second and third calls. I don't remember that the doctors at the hospital ever got back to the commander at the Det Clinic, as they were busy trying to revive ISN 093.

After ISN 093 was pronounced dead, the medics put a blanket over his body. A sergeant major told us to return to the camp. One of our other LPO’s took us back to camp.

When we got back to the camp, it was chaotic. All the escorts, and all the block guards, were recalled. The camp was alive with activity, and with many guards. This was around 0200 to 0230. We were all directed to one of two locations, to be interviewed by NCIS. Half of us went to the Detention Operations Center (DOC), and half to another location, to be interviewed by NCIS. An NCIS Special Agent, whose name I believe was interviewed me at the DOC.

We were asked to stay at the DOC for a while after we were interviewed. I took a friend home, because she was sick, so I left just before 0500. My friend, another guard who worked at Sally Four, was crying and was vomiting. I believe this may have been related to the stress of responding to all the calls at Sally Four. My chief told me to take her home. She had to talk to the chaplain about combat stress. Her name was MA2. She has been given medical attention and counseling.

Since the three apparent suicides on Saturday morning, I have continued to work my shifts on escort duty. I have learned that some of the rules for detainees have been changed, to reduce the opportunity of hanging attempts. For example, the detainees are allowed to use their sheets only when they are sleeping. They give the sheets to them at taps, and then they pick them up in the morning. This prevents the detainees from hanging up the sheets in their cells.
In summary, I was able to observe ISN 093 at close range and was able to assist the medics in their attempts to revive him. I stayed with ISN 093 at the Det Clinic, assisted as he was transported via ambulance, and stayed with ISN 093 at the hospital. I also observed the other two apparent suicide victims, but only briefly.

I would like to cooperate fully with this investigation. I am available to answer additional questions upon request.

I have provided this statement, consisting of this and the previous two pages, to [redacted] who has typed it for me at my request. I have been given the opportunity to review this statement, and to make any changes or corrections as desired. I have placed my initials over any changes or corrections. I have read and understand this statement. This statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this fifteenth day of June, 2006, at NCISRU Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Witnessed:

Authority: Derived from Article 136, UCMJ (10 USC 936) and 5 USC 303
STATEMENT

Place: Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
Date: June 15, 2006

On 09Jun06 at approximately 1830, I was assisted with an escort from Gold Building to Foxtrot Block. As we approached Foxtrot Block, I heard some loud singing. This was unusual because normally only a few detainees would sing at one time. On this date, it sounded like the whole block was singing songs. We arrived at Foxtrot Block and dropped off the detainee. I asked a guard who was standing near a translator what was going on. The translator said they were singing but did not specifically say what they were singing about. I then returned back to my duty station. I left my duty station to get fresh air at 2230. I could still hear singing coming from Camp 1 but it was not as loud as before.

I carried out my normal duties until 10Jun06 at approximately 0045. A call come into escort control that they had a detainee in Alpha Block. A indicates a low level of medical assistance is needed. A team was dispatched to the location for assistance but I am unsure of the exact personnel. At approximately two minutes after the escort team left, someone came the escort control and yelled, "Camp 1". I along with my partner responded to Alpha Block to assist. I told to go to the camp to help while I went to get the restraints. After picking up the restraints I ran to Alpha Block. When I arrived some guards were standing around a cell. I am not sure of the cell number but I remember the detainee number was 588. There were already guards inside along with the guards standing outside. The detainee was already down on the deck with his head towards the rear of the cell. While we were standing at the cell, another person said, "There is another one here," or words towards that effect. The person was referring to the detainee in A-5. Approximately three guards left the cell and responded to A-5. The guard who discovered the person in A-5 needed the key and it was produced by one of the responding guards. The guard who was working on 588 needed restraints which I was carrying. I gave him the restraints and asked him what else he needed. The guard said he would need a stretcher. I left cell area and retrieved a stretcher by the front shack of Alpha Block. On my way to get the stretcher, I saw a group of guards make entry into A-5.

After getting the stretcher, I returned to 588’s cell and put the stretcher half way into the cell door. I then assisted picking up the detainee and putting him on the stretcher by his ankles. When I grabbed his ankles, they were cold. I also noticed his toe and finger nails were purple and the palm of his hands were very white. After placing him on the stretcher, I help carrying him to the hospital and we placed
him on a bed. I stayed while the other guards returned back to Alpha Block. Three corpsman then came in and proceed to perform CPR and another put an IV into his arm. The corpsman was on his knees on the side of the bed while performing chest compressions. I assisted in keeping the corpsman from fall off the bed by holding his back. I also witnessed a black female lieutenant bring in the electrodes and attached them to the detainee’s chest. She shocked the subject approximately three times but got no response. The corpsman rotated positions and kept giving them chest compression but got no response. After several minutes, a **doctor in civilian cloths entered the room. The doctor tried to open the detainee’s mouth to give him medical attention but it was too stiff. He then left and the corpsman proceed with CPR. The doctor returned and asked a corpsman what time it was. The corpsman said, “0115”. The doctor said, “I pronounce him dead at 0115.” After that, all the corpsman left the room but I stayed with the body.**

When we arrived at the hospital, we were told we would not be needed. We then went back to escorts. I am not sure of the time but I was told to relieve **who was one of the three escort guards watching the two bodies.** I relieved him and documented who come into the room. NCIS investigators along with combat camera personnel later entered the room and I turned over my documentation. I waited outside the room until investigators were done with their investigation. The bodies were put into bags and moved to the morgue by ambulance. We were no longer needed so we went back to escort control. During the incident, I did not know the name of the guards and medical personnel involved.

Based upon my training at Fort Lewis and training here, it taught that nothing should be hung above the beanhold. In some blocks there is a black line painted on the fence of cells indicating that nothing can be hung above the line. Based upon my experience escorting, each camp is operated differently. I have seen blankets and other items hanging before but I never saw items hung as high as I did on the night in question.

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Signature: [illegible]

Sworn and subscribed before me this 15th day of July, the year at 2006

Witnessed: [illegible]

Representative, Naval Criminal Investigative Service

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U.S. NAVAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE

INVESTIGATIVE ACTION

10JUN06

CONTROL: 10JUN06-MPGT-0031-7HNA

V/AL ZAHRA, YASSER TALAL/CIV
M/W/FNSA/N//26DEC83/SAUDI ARABIA
SUPP: DETAINEE BEING HELD AT JTF-GTMO

RESULTS OF INTERVIEW OF (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

Please note the original transmission(s) of this IA contained errors in the "Header" portion. Any previous transmissions of this IA should be destroyed. This transmission supercedes all others and contains revised "Header" information.

NARRATIVE

1. In the early morning hours of 10Jun06, three detainees were found hanging inside Alpha Block of Camp 1 at Camp Delta, Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Reporting Agent (RA) interviewed (b)(3) (b)(6) at Camp Delta, Bldg. 1, regarding her knowledge of the circumstances surrounding the discovery of three detainees, hanging inside Alpha Block cells, during the early morning hours of 10Jun06.

2. For background, the normal 12-hour shift commenced at approximately (b)(2) on 09Jun06. (b)(3) (b)(6) was assigned to work Escort Control.

3. (b)(3) (b)(6) advised on 10Jun06, she was working Escort Control with (b)(2) (b)(6) (b)(7) when they responded to the Alpha Block in response to a (b)(2) being called. (b)(3) (b)(6) indicated (b)(2) is the code word for a suicide attempt. (b)(3) (b)(6) stated she ran following other military members to Alpha Block, Cell A-12. (b)(3) (b)(6) stated she could not see anything because of other people. MA2 (b)(3) (b)(6) then went to Cell A-5, where she observed a detainee hanging. This detainee was identified as VAHMED (ISN 693). (b)(3) (b)(6) pulled at cloth material, which was wrapped around ISN 693's neck. MA2 (b)(3) (b)(6) was able to unravel enough of the material so that others could get ISN 693 down. Once down, (b)(3) (b)(6) continued to unwrap the material from his neck. (b)(3) (b)(6) advised the material felt to be soft similar to t-shirt material. (b)(3) (b)(6) helped put ISN 693 on a backboard and carry him to the Detention (DET) Clinic. (b)(3) (b)(6) stayed at the DET Clinic and helped to stabilize a corpsman that was performing Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) on ISN 588, the hanging victim from Cell A-12. (b)(3) (b)(6) indicated she observed a deep indentation on the neck of ISN 693. She added that his pupils were fixed and dilated, his fingernails and feet purple. (b)(3) (b)(6) did not witness any signs of life on either ISN 693 or ISN 588 while she was around them. (b)(3) (b)(6) stated she thought ISN 693 was pronounced dead at approximately 0112, on 10Jun06 and that ISN 588 was pronounced dead at approximately 0115, 10Jun06. (b)(3) (b)(6) indicated both ISN 693 and ISN 588 were in the DET Clinic when they were pronounced dead.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

EMPLOYMENT: MA2 USN, JTF-GTMO, NEGB

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STATEMENT

Place: Building 760, NCISRU Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
Date: 14JUN06

This time, I voluntarily make the following free and voluntary statement to whom I know to be a Special Agent (SA) with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS). I make this statement of my own free will and without any threats made to me or promises extended. I fully understand that this statement is given concerning my response to a alert on 10JUN06, in which I observed a detainee, Ali Abdulla AHMED, Interment Serial Number (ISN) 693, hanging in his cell and immediately assisted my fellow guards to take him down.

INTRODUCTION

For the purpose of identification, my full name is

COMMENCING MY SHIFT

At approximately 0900 on 09JUN06, I commenced my as a guard at Camp Delta. I was assigned to escort department. There is an escort control room, located on Camp Delta, in which escorts are dispatched as required. When I came on shift, there were approximately six persons, including myself, on shift for escort control. My team handled about three moves on Friday evening. That evening the detainees started chanting at about 1900, and I could hear them from where I was in Camp 1. The chants sounded louder than normal to me. I recall that an interpreter was standing near the block, alongside another guard, and actively listening. I could tell that the interpreter was trying to understand what the chants were saying.

RESPONDING TO FOR ISN 693

Early the following morning, on 10JUN06, I continued to work escort duty. I was working with who was my partner. I recall that there was a Yellow, sometime after midnight, which pertained to a minor medical matter. One of the responded to that code. Upon his return, he immediately shouted "snowball". "Snowball" is a code word for attempted suicide. We immediately got up and ran to Alpha Block. I ran to accompany other guards to cell A-12, but I couldn’t see anything there because there were so many people. Another guard proceeded to make the rounds to make sure that the other cells were OK, but then she also called an alert, this time at cell A-5. I ran, along with to cell A-5. At the moment I entered cell A-5, I could tell that ISN 693 was hanging. had entered the cell just slightly before me, and started to take ISN 693 down. myself and another guard were able to take ISN 693 down and lay him on the floor.
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(b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)
held up ISN 693’s body, while another guard cut the apparatus holding the body up. I helped the other guard to find the right place to cut the apparatus. (b)(3) and the other guard then lowered the body to the ground, while I continued to remove the cloth material from around his neck. The cloth material around ISN 693’s neck appeared to be twisted, as though there could have been several pieces tied together. I also noticed that there was some material around at least one of ISN 693’s wrists. The cloth material around ISN 693’s neck was beige to white in color. The cloth material around the wrist was the same color. I also noticed, just as I entered the cell and before we started taking the body down, that there was some material, blue in color, right next to ISN 693’s head. Since we started to take the body down immediately, I didn’t get a chance to see what the material was attached to, nor do I recall what had connected the body to the material. I also do not know how the cloth material, around the neck, was attached to the overhead or the wall.

(b)(3)

As mentioned above, ISN 693 had cloth material around his neck. After the body was laid down, I finished removing the cloth. The cloth material was soft, and was similar to tee shirt material. As to ISN 693’s body, as I observed it at this time, I could tell that his eyes were dilated, eyelids half to three quarters opened. There was a large indentation around his neck, and I was immediately struck with how deep the indentation was. I remember seeing this indentation as a crescent shape toward the side of his neck. I noticed the indentation after we lifted his chin. (b)(3) (b)(6) checked for a pulse, for a chest rising, but there was no motion and no sign of life. ISN 693’s fingers were blue, behind the fingernails. His toes were also blue. The skin on his face and arms appeared to be a normal color and hue. I helped the other guards to place ISN 693’s body on a backboard and carry it to the Detention (DET) Clinic.

(b)(3)

As previously stated, we moved to take ISN 693 down from the apparatus very quickly. As a result, I do not recall whether, upon our first entry, if ISN 693’s feet were dangling or touching the ground. The body itself was pliable enough that we were able to move the chin up, at which point we examined the indentation in the neck. The body was not completely stiff, like a board; it was still pliable.

(b)(3) ASSISTING CORPSMEN IN ATTEMPTS TO REVIVE ISN 588

After we laid ISN 693 down at the DET clinic, I heard that more help was needed in the next room. I went to the nearby room. A corpsman was conducting cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on another hanging victim, ISN 588. ISN 588 was laying on a table. The corpsman was kneeling on the side of the table, with his knees toward the edge of the table and the rest of his legs and his feet over the side of the table. (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) and myself assisted by corpsman, by stabilizing his body. We held on to both his feet and his legs, keeping together and in place as he administered the body compression.
and I helped a corpsman, who was performing (CPR) on another hanging victim, ISN 588. The corpsman was conducting chest compressions, and was on his knees, on the table where ISN 588 was laying. I helped to stabilize the corpsman, by holding down his legs and keeping them together. The corpsman did shifts for CPR with a second corpsman. I then went to the other side of the table, and assisted holding an oxygen mask in place over the detainee’s mouth. While I was holding the oxygen mask in place, I moved the detainee’s hand out of the way, so I could do a better job holding the oxygen mask in place. I don’t recall off hand if I was able to bend the elbow. There was a problem because the detainee’s mouth would not open, so another corpsman arrived with a special instrument to try and pry the detainee’s mouth open. She struggled, and she was able to open the detainees’ lips, but the detainee’s teeth were clenched shut. I noticed at this point, when the lips were opened, that there were a large number of small pieces of goldish brown material, in the detainee’s mouth. I could not tell for sure what these were. I was unable to tell if they were, for example, pieces of food or some other substance.

A surgeon also came to assist, but was still unable to pry the detainees’ jaw open. The detainee’s jaw was clenched shut. I heard this same physician comment that the body appeared to be in the preliminary stage of rigor mortis. ISN 588’s chest was a natural color. Only the fingers and toes were blue in color.

At one point, while the corpsmen were attempting life saving measures for ISN 588, they attempted to revive him using a machine, which had tubes which connected from a machine to the detainee’s body. We were told to stand clear. This device, which was probably a defibrillator, yielded no response and no movement on the part of ISN 588. I was in the room for part of the time that the corpsmen were trying to revive ISN 588.

PRONOUNCEMENTS OF DEATHS OF ISN 693 AND ISN 588

ISN 693 was pronounced dead at 0112, and ISN 588 was pronounced dead at 0115. These pronouncements were both made at the clinic.

I went to the original room to look at ISN 693. He told him to take charge of the bodies and not let anyone enter the room anymore. Admiral Harris provided a quick de-brief to us, and thanked us for our cooperation in handling this situation.

INITIAL INFORMATION ON ISN 09

By this time, I already knew, from contact with other camp personnel, that there was a third alert. I later found out that this referred to a third hanging victim. This
Third hanging victim was identified as ISN 093. [b]told me we needed a team to go to the base hospital, to see what the situation was with ISN 093.

TRIP TO NAVAL HOSPITAL TO MONITOR ISN 093
[b]drove myself and [b] to the Naval Hospital. This hospital is on base, but is outside Camp Delta. We came to the acute care section. There was another team of escorts there, accompanying the body of ISN 093. These escorts advised us that no further escort guards were required for ISN 093. These escorts included [b] and her partner. When we realized that no further escorts were required, we decided to return to Camp Delta. We gave a ride to the other team, as well as a legal officer who was monitoring the situation. We dropped the legal officer off at another location, and then we returned to Camp Delta. [b]:

I remember that we arrived back at Camp Delta at about 0200. As soon as we got back, a recall of escorts was in progress. We could see more escort teams were in the area. We were told to come to the conference room. At that time, we took turns talking to an NCIS agent, [b]

SUMMARY
In summary, I responded to a [b] alert and assisted in taking ISN 693 down from the hanging position. After transporting ISN 693 to the DET Clinic, and while at that clinic, I also assisted corpsmen attempting to revive ISN 588. I was able to observe the condition of the bodies of both ISN 693 and ISN 588. I did not learn of the [b] on ISN 093 until some time after it had happened. [b]

I did not receive any specific indicators, in advance, that these three hanging incidents would take place. I was aware that there were other incidents of attempted suicides before, but nothing pointed to something happening that night. [b]
The above information completes my narrative on the events of the morning of 10JUN06. I would like to cooperate fully with this investigation, and I am available to answer additional questions upon request.

I have provided the above statement, consisting of this and the previous four pages, to SA [REDACTED], who typed it for me at my request. I have been given an opportunity to review this statement, and to make any changes or corrections as desired. I have placed my initials over any changes or corrections. I have read and understand this statement. This statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this fourteenth day of June, 2006.

Witnessed:

Special Agent, Naval Criminal Investigative Service

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INVESTIGATIVE ACTION

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SUPP: DETAINEE BEING HELD AT JTF-GTMO

RESULTS OF RE-INTERVIEW OF

1. On 16Jun06, Reporting Agent re-interviewed [REDACTED] at NCISRU Guantanamo Bay, Cuba regarding her response to cell A5 at Camp Delta, Camp 1, A-Block on 10Jun06.

2. According to [REDACTED], she responded to Cell Block A for a reported (b)(2) (suicide attempt). When she got there, she went directly to cell A12, but it was too crowded with guards for her to go in. A short time later, she heard a report of a [REDACTED] in A5 and followed [REDACTED] to that cell.

3. [REDACTED] said she and [REDACTED] entered the cell and helped hold up the detainee in A5 while another guard cut him down. MA2 said she was standing on the left side of the cell, holding back a blanket tied to the wall. She then saw an arm with shears in hand come over her right shoulder to cut the cord around the detainee's neck. [REDACTED] said she grabbed the hand and shears and moved them to a better location, and then the other guard cut the detainee free. [REDACTED] said she did not cut the cord, and she did not see the person who did. She assumed it was a guard from A-Block.

4. [REDACTED] had no other new information to report.

REPORTED BY: [REDACTED] Special Agent
OFFICE: NCISFO Washington, DC

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NCIS
I, [Redacted], make the following free and voluntary statement to whom I know to be a Representative of the United States Naval Criminal Investigative Service. I make this statement of my own free will and without any threats made to me or promises extended. I fully understand that this statement is given concerning my knowledge of the three detainee deaths in Camp Delta, Block Alpha, which occurred between 09Jun06 and 10Jun06.

On 09June06, I reported for duty at the area the detainee clinic. The is an area outside the detainee medical area that we muster before duty. I reported for duty at Block at 0025. We conducted normal block operations during the first part of the night. I went to chow with 1140. At 0025, I reported back to for duty. I was at Fox Block for approximately two minutes and then went off the block to A Block to talk with their guards on duty. When I walked up the stairs, I saw outside of cell A-8 trying to get the subjects attention. At this time, I went down to A-8 in order to assist them with the situation. They were knocking on the cell and calling his identification number, but there was no response. They could see a blanket on the rack with what appeared to be the detainee underneath. reached the beanhole and tugged on the blanket to try and get the detainee’s attention, but there was no response. He then pulled the blanket away and only saw clothes on rack. I then noticed a blanket hanging up diagonally in the cell near the sink. I also saw another sheet or another half of the blanket covering up the cell wall behind the diagonally hung blanket. In addition, I also saw about a quarter of the shutter to the cell covered up. My first though was that the detainee was behind the blanket and I was unsure of what he could be doing. said, “No one was in there.” I went to advise everyone else of the situation and get the keys. When everyone else was coming to the cell, I decided to go outside the block and look through the shutter into the cell to try and get a look behind the sheet. I estimate it seven seconds to leave the front of the cell door and arrive at the outside shutter of A-8. When I tried to look in, there were objects hung up inside obstructing my view. I had to climb up on a big, metal stand that divides the cell to get a view inside. I had to pull myself up to the shutter and begin to poke through the mesh in order to get the stuff out of the way. The items in the shutter were a prayer rug, underwear, and socks. Once they fell, I leaned over to look inside. At this time I saw the detainee hanging by his neck. His face was towards me with his head slouching down, a rag in his mouth, some sheets tore up to make rope and the rope was tied around his head, but I am unsure of the exact positioning. I looked down and saw his hands hanging at waist level. The back of his hands were toward the shutter and there was cloth made into a rope which made it appear that the hands were tied. The fingers were curled up into fists. I saw the detainee’s feet off the ground approximately one and a half inches with no shoes on. The detainee appeared stiff and
there was no movement. I yelled, “He’s hanging, get in there”. I stayed on the metal box and looked through the shutter while I saw the guards open the door, the blankets being ripped down, and MA1 pick up the body by the waist. I then left and went around to the front of the cell to assist.

On the way back, I realized we were going to need a stretcher. I went to the guard tower to get the stretcher and was assisted by to take the stretcher inside to the cell. As he took the stretcher, I got a pair of medical gloves and put them on and arrived at the front of the cell. The detainee was already cut down laying on the floor, shackled and handcuffed. The rope on his hands was cut. All helped putting the detainee on the backboard and strapping him down. I noticed his skin color had changed and he was cold. At that time, I recall the guards who carried the detainee out on a board as; in the front, left side; in the front, right side; was on the right side middle; was on right side back; and I was on the left side middle. I am unsure who was behind me. We took the detainee to the detainee clinic. He was put down on a bed and I stayed with him holding the backboard. stayed behind with me and sent everyone else back to A Block. The senior chief, unsure who it was, came in and began asking questions, which were being answered by . I stood back from the body while medical staff working on him. The corpsman needed the handcuffs off to work on the detainee so I took out my key and removed the cuffs. At this time, I heard on the radio, ’A-12′. I began running back when I realized we would need another stretcher. was running behind me when I stopped. I told him we would need a stretcher and did not see one around. decided to go back to the clinic for the stretcher while I decided to continue on to A-BLOCK.

When I arrived at A-12, the detainee had already been cut down. I am unsure who was there at the time. He was already shackled and handcuffed and were waiting for the stretcher to get there. During this time, I heard the call for assistance with A-5 by arrived with keys to A-5. Two guards went inside before me, but I do not know who they were. There was a blanket hung in the same way as A-8. When the door was opened, the two guards went to either side of the blanket to untie it. I grabbed the nearest side of the sheet and pulled it down. When the blanket came down, a Fourth person came in and picked the hanging detainee by the waist for someone else to cut him down. The body was relatively the same set up as A-8 with the hands tied, same cloth on his head, but there was nothing in his mouth. I began yelling to others outside the cell for shears to cut the detainee down. I believe arrived with the shears and cut A-5 down. After the cut, I gained control of the detainee’s head and slowly lowered him to the deck. We did not have restraints, so I walked out to find some. There was a MA1 from escorts, name unknown, who had restraints and told him to give them to me. I then went back into the cell, separated the restraints by giving the shackles and handcuffs to other to be put on the detainee. I then went back to A-12 to assist. When I arrived at A-12, the detainee was still in the cell with and another unknown person. grabbed the head, I grabbed the body, and the unknown MP took the feet. We carried the detainee out and put him on the stretcher. Other assisted with strapping the detainee to the board. About five of us assisted caring him away. I was in the front, I was in the back left, was in the back right, was in the middle right, it was either MA1 from escorts, unknown name, or the Chief was in front right. As I was caring the detainee from A-12, I noticed his eyes were opened. As we carried the detainee to the clinic, I told to go back to the block to assist because we did not know if there were other victims. went back to the block and the remaining four of us took the detainee to the clinic. When we got to the clinic, MA1 from escorts stayed with the body and assisted the corpsman. As I left, I saw seven or eight others bring in the detainee from A-5. I then went back to A Block to see if they needed additional assistance. There were lots of people on A Block so I decided to go back to

I remained on waking people up to check on their status. During my rounds, I was asked by what was going on. I told him I did not know. He replied, “What cell number? I told him I
didn't know. He then said, "You don't have to tell me, I already know." He then said, "Do you know why?" I told him no. He replied, "It is because of the Coronal Blanca". I told him he is a Coronal and we are MP's, he is going to do what he wants. Later on in the night, I remembered the loud chanting around 2000. It is normal for the detainees to chant on Fridays, but this Friday was abnormal because of how loud the chanting got. Normally, a few will chant, but this time it seem all of A Block was chanting. I worked the rest of the night normally until I was told to come and be interviewed by investigators.

In the eight month I have been here working in the detention camp, I am cuss at daily. I was assaulted a month and a half ago when a detainee tried to punch me in the face. I also get threatened to have urine thrown on me.

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Signature: __________________________

Sworn and subscribed before me this 14 day of JUNE in the year at 2006

Witnessed: ____________________________

Representative, Naval Criminal Investigative Service
AUTH: DERIVED FROM ARTICLE 136
UCMJ (10 U.S.C. 936) AND 5 U.S.C. 303
STATEMENT

PLACE: NCISRA Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
DATE: 14JUN06

I, [b](3) [b](6) [b](7) [C], make this free and voluntary statement to [b](7) [C], whom I know to be a Representative of the United States Naval Criminal Investigative Service. I make this statement of my own free will and without any threats made to me or promises extended. I fully understand that this statement is given concerning my knowledge of the death of three detainees found hanged on 10JUN06 inside Alpha Block, Camp 1 aboard the Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

On 09JUN06, I was at Camp One (1) Delta Block when [b](3) [b](6) [b](7) [C] the shift Platoon Leader, requested me to talk to [b](3) [b](6) regarding his leave chit MA3 [b](3) submitted. I was to instruct [b](3) to alter his leave plans since we would be staffed under the sufficient amount of personnel if he took leave as it was then scheduled. I departed [b](2) Block and went to Alpha block, where I knew [b](3) to be working. When I entered Alpha Block, I walked into the NCO “shack”, the main control point for the block. I saw [b](3) standing with [b](3) [b](6) on the tier of Alpha Block. I called for [b](3) to come into the guard shack so we could reschedule his leave. He entered the guard shack and we began to discuss his leave schedule. During this time frame, [b](3) was seated at his desk and having a routine conversation on the telephone. I talked to [b](3) for approximately three to five (3-5) minutes when [b](3) [b](6) opened the door and stated: “We’re missing a detainee, and I can’t see him.” [b](3), along with [b](3) [b](6) [b](7) [C], whom I don’t remember being in the guard shack, went to investigate [b](3)’s allegation of the missing detainee. [b](2) stopped in front of ISN-093’s cell, gestured toward the cell and stated he could not see the detainee who was supposed to be inside. I noticed a blanket hanging from the ceiling, extending to the floor, and partitioning the back left corner of the cell from view from where I was standing. At this time, I noticed [b](3) [b](6) was outside and behind the tier looking into the cell. [b](3) stated he saw the detainee hanging from inside the cell. MA1 [b](3) instructed someone to retrieve the [b](2) (For informational purposes, NCIS b0 includes EMT shears, keys to the cell, a first aid kit, and an extra kit of sally keys.) After ISN-093’s cell door lock was opened [b](3) [b](6) [b](7) [C] Z entered the cell as I remained outside [b](3) [b](6) removed the blanket hanging from the ceiling and they then cut the noose to get ISN-093 down. While still suspended from the ceiling, I noticed ISN-093 as having a muzzle or something covering his face.
I departed the tier of ISN-093's cell and ran to the Sergeant of the Guard (SOG) who was located on the causeway, and informed him there was a person who hanged himself in Alpha Block. Immediately went to Alpha block and I returned to [b] that a detainee hanged himself in Alpha Block. and I began to proceed to Alpha block to render any assistance if we could. It was at this time I heard the codeword [b] being called on handheld radio. Not being assigned a radio myself, that was the first instance that I heard that night. I took to Alpha Block where we witnessed ISN-093 laying outside his cell, on the tier, strapped to a backboard. I noticed what appeared to be [b]

The people around ISN-093 were busy attempting to detect any signs of life. They then picked ISN-093 up and started towards the Detainee Clinic in order for him to be attended to by the physician on duty. I followed them and exited Alpha block. After I exited Alpha Block, I remained immediately outside of Alpha Block to attempt to control movement in and out of the block. I was standing outside the block when I saw the second detainee strapped to a backboard and being carried to the Detainee Clinic. I remained outside Alpha Block until I was relieved by the incoming shift.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14 day of June in the year 2006 at the NCISRA offices Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

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Date: June 14, 2006

I, (b)3(b)8(b)7(c), make the following free and voluntary statement to (b)7(c) whom I know to be a Representative of the United States Naval Criminal Investigative Service. I make this statement of my own free will and without any threats made to me or promises extended. I fully understand that this statement is given concerning my knowledge of the three detainee deaths which occurred in the Alpha Block of Camp 1 at Camp Delta, Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, during the early morning hours of 10JUN06.(b)3

For identification purposes, I am a Master at Arms (MASN), USN, JTF-NEGB, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. I arrived at Guantanamo on 25 FEB06, and began work in Camp 1 at the end of March. On the night 09JUN06, I was assigned to (b)3(b)5 USC as a Block Guard and was also as a member of the primary Incident Response Force (IRF) of Camp 1. Camp 1 is supposed to be (b)2 walk the block during my shift. As Block Guard my duty is to be responsible for the detainees and to walk the block during my shift. As primary IRF, it is my duty to respond to incident calls from other guards in any block in Camp 1, and to restrain or handle detainees with the necessary force required for compliance. On the night of 09JUN06, my shift was from (b)2 On the evening of 09JUN06, it was procedure to have two block guards minimum on the tier (walkway of the block) at all times. The duty of the guards is to walk up and down the block and observe the detainees. If an incident occurs on the block it is recorded by a block guard in DIMS. DIMS is the system used to record block operations constantly throughout the night. In addition to the notation in DIMS, the guard may write up a 28/23, which is a sworn statement of what happened. In some instances a SIGACT, which is a detainee note, is written in DIMS. SIGACTS are forwarded up the chain of Command and sent to the DOC.

I did not notice anything unusual in (b)2 during the night of 09JUN06. I did notice that there was singing coming from Alpha block either around or right after chow time that evening (chow time should be recorded in DIMS). I do not usually hear the detainees singing.

On the night of 09JUN06, I was on (b)2 when I heard (b)3(b)6(b)7(c) who may have been acting SOG at the time, state to the Platoon Leader (PL) of Camp 1, (b)7(c) that someone on Alpha Block was hanging. As soon as I heard that said, since I was primary IRF, I was wondering if they would call the code for the IRF at the time. My block NCO (b)3(b)6(b)7(c) told me to head out to the causeway and help as needed. I asked (b)3(b)6(b)7(c) if they had called primary IRF code and he said that they had, so I went to India block where we store our IRF gear. No one was there so I did not change in to IRF gear, and just went straight to Alpha Block instead. I did not hear a call for the primary IRF team, and I do not know what time it was at this point. The primary IRF code for the night was (b)2(b)3

As I got to Alpha block Sally (which is the entrance to the block), Alpha guards were already bringing the first detainee, ISN 93, out on a backboard. The detainee was strapped to the board, but I did not have time to observe anything else about him. Just as I saw the detainee, I was told to start walking...
the block by MASN who was also primary IRF, was behind me at this time. For a split second before we entered A Block, the block was empty of guards because they were all attending to ISN 93, then turned back to assist us on the block. I entered the block and started a head count by looking into each cell and observing skin and movement. I began the head count on the right side of Alpha block with cell A48 and continued up that side. As I was doing a head count on the right side, I was also glancing over the left side as well to check on things. When I reached cell A2 on the left side, I looked across the tier at cell A12, which held ISN 588. ISN 588 appeared to be sleeping on the floor of his cell with his mattress propped up vertically on the front of the cell and underneath his rack. I could only see what appeared to be the legs of ISN 588 covered by a sheet and sticking out by the end of the mattress in front of the cell door. Detainees often sleep on the floor, so I did not think this was out of the ordinary, and continued with the head count. I continued down to a couple more cells, then walked up to me asked me to check on cell A5, which held ISN 693, to see if the detainee was breathing. As I turned to walk towards A5, I glanced at cell A12, and realized that something was wrong, because at this point I could see the blanket hanging in the back corner of the cell where the sink is located. I took a closer look inside cell A12 but since I could not see underneath the bed, I could not determine if the detainee was definitely under the sheet, but I could tell that he probably was not underneath the sheet. I told (b) (b) (b) (b) to go outside the tier and find out if he could see anything in the cell. While (b) (b) (b) was doing this, (b) (b) and I were yelling at ISN 588 to wake up, but still not getting a response. I then heard (b) say from outside the cell window “Oh Shit, he’s hanging”. At that point SOG (b) (b) (b) and others (NFI) were standing at the beginning of the tier outside the guard shack, and I yelled (b) Alpha 12” at them. (b) is called out when detainees are doing something to harm themselves that may result the detainee taking their own life. I did not have keys to the cell, and I do not know who opened the door to the cell door, but once the door was open (b) (b) (b) and I went into the cell. At this point I was focused on the detainee in case he was taking the situation and was potentially going to attack us, although I felt like I knew what was really going on. (b) (b) (b)

The three of us entered the cell A12 and tore down the blanket and saw the ISN 588 hanging in his cell. The first thing I observed was the discoloration of his lips, which appeared blue. His eyes were open and bloodshot. I could tell he wasn’t breathing. It appeared that ISN 588 has taken a T-shirt and shredded it and then tied the pieces together to make a rope. The “rope” was tied around his neck and his head several times. ISN 588 was relatively short, and I recall that he was about eye level with me when I walked into cell. ISN 588 was not kneeling, and I am almost positive that he was hanging with his feet slightly above the floor. I do not remember where his hands were, but I do not think they were restrained. Someone, I believe it was (b), came up behind (b) (b) (b) and I were holding the body of ISN 588, and cut the rope with scissors that were from the (b) kit kept in the guard shack. We placed ISN 588 on the floor and restrained him with our hands as we waited for a backboard. I checked for a pulse, but as I did this I realized the body was cold to the touch. ISN 588 seemed a little stiff. As ISN 588 lay there on the floor (b) (b), I came up behind me and cut the cloth away from his head and neck, and I started pulling the cloth off. ISN 588 had dark bruising around his neck from the cloth. I remember someone, I think it was PL (b) (b) asking me how he (ISN 588) was doing and I said he was gone. (b) (b) (b) put cuffs and ankle bracelets on ISN 588 as the backboard arrived. (b)

While ISN 588 was on the floor and before the backboard came I heard someone call (b) for Alpha 5. I stayed with ISN 588 the entire time. I never observed the inside of Alpha 5, and only saw ISN 693, as he was being taken out on the backboard. I helped carry ISN 588 out on the backboard to Alpha Block Sally. I then stayed behind on the tier to help as needed while (b) (b) (b) (b) (b) (b) (b) (b) (b) and possibly others carried ISN 588 out of the block. I observed that the detainees were being unusually quiet throughout the entire series of events.
I continued to walk the block instructing detainees to take things off their walls and to wake up. At some point during the series of events detailed above, SOG (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) had ordered guards to wake detainees and have them take everything off their cell walls. I observed detainees complying with this, and taking down various linens (shirts, towels, blankets, sheets, prayer rugs). I do not specifically recall which detainees I observed during this process. I observed that the detainees were being unusually quiet throughout the entire series of events. I was on block for about five minutes or so, and then I was told to go back to E(b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) The entire event, from the time I left Block to the time the final body was removed, could not have been any more than five minutes.

I went back to my block and continued normal block operations. Upon arriving back at (b)(2) block, NCO (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) was walking the tier and told me that everything in (b)(2) was all right.

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Signature:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of June in the year 2006, at 15:40.

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CCN: 10-0031-7HNA

INVESTIGATION: INTERVIEW OF (b)(3):10 USC §130h (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

On 10 Jun 05, 0039 hours, three detainees being held at Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (JTF-GTMO) were found by Joint Detention Group (JDG) personnel hanging by their necks. Their lifeless bodies were discovered within Camp Delta, Camp One, Cell Block Alpha, Cell Five, Eight, and Twelve. Reporting Agent (RA) interviewed (b)(3):10 USC §130h (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) to ascertain his actions prior to and during the time the detainees were found hanging.

(b)(3):10 USC stated on 10 Jun 06 between 0030-0045 hours, he was walking through the block when he heard someone state a detainee was hanging. (b)(3):10 USC stated he went to the A Block area to assist and saw an unknown detainee (possibly A12) hanging. (b)(3):10 USC stated he went into the detainees cell with another Master at Arms (MA) and cut the detainee down. (b)(3):10 USC related they placed shackles on the detainee while the other MA checked the subjects pulse. (b)(3):10 USC related the other MA informed him the detainee had no pulse. (b)(3):10 USC related the detainee was placed on a backboard and transported away to medical.

RA asked (b)(3):10 USC how often does someone walk down the cellblocks. (b)(3):10 USC stated someone should be walking through every 2-3 minutes. (b)(3):10 USC related (b)(3):10 USC were assigned to A Block (b)(3):10 USC related there are other people assigned to the block but he could not think of their names at the moment. RA asked (b)(3):10 USC did he have anything further to add regarding the incident. (b)(3):10 USC related he believed someone assisted the detainee tie the ligature.

Reported By: (b)(7)(C)
Office: NCISRU GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA

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STATEMENT

Place: Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
Date: June 15, 2006

1. USN, make the following free and voluntary statement to Special Agent whom I know to be a Representative of the United States Naval Criminal Investigative Service. I make this statement of my own free will and without any threats made to me or promises extended. I fully understand that this statement is given concerning my knowledge of the three detainee deaths which occurred between 09Jun06-10Jun06.

On 09Jun06, I came on duty at 1800. It was a normal night walking the block, watching the detainees, and serving meals. It stayed normal until I came back from midpat (midnight rations) at 0030 on 10Jun06. I saw guards on Alpha Block, running around. I asked in general what was going on. I told the above group not to talk about it until we get everything straightened out. I respected his wishes and went to Alpha Block to get more information about what was going on. When I got near the cell, I heard "Alpha 12". I went to Alpha 12 and saw a group of people ready to go inside the cell. When I got to Alpha 12, I saw a blanket hanging up near the sink area. The group made entry into the cell and pulled the blanket down. I then saw the detainee hanging by his neck. The detainee’s eyes were open, he had some sort of white cloth around his mouth, feet off the ground, and no shoes. I do not remember the positioning of his hands. The detainee was cut down and secured by shackles and handcuffs by the group. I then heard "Alpha 5". I responded to Alpha 5 and another group had already made entry into the cell. The detainee was in relatively the same position as the detainee in Alpha 12. There was a harness around his neck, his hands were tied, eyes were closed, and he was not wearing shoes. The detainee was cut down and others brought him down to the floor. Shackles and handcuffs were brought into the cell. I took the shackles and secured the detainee’s feet. I then went back to Alpha 12 to assist. I brought the backboard to Alpha 12. The group inside brought the detainee out and I assisted in securing the subject to the backboard. We then picked the detainee up and carried him to the detainee clinic. As I left the detainee clinic, I saw the group bring in the detainee from Alpha 5. They were not far behind us bring their detainee into to the clinic.
When I first got here in October 2005, it was standard operating procedure to allow detainees to hang blankets, sheets, shirts, prayer mats, towels, or anything else that needed to be dried. It was permitted for the drying items to be hung on the door as long as we were able to look inside. I am not sure of an exact time but policy changed where no items were allowed to be hung on doors. Items could still be hung up in the cell just as long as it was not near the door.

This statement, consisting of this page and 1 page(s) was typed for me by [redacted] as we discussed its contents. I have read and understand the above statement. I have been given the opportunity to make any changes or corrections I desire to make and have placed my initials over the changes or corrections. This statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 15 day of June in the year of 2006.

Witnessed

[Redacted]

Representative, Naval Criminal Investigative Service
AUTH: DERIVED FROM ARTICLE 136
UCMJ (10 U.S.C. 936) AND 5 U.S.C. 303
STATEMENT

PLACE: NCISRA Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
DATE: 19JUN06

I, [b](3) [b](6) [b](7)(C), make this free and voluntary statement to [b](7)(C), whom I know to be a Representative of the United States Naval Criminal Investigative Service. I make this statement of my own free will and without any threats made to me or promises extended. I fully understand that this statement is given concerning my knowledge of the deaths of three detainees found hanged on 10JUN06 inside Alpha Block, Camp 1 aboard the Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

[b](3) For identification purposes, [b](3) [b](6) [b](7)(C)
[b](3) [b](6) [b](7)(C)

I am currently serving as a detainee escort at the Guantanamo Bay Joint Task Force Detainee facility, aboard Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (GTMO). I have served at this position since November 2005. On 10JUN06, at approximately 0015, I was located in the escort lounge on standby when we received a [b](2) call. For informational purposes, [b](2) indicates a medical emergency regarding the detainee population.

Initially, my team [b](2) did not respond to the first [b](2) Another escort team responded to the call. We then received a second and separate [b](2) to which another team responded to the code. Shortly after receiving the second [b](2) a guard from Camp One (1) ran into the escort area where my team and I were located and requested all personnel present to accompany him to Alpha Block.

When we arrived, we stopped at the ISN-693’s cell. ISN-693 had already been placed and strapped on a medical backboard. I noticed ISN-693’s face was blue. I observed one of ISN-693’s arms had fallen off the backboard. I returned his arm onto the backboard and noticed his arm was stiff. [b](3) [b](6) [b](7)(C)
[b](3) and I lifted the backboard and transported ISN-693 to the Detainee Clinic.

When we arrived at the Detainee Clinic, the medical staff directed us to take ISN-693 to the last room on the left. We placed his body on the bed and shackled one arm the backboard per standard procedures. One of the people who helped transport ISN-693 informed the medical staff that no pulse could be detected. [b](2) on duty initiated CPR. [b](3) [b](5) was providing artificial respiration. A medical corpsman on duty began performing chest compressions. They continued providing CPR to ISN-693 for approximately 45 minutes. A medical doctor on staff, wearing civilian clothes, entered the room and began to attempt to intubate ISN-693. The doctor, however, could not open ISN-693’s mouth with his hands. The doctor was able to open ISN-693’s mouth slightly by prying the jaws apart with a specialized tool. It was at this point the doctor stated ISN-693 had something stuck in the back of his mouth. [b](2)
Continuation of Voluntary Sworn Statement of (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

On 19JUN06

Doctor then intubated ISN-693, and another medical corpsman resumed providing CPR for approximately 20 minutes. During this time, more officers and medical staff arrived at the Detainee Clinic. A navy lieutenant entered and inspected ISN-693 for vital signs. The lieutenant could detect no signs of life and called the time of death. One of the medical doctors instructed me to place both bodies in one (1) room and instructed us to stand guard over them. The medical staff requested we lift ISN-693 and ISN-588 so they could place medical cloth beneath them in to capture any fluid that might escape their bodies. They then placed sheets over the bodies of ISN-693 and ISN-588. We then secured the room.

(b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) arrived and assumed responsibility of maintaining control of ISN-693 and ISN-588. (b)(7)(C) arrived at the Detainee Clinic to process the scene. (b)(7)(C) requested us to remove the restraints from ISN-693 and ISN-588. When finished processing the bodies, the medical staff began prepping them to transport to the morgue. While prepping the bodies for transport, one of the medical personnel discovered what was established later to be a suicide note in a shirt pocket of one of the bodies. We recalled (b)(7)(C) to retrieve the note. After we placed ISN-693 and ISN-588 in the ambulance to transport to the morgue, (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) relieved us. (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) departed with the bodies reroute to the morgue.

This statement, consisting of this page and one other, were typed for me by (b)(7)(C), as we discussed its contents. I have read and understand the above statement. I have been given the opportunity to make any changes or corrections I desire to make and have placed my initials over the changes or corrections. This statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: __________________________

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19 day of JUN in the year 2004 at NCIS RAF Guantanamo Bay

Witnessed:

Representative, Naval Criminal Investigative Service
U.S. NAVAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE

TITLE: V/AI ZAHRANI, YASSER TALAL/CIV
CCN: 10JUN06-MPST-0031-7HNA

INVESTIGATIVE ACTION: RESULTS OF INTERVIEW -

1. On 16JUN06, reporting agent interviewed Ahmad, an employee of Torres Advanced Enterprise Solutions, Arlington, VA. Works as a counselor to detainees at Camp Delta, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Has worked at Camp Delta since SEP05. He talks with, and counsels, detainees from all sections of the camp. Provided information regarding the events at the camp following an incident in which three detainees, Internment Serial Numbers (ISN) 93, 588, and 693, were reported to have committed suicide by hanging in their respective cells in the early morning hours of 10JUN06.

2. (b)(3):10 said he was called at 0200, and arrived at the camp at about 0230. He went to the Detention Hospital at camp, and then was directed to go to the Detention Clinic. He went inside the clinic, and saw the bodies of 588 and 693. When he arrived at the clinic, ISN 588 and ISN 693 had already been pronounced dead. He saw an ambulance leaving Camp Delta, and later learned that this ambulance was transporting ISN 93, who was pronounced dead after he arrived at the Naval Hospital, Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay.

3. (b)(3):10 checked on the bodies and made sure they were wrapped in sheets. He monitored the transportation of the deceased detainees to ensure they were handled in accordance with custom. ISN 93 and 588 were Saudis; ISN 693 was Yemeni.

4. (b)(3):10 went to Detainee Operations Center (DOC), and translated one suicide note for ISN 003, to assist NCIS. When he discovered the other two detainees had hung themselves, he also translated their notes for NCIS.

5. (b)(3):10 walked into the A Block at Camp 1, shortly after the hangings took place. As he entered the cell block, the detainees were quiet, much more so than usual. The first detainee on the left didn’t say anything. He was (b)(2):10 His neighbor, another detainee, asked (b)(3):10 if he was an interpreter. (b)(2):10 heard him asking this, and said “You know who he is,” or words to that effect.

(b)(3):10 walked down the cell block, and all the detainees were quiet. (b)(3):10 impression was that the detainees were pretending not to know what happened. Normally they would call out to (b)(3):10 , and would talk to him.

6. Later on that day, 10JUN06, about half the A (Alpha) block detainees were transferred to the block. (b)(2):10 block is in (b)(2):10 To gauge the detainee’s demeanor, (b)(3):10 visited the block. (b)(3):10 again wanted to see their reaction. (b)(3):10 gave (b)(2):10 an eye contact. (b)(2):10 got up and pretended to be concerned. (b)(2):10 asked, “Why don’t I have my slippers? Why don’t I have my other things? They are in the computer and I am allowed to have them. Shouldn’t they be issued to me? Why are we here?” (b)(3):10 replied, “You are here because one of you tried to commit suicide by hanging himself.” By this time (b)(3):10 knew that there were three completed hangings. He said that there was one suicide attempt instead, in order to see the reaction. There was no reaction from (b)(3):10 impression was that ISN 149 already knew that three completed hangings had taken place.

7. (b)(3):10 continued walking down the block. The detainee in the last cell on the right gave (b)(3):10 attention and asked, “How long are we going to be quiet?” (b)(3):10 replied, “Just follow rules and stay out of trouble.” (b)(3):10 impression was that this detainee, too, knew all along what was happening.

8. (b)(3):10 impression was that the vast majority of the detainees in the A block of Camp 1 knew all along what was happening. (b)(3):10 indicated that these three hangings were a planned
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9. [Redacted] provided the following information regarding his employer, Torres Advance Enterprise Solutions: The company is headquartered at 4301 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 205, Arlington, VA. Their phone number is [Redacted]. His supervisor is [Redacted]. Her phone number is [Redacted].

10. [Redacted] advised that he would like to cooperate fully with this investigation. [Redacted] is available to answer additional questions upon request.

Reported By: Special Agent
Office: NCISFO Washington, DC
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INVESTIGATIVE ACTION

17JUN06

CONTROL: 10JUN06-MPGT-0031-7HNA

V/AL ZAHRANI, YASSER TALAL/CIV
M/W/FNSA/N/26DEC83/SAUDI ARABIA
SUPP: DETAINEE BEING HELD AT JTF-GTMO

REVIEW OF DETAINEE MEAL PLANS

1. On 17Jun06, Reporting Agent reviewed the detainee meal plans and meal tracking sheet for Delta Camp, Camp 1, A-Block to determine what food was served for dinner to V/AL ZAHRANI, V/AL TABI and V/AHMED on 09Jun06.

2. According to the meal tracking sheet, V/AL ZAHRANI (ISN 93) and V/AHMED (ISN 693) selected the Regular meal plan (selection 1), and V/AL TABI (ISN 588) selected the Vegetarian diet (selection 3), Enclosure (A) pertains.

3. According to JTF staff, 09Jun06 corresponded to the 13th day on the meal plan rotation. Review of the Regular meal plan, Enclosure (B), revealed the following menu for day 13:

   Fish baked in sesame sauce
   Brown rice
   Roasted mixed vegetables
   Apple
   Wheat bread
   Margarine
   2% milk
   Drink ade

Review of the Special Vegetarian meal plan, Enclosure (C), revealed the following menu for day 13:

   Chick peas
   Brown rice
   Roasted mixed vegetables
   Apple
   Wheat bread
   Margarine
   2% milk
   Drink ade

ENCLOSURES
(A) Copy of A-Block Meal Tracking Sheet/27May06
(B) Copy of Detainee Regular Meal Plan
(C) Copy of Detainee Special Vegetarian Meal Plan

REPORTED BY: (b)(7)(C) Special Agent
OFFICE: NCISFO Washington, DC

EXHIBIT (47)
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STATEMENT

Place: Building 760, NCISRU Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
Date: 17JUN06

I am the Commander of the Joint Detention Group (JDG) and I am responsible for a guard force of over 1000 individuals whose mission is to provide safe care and custody to all detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (GTMO). I arrived at GTMO on Saturday, 16APR05, and took Command of JDG on 22APR05. I replaced [b](3)[b](8)b(7)(C) I was told by Major General HOOD who said he was relaying guidance given to him personally from the Secretary of Defense, that JTF-GTMO was to come in compliance with the Geneva Convention (particularly the 3rd Geneva Convention) to the greatest degree possible without compromising security. Within the past year there have been numerous changes made at Camp Delta, including many small changes, in order to bring us into greater compliance with the Geneva Convention. Many of the changes came at the urging of the International Commission of the Red Cross (ICRC). I was responsible for carrying out the guidance from MG HOOD. As I made the changes, I looked at the security aspect of the changes more from the point of view of guard safety, rather than protecting the detainees from themselves. Though there had been numerous suicide attempts, the real attempts had been made by those who were depressed or mentally disturbed and we had procedures in place to care for them in conjunction with the Behavioral Health Section who I work closely with. As I made each decision I primarily looked at two things. First, does what I am changing increase the possibility of detainee escape, and second, what is the possibility of a guard being harmed if this change is implemented. The guidance given was basically to improve the quality of life of the detainees. For everything I did to improve detainee quality of life there was some degree of resistance from the guard force, including the leadership immediately subordinate to me. If the guards do not like the changes, it affects how the changes will be implemented. If the changes are not made in the proper spirit then those changes could backfire on us. For example, if the new standard was 2 hours recreation, a guard who was disgruntled about the change could easily cause a block of detainees to be upset by not getting all detainees through the rotation. I think perhaps because so many changes have come at the guards so fast, that although they became willing to accept change, that in turn, we may have created confusion in their minds. Camp 1 guards were perhaps lulled into a belief that because we put so much emphasis on improving the quality of life for detainees that the threat level of the Camp was decreased. Guards were constantly taking care of prisoners and handling prisoner requests, which may have
caused an erosion of the duty of custody, and moved the focus more toward detainee care and comfort at the detriment of guard alertness to inappropriate behavior of detainees.

Leadership made quite a distinction between detainee treatment in Camps 1 and 2. The population of Camp 1 had gone down in the past month because of problems we had with detainees damaging their sinks in MAY/JUNE 06. Detainees in Camp 1 were taking the springs out of their sinks and using them to fabricate a tool, which we believed could be used to attack the guards. We put the detainees who were doing this into another camp because sinks in that camp had been modified and did not have the springs. Subsequent to 18MAY06, the population of Camp 1 dropped to slightly under 100 from over 200, and it seemed that the detainees left in Camp 1 were fairly compliant and had no immediate intentions of carrying acts of misconduct.

Camp 1 used to be the primary focal point of the detention center because it was the most populated Camp and because I described it to my guard force as the real pivot point. Camp 1 contains compliant detainees and our goal always was to bring as many detainees as possible in to the compliant or highly compliant category. Our strategy was to make life the best we possibly could for the detainees, considering the facilities they were housed in, such as to encourage good behavior. Those that chose to violate the rules of the camp were sent to discipline or segregation blocks in where within standards of the GC and while being completely humane we made life less desirable on those blocks with stricter standards. Those that continued compliant behavior on a compliant block for an extended period of time would eventually be rewarded with highly compliant status and a subsequent move to where life is the best it possibly can be in the Camp Delta complex. Within Camp 1 at the time of the 10JUN06, incident there were and Alpha. held very compliant detainees, who were basically waiting for space to move to. Every detainee on Alpha block is there for a particular reason.

The Camp Delta Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) manual lays out the way the JDG is to be run. The latest full republishing of the SOP was in DEC05. We had basically been working on this since I arrived. Updating the SOP was primarily the responsibility of my S3 shop (operations) and S5 Shop (civil liaison and planning section). The changes were orchestrated by The changes were basically made to incorporate all the Guard Mount messages since the last SOP, which was published DEC04. Guard mount messages are directions/orders to the guard force.
isseminated via the Detainee Information Management System (DIMS). A guard mount message often fills a void we have discovered in the SOP or in some instances modifies an existing practice due to changing circumstances.

obtain information and gauge what is going on in the camps based on a variety of sources and inputs. I have used this information to assist me in modifying procedures and in developing new procedures to meet the ever changing challenges and situations in the Camp Delta complex of camps. I am the approving official for SOP changes.

Every morning at 0900 with the exception of Sunday, I meet with all Camp Commanders, so that they can brief me on previous day’s events. The meetings include, everyone who is in charge of each camp, both of my battalion commanders, mental health representatives, the senior medical officer from the Joint Medical Group, the cultural advisor from the JTF, Interrogation Control Element Operations and pretty much a representative of all groups that work here. I also routinely check DIMS system during the day as it provides information on activity in the blocks and I walk through the camps at various times of the day.

Guards are briefed on new guard mount messages during guard mounts held in each camp by their camp leadership prior to each shift. New guard mount messages are also put into DIMS. Camp 1 in particular is a dynamic Camp and changes are made on a regular basis. I brief significant changes in practices up to the Commander Joint Task Force (CJTF) Guantanamo (Presently RDML HARRIS and previously MG HOOD). For example, the lighting levels on the cells at night were briefed up, and comfort items allowed to detainees were briefed up. Minor changes, however, are not briefed up. I remained and do continue to remain in continuous contact with the CJTF. This contact includes standing meetings throughout the week and phone calls throughout the day to review and significant events in the camps and changes necessary to standing orders.

Relevant passages from the DEC05 SOP, and additional guard messages with potential relevance to the incidents of 10JUN06, are addressed below.

The SOP related to lighting in cells (para 8-29, page 37) during darkness in Camp 1 is to turn off half the lights on the tier. Cells in Camp 1 do not have lights inside the cell. The lights are on the ceiling of the tier and shine into the cells. So one side of the tier is lit and the other is not. This makes it more difficult to see into the cells on the side that are not lit. To the best of my recollection, the lights on the South side of Alpha 1, the side on which the suicides occurred were the lights that were turned off on the night of 09JUN06.

The issue of lighting during sleep hours was a significant issue to the ICRC when I first arrived in O5.

The SOP states (para 8-5d., page 28) that there must always be at least one guard on the tier at all times. Basically there is to be no less than one guard walking the tier, but randomly two guards are to walk the block. It may be noted, however, that as detainees
were granted more privileges guards had to supervise them more in their off tier activities, such as two hours of recreation a day allowed for each detainee, so one guard on tier became more the norm

The SOP states that no showers and recreation will take place during the hours of 2200-0600 (para 8-14a.(11), page 31). ICRC considered it very important for detainees to have uninterrupted sleep. This SOP also ceases the movement of detainees during these hours (para 8-13b, page 30).

In background, ICRC comes into GTMO every two to four months and stays four to six weeks each time. The ICRC has unfettered access to each detainee and meets with generally with every detainee during their visit. They also meet with me once a week to discuss their findings. At the end of each visit they provide an out-brief to the CJTF.

Finally, ICRC completes a report on what they have seen that is my understanding goes Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Detainee Affairs.

Appendix B, of the SOP sets out the guidelines for hanging material in cells. Appendix B lays out matters of discipline within the Camps. The Appendix contains of four pages relevant to the matters of 10 JUNE. These pages define offenses and level of punishment and also lists amount of punishment time that will be given for them. It also lists what items detainees are allowed to have with them. The fourth pertinent page (B-4) is entitled, Authorized/Unauthorized Activities sets forth how detainees may use certain items on each level. Appendix B, is updated and added to the SOP on a regular basis, and is used daily by Camp leadership. Guards have access to it the same as the Camp Platoon Leader (CPL), and changes are gone over in the guard mount prior to each shift. Page B-3 is a chart that shows the items allowed, with footnotes at the bottom indicating the manner in which they may be used. Page B-4 of the appendix SOP states that sheets or blankets may be used for privacy while detainees are using the toilet, however they may not be tied more than halfway up the cell height. In addition detainees may hang items to dry in the cell window, but the items must not block the entire window. B-4 also
states that nothing can be hung off the cell walls. Guard messages on 07DEC05, and 24MAY06, addressed the misuse of blankets, but the focus was primarily on not allowing detainees to cover their head and shoulders when using the toilet or sink to prevent detainees from surreptitiously partaking in hunger strikes by throwing up food or putting food down the drains, because guards check the amount of food eaten by detainees.

At the time of the incident, detainees in Camp 1 were allowed to have the following items: 2 T-shirts, 2 pairs underwear, 2 detainee uniforms, 1 set of PT shorts, 2 pairs of socks, 2 blankets, a sheet, 2 towels, and a washcloth. In addition they also had a full roll of toilet paper and water bottle, shower shoes and deck shoes. Detainees also were allowed a Koran, prayer beads, prayer cap, and personal papers to be kept in their box outside their cell. Up to 20 pieces of personal mail are allowed in the cell. All these items are described at page B-3. Please note that a modification to B-3 was published in March 06. Detainees originally had only one set of clothes, but after exercise equipment was provided for detainee use in the recreational area, detainees requested more clothing items because they were sweating more. Also the Geneva Convention requires that detainees be allowed undergarments. All detainees are given a new, full water bottle with each meal (para 8-27a, page 36). Water bottles were one of the items granted to detainees by MG Hood as a means to end the first hunger strike. Apparently, they were used by at least one detainee to make “calves” for the “dummy” he placed in his bed during the incident.

The SOP states on Page 42, Paragraph 9-10 Confiscation of items. Any deliberate damage done to property by a detainee is cause for removal. Holes and tearing that occurs from everyday use does not count, damage must be deliberate. There is not a section of the SOP directly related to sheets, blankets or clothing. Detainees are informed of the rules with a copy given to each detainee. This particular rule can be found in the SOP on page viii, at rule number 5 and states “You may not damage, destroy or tamper with any object, property, or security device.”

There is a difference in how each camp is run in true practice. What is allowed and considered normal within each camp differs. While MG HOOD was in command, any use of force by the guard force was strongly discouraged. and force cell extractions were closely monitored by the CJTF. An atmosphere developed among camp leaders that it was sometimes easier to compromise with detainees than to strictly enforce a rule.

Under the watch of RDM HARRIS, all camps have been moving more to 100% compliance as he has stated that all detainees must comply with verbal orders. Camp 1 guards rely more on interpersonal skills to maintain compliant behavior and there was a more liberal interpretation of the SOP by the guards. Once a norm or procedure is established with detainees it is very difficult to change procedures without significant problems being created. The general concept was that the detainees in camp 1 were not causing problems, so guards and (their supervisors) were more prone to let small infractions slide by. It is a classic case of a
On the night of 09JUN06, I was not in the Camp. I had spent the evening at Admiral Harris' house. It was probably 0048 or so that I was called by the detention operation center (DOC). Upon receiving the call I went straight to the DET Clinic. I fell in behind an ambulance as I was leaving my quarters in Camp 3 and just followed it straight in to Camp 1. After being notified by the DOC and before I left my house, I called Admiral Harris and told him what I knew, which at that point was that there had been one suicide attempt. En route to the DET, I received another phone call from the DOC and was told two others detainees were being taken to the DET Clinic. I notified the DOC to inform Sally 1 that I would be coming in the front gate. Upon arrival at the DET clinic, I went straight to each one of the three detainees. I saw ISN 093 first, then ISN 693 and then ISN588. There was no doctor on scene at the time. The Senior Medical person was a Navy Lt. Nurse. Guards and medical personnel were around each detainee giving CPR and providing care (mostly chest compressions and bagged oxygen). Each detainee looked dead. They all had that blank look in their eyes. ISN 093 had an EKG hooked up but it was flat lining. I called the Admiral about a minute and a half after my arrival, and said to him that I think we have three dead.

The first orders I remember giving were upon my arrival at the DET clinic. The Field Grade in the Wire (FGIW) who is my personal representative when I am not in Camp,
came up to me and asked what he should do. I said (not verbatim) "I need a 100 percent recall. I need people in, and I want every detainee woken up and checked to make sure they are alive. Somebody get to Alpha block and secure it, and get any guards involved to the conference room as we are able to relieve them off the block with substitute guards." I also called to SOG for Camp 1 to try and find out where we stood status-wise. I wanted to know how much of Camp 1 had been checked and to understand the circumstances surrounding the discovery of the detainees.

Shortly, after this call, as I continued to mentally make decisions regarding the situation, lawyers came in to the DET Clinic and asked if NCIS had been notified. I said not to my knowledge, and told DOC to notify NCIS.

At approximately 0110, 093 was taken out of the DET on a stretcher for hospital transport and showed up roughly about the same time. I started work on ISN 588 and ISN 693. I observed him trying to get into his mouth I also gave more instructions to , who came up to me and asked what I needed. I said get to Alpha Block and make sure it was secure, because I was not sure who was in charge of the block at that time. It was now 0115, because just pronounced the one detainee dead at 0115 and the next one he pronounced at 0116. I called the Joint Operations Center and told them to make notifications to the proper entities, specifying particulars. In the few minutes between 0100 and 0110 everything was chaotic with various people arriving, such as my Deputy Commander and various guards who had been called in to Camp.

At approximately 0117 I stepped outside so I could place the cell phone call to the JOC to make notifications of the deaths.

Admiral HARRIS had arrived when I came back inside the DET Clinic a couple of minutes later. About time Admiral HARRIS arrived my FGIW gave me updates on situation. The Admiral and I then went to the two deceased detainees still in the DET Clinic, and I briefed him on what I had done and the actions being taken (guard recall, detainee check). I also informed him of which detainees were involved, and where they came from. I was still not sure how it had happened. While I suspected that had all been found hanging, I told the Admiral was not sure if they had been found hanging, but I pointed out the ligature marks on each detainee, and the material that had of ISN 588 (one in furthest room of the DET Clinic from the entrance, the most westernly room in the Det Clinic on the south side) and was lying on his chest. It had also been reported to me that ISN 092. Each detainee had a thin, quarter inch line around his neck, which consisted of a dark discoloration that appeared brownish red at that point. Face coloration appeared normal. I observed a towel or something around waist of one detainee, and pieces of cloth lying around their bodies. I did not touch any of the bodies.

Subsequently, the Admiral gave a pep talk to medical staff as they all appeared very despondent. I walked over to a Navy E-6, and told him to find somebody to stay with.
each one of the bodies until NCIS arrived. At about 0125-0130, I went to the DOC which is located in my headquarters (BLDG 1) and by the time I arrived I was told the rest of Camp 1, had all completed checking each detainee and they were all alight, but had not reported being finished with a head count. At roughly 0110 when (my deputy commander) arrived at the DET Clinic, and I had sent her to the DOC and told her to start organizing guards coming in so that we would have three people walking every tier. At the DOC, I tried to get the people directly involved with the incident together in conference room. I told them to sit and not to talk to each other. I pulled three or four guards from Alpha block into my office to find out what had happened and put together the series of events. I had each of them speak to me for approximately 4 to 5 minutes in my office. I know what the guards I spoke with look like, but I do not know their names. The one female present, I think was named Included in the first set of people I talked to were the SOG and the sailor who found ISN 093 in the cell. What I was told was that the guard that found ISN 093 had just come on to the tier. The guard walked the tier from east to west, and on his pass back to the west, he looked into Alpha 8, and said the bed didn’t look right to him. It did not look human. He called the block NCO to come look, and they both yelled at ISN 093, but did not get a response. One of them went to the cell next to Alpha 8 and peered in from the side, at which point he saw ISN 093 hanging. On the night of 09JUN06, Alpha Block had five people on duty. According to what I have been told, the NCO were in the guard shack when the first detainee was discovered. Two other guards were passing each other in the Sally with one coming back and one going to chow, which started at 2300. This left the one guard who discovered the detainee on the tier. Nobody could tell me at that time who walked the tier prior to finding first detainee. At approximately 0200 showed up and I left the guards to sit in the conference room and went with to my office and briefed him on my knowledge of events that point. Then from CITF showed up and from FBI also arrived. I briefed them on what I knew so far. I then went to conference room and told everyone present to talk to NCIS. I received a call to go see Admiral at 0300. needed every detainee off block so NCIS could move in. The moves started at approximately 0200, and were finished at approximately 0500. At 0500 and I, walked down and looked at the cells. The cells were already sealed and guards were stationed at the entrance to the block. In two cells I saw the blankets still hanging in corners. In the far cell, A12 the blanket was torn down. I also noticed the different preparation of dummies in each cell. ISN 093s cell had the most extensive preparations of the three detainees, and had created the most realistic “dummy”. ISN 093 had multiple detainee-allowed items on his bed
to make the dummy body. The dummy consisted of a toilet paper roll for the head, water bottles (possibly for shins) and shower shoes as feet. The thorax region of the dummy was a conglomeration of clothes. Cell A-12, in which ISN 588 was held, seemed to be the least prepared to me. There was not that much lying in ISN 588's cell. Cell A-5, in which ISN 693 was held, was somewhere in between the amount of preparation used in the other two. I did not touch anything. We did not enter or touch the cells.

The guard that discovered ISN 093 stated that 093 had a rather elaborate mask over his face, that was secured to him with multiple straps wrapping around his head and the whole apparatus was connected, bound together. Later during the afternoon hours of the 10th, guards found four long strips of cloth made from a towel that were similar to what the 093 detainee had used to fabricate a complex noose in cell. A small bag made of soft cloth approximately the size of my fist was also found. was on Alpha block. and it seemed very odd to me that he would be fabricating such a device as the detainees who committed suicide were Arabs. I believe. I believe, I believe

All camps are very quiet when we were visiting the cells. It was sort of odd because when there is unusual activity in the Camps the detainees are louder, and in this case they were not.

As I look back on the events leading up to 10 JUNE there were several events that took place that I now feel should have triggered me to think something was going on, on Alpha block. First, 693 had gone off hunger strike just a week or two prior. 693 had been a long and dedicated hunger striker, perhaps being tubed feed longer than any other detainee in the camp. Secondly, 588 had given up his Koran on 18 May. In the whirlwind of events that occurred on 18 May, it never came clear to me that he had in fact turned in his Koran until after the events of 10 June. Turning in of a Koran by a detainee is significant as it demonstrates normally one of two things: Detainee is protesting some activity of the JDG or that he is about to do something that would disgrace his religion, more specifically commit suicide. I have always used that as an indicator for self-harm.

I just moved him out of Alpha block on
Wednesday evening, 07JUN06, at his request. The Admiral told me to go talk to ISN
(b) which I did in (b) with the JTF Cultural Advisor, who joined me
(b) about 10 minutes after I had begun what turned out to be an hour or so meeting.

There were various signs that something was going on with the detainees that I misread,
this included the sudden large numbers of detainees dropping out of the hunger strike
around Memorial Day weekend. This hunger strike started after 18MAY06 and lasted
about two weeks. The number of hunger strikers dropped from having a high of
approximately 84 down to 7 or 9 detainees.

If detainees are not doing something, like beating on their cells for two
hours, refusing to showers/recreation, or verbally taunting guards they are planning the
next event. I was interviewed for the TV show O`Riley factor on the day of 09JUN06,
and I said the detainees were planning something more violent. Because of our concerns
about next act being more violent we had sent out guard messages on 28MAY06
and30MAY06 regarding High Vigilance During the requirement to
We had taken several steps warning the guards to be
more cautious particularly in
With the support of RDML HARRIS we had placed a
See Guard messages on 28MAY06 and30MAY06 regarding High Vigilance During
Because suicide is against the detainee’s religion, and
detainees often talk about how Muslims are not supposed to commit suicide, the
possibility of multiple detainee suicides on a block was viewed more as a ruse to put
guards in a vulnerable situation. In past suicide attempts, other detainees make it
urgently and loudly known that a detainee was carrying out some type of self-harm.
Also, in the Western Judeo-Christian culture, we view those that would commit suicide
as those who are depressed or who have some type of mental problem. Detainees with
these symptoms are closely monitored and provided with psychological help/evaluations.
The detainees who committed suicide did not exhibit these symptoms. Two of the three
had been cleared by Behavioral Health Services just the week prior and were noted to be
in good spirits. 093 refused to be seen by BHS which was consistent with past behavior.

In regard to what normal events and actions should be like on a block at roughly the same
time of the day I offer the following. If you combine the various pieces of guidance
contained within the SOP and within guardmount messages, here is what I would have
expected to see on the block that night and is what routinely occurs on other blocks

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nightly. There would have been a headcount conducted and the results reported to the DOC. Evening chow would have been served and early evening call to prayer would have been carried out by the detainees. At some point prior to another headcount should have been carried out and done so at the direction of the DOC. During headcount, all detainee movement on that block stops and every detainee is accounted for using the standard of seeing skin or movement. That night I discovered unusual activity had occurred at approximately 2030 when the entirety of Alpha Block joined together in song for approximately 20 to 30 minutes. My expectation would have been that an interpreter would have been called to the block to determine what was being said and that a DIMS entry would have been made noting such abnormal activity. I am informed in the aftermath of the events that numerous detainees washed their blankets that day and hung them in their cells to dry. While that practice is allowed, the proper procedure would have been for the guards to allow the blankets to be hung only from the rear cell window and then to not cover the entire window. I am also informed that the detainees went to be early that evening, around 2130. That too should have been annotated in DIMS as unusual activity. 

Ten minutes to see either skin or movement. Based on the last headcount, another headcount should have occurred but no later than midnight should a third headcount been carried out. In that instance, the standard would again be to see skin or movement. If the guard could not see either, he should wake the detainee to ensure the detainee is present.

The times that the SOG and PL walked the tier should have been recorded in DIMS.

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Signature: ________________

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 17th day of June in the year 2006, at 1750.

Witnessed: ________________

Representative Naval Criminal Investigative Service

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I, [redacted], make the following free and voluntary statement to [redacted] whom I know to be a Representative of the United States Naval Criminal Investigative Service. I make this statement of my own free will and without any threats made to me or promises extended. I fully understand that this statement is given concerning my knowledge of the death of the three detainees which occurred between 09Jun06 and 10Jun06.

For information purposes, My current duties consist issuing medication and ensuring the well health care of the detainees.

On 09June06, I reported for duty at 1920. It was a normal day of work until approximately 0040. At this time a phone call came in. I am unsure of real name. Advised us that guards would be bringing in a detainee who was unresponsive. Normal operating procedures state that we respond to the cell for medical care, but since the guards said they were bringing to detainee to us, we waited and prepared for their arrival. Approximately three to four after the initial phone call, the guards arrived with the detainee. The guards brought the detainee into the treatment room and put him on the bed. I do not recall the detainee’s identification number. Initially, everyone helped on the first The detainee’s eyes were open, cyanotic, pale skin color, cold to the touch, and there was a white gag in his mouth. I then attempted to retrieve vital signs. There was no response for blood pressure, not breathing, and no pulse. was running back and forth getting the detainee’s current condition and advising what needs to be done. She was making calls to the hospital, the SMO (Senior Medical Officer), and assisted with the phone calls. I believe began the IV was getting oxygen and removed the At that point, someone ripped the detainee’s shirt and began to hook up the EKG. I was preparing to help put the EKG on the detainee when I overheard on the MA’s walkie-talkies saying they were bringing in another detainee for treatment. I estimate between the time I heard the detainee was coming in over the walkie-talkie and the time the detainee arrived was approximately two minutes. Once the second detainee arrived, and myself went into Room 12, which is an observation room. They laid the detainee on the bed in the room and once again I tried to retrieve vitals. While the vitals were trying to be retrieved, put oxygen on the detainee stated an IV. Once the machine read there were no vitals, tried to retrieve manual vitals. This consisted of checking the pulse on the right wrist, said he felt a faint pulse. The pulse was not strong enough to support life so began chest compressions as I was administering oxygen. got the IV started lactated ringers ran a full bolus. This was done to replenish fluids and electrolytes into the body. At this point, came in to get status of the detainee. She had us check to see if anything was blocking his airway. We told her his mouth was locked shut. She came back with an instrument to
help pry open the mouth and some atropine. Atropine is a medication used to help restart the heart and prevent any heart blocks. At this point, heard we had a third detainee on deck so she left the room to help. and myself switched positions and I began administering chest compression while he administered oxygen. Approximately three to four minutes later, and myself continued CPR. Approximately one minute later, we tried again with the AED. The AED again said, No shockable rhythm. At this point, pushed the atropine via the IV. came into the room and asked if anyone was evac qualified. said he was able to and took the first detainee to the ER room. and myself continued to try and get the second detainee's mouth open. At this time, the SMO came into the room and asked on the status of the detainee. We told him it was an unresponsive detainee with no pulse, administering CPR and oxygen for the last ten to fifteen minutes, IV started and full latiniusus bolus running, atropine running via IV, and mouth locked shut. The SMO left and approximately two to three minutes later, we got the detainee's mouth open. As we were cleaning his mouth out, I saw a dark blue, purplish ring around the neck. LT G looked at the ring and told SMO. As we continued to clean out the mouth with what appeared to be peanut butter and crackers. The SMO came back in at 0115 and asked how long we have been administering CPR. We told him for about a half hour. The SMO pronounced the detainee dead at that time.

As we were leaving the room, the SMO was going into the third room and pronouncing the detainee dead. After that, we saw Rear Admiral HARRIS, who told us to, Stand down, you did all that you could. At that point in time, I realized about the death of the three detainees and began preparing for possible others.

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\[Signature\]

Sworn and subscribed before me this 16 day of June in the year at 2006

Witnessed

Representative, Naval Criminal Investigative Service

AUTH: DERIVED FROM ARTICLE 136

UCMJ (10 U.S.C. 936) AND 5 U.S.C. 303

NCIS
STATEMENT

PLACE: NCISRA Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
DATE: June 15 2006

(b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

I, (b)(7)(C) make this free and voluntary statement to Special Agent (b)(7)(C) whom I know to be a Representative of the United States Naval Criminal Investigative Service. I make this statement of my own free will and without any threats made to me or promises extended. I fully understand that this statement is given concerning my knowledge of the death of three detainees found hanged during the early morning hours of 10JUN06 inside Alpha Block, Camp 1 aboard the Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. (b)(3) For identification purposes (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) assigned to JTF-GTMO since 15APR06, I expect to rotate on 09OCT06 (b)(3)

On 09JUN06, I reported to the Delta (DET) Clinic at (b)(2) to start a (b)(2) As the nurse at the DET clinic it is my responsibility to supervise and work with the corpsman in order to provide medical care and medication to detainees as needed. At approximately 0043, I received a call at the DET clinic advising that a detainee was down with no pulse and they were on their way in to the DET clinic. About a minute later, just after I had turned around and told the corpsmen to get ready, the detainee was brought into the clinic on a backboard. The guards set the detainee, ISN 093, on the bed in the open bay room and the corpsmen and I proceeded to check the air, breathing and circulation. I did a sternum rub to see if he was responsive. A corpsman put on blood pressure cuff and pulse oximetry to see if we could get vitals, which we could not. The detainee’s pupils were fixed and dilated. He was cyanotic (blue). We put oxygen on him and a corpsman attempted to get an IV on him, but it was not working. I passed the diffusinator pads to (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) and he put them on the detainee and I hooked the pads up to the defibrillator. But the line was flat, and we never got a rhythm. The corpsman trying to call the doctor on call could not find the number, so I stepped away from the detainee to call 911, while he was still trying to call the doctor. I later found from (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) that while I stepped away someone took something out of the (b)(2) At the same time I was calling 911, a corpsman called the nurse from the DET hospital to come down. When the nurse arrived a couple of minutes later we started CPR. She started doing the mask and the corpsman did the compressions. The other corpsman still could not get an IV in, so I helped with the IV. The detainee had (b)(2) (b)(7)(E) I asked the guard to remove them so I could insert the IV. It was then I noticed that ISN 093 had a piece of white cloth wrapped around his waist, but his hands were not bound. We did not move or touch the cloth. I also noticed at this time that ISN093 was cold and stiff because his arm and fingers were stiff. Through the IV I gave him atropine (he eventually got a total of 2 amps) At 1250 I gave the first amp, and 0050 (b)(7)}
At 12:55 I gave the second one. The ambulance arrived in between the doses of atropine. Atropine is medicine that is supposed to speed up the heart, and the nurse from the hospital, who has more critical care experience than I do, concurred with me that I should give it to the detainee. Once the EMTs arrived, they unhooked him from the defibrillator and hooked him to their AED (a portable defibrillator). The AED did not pick up a shockable rhythm, but CPR was continued during transport. While the AED was placed on I continued to try to pry his mouth open and clear the airway, but his mouth was clinched tight. Once the AED was on, the EMTs attempted to help me open the detainee’s mouth. We opened it enough for a paramedic to get a tube in, but it wasn’t in the right place so he pulled it back out, and then left with the detainee.

As soon as the first detainee was about to leave, the second detainee was just being put on the bed in the first treatment room, I think it was number ten. The second detainee, ISN 588, arrived between 12:40 and 12:55. ISN 588 arrived with the same appearance as the first detainee. Both of the first detainees had indentations on their necks when they came in, as if something had been around their necks. The indentations were purple and bruised. As the guards stepped away, the corpsmen immediately started CPR and put an AED pad on the detainee, and I made sure they had it going and tried to pry his airway open, but couldn’t get his mouth open because his jaw was clenched. Someone put his IV in, and I put 1 amp of atropine in the IV, and continued to work to get his mouth open. Since I did not put the IV in, I did not notice if his hands were clenched, but I know his arms were stiff. The third detainee had arrived by now, but the other nurse from the hospital took care of him and I did not see him until later when he was already pronounced dead and put in a body bag.

After the first detainee left several doctors arrived along with all the nurses and the corpsman. The doctors present were: the Officer in Charge (OIC), who is a Physicians Assistant. pronounced ISN 588 dead at about 0115, and pronounced ISN 693 dead at about 0116. The nurses from the hospital (assigned to JMG) told me that they completed the post mortem procedure of wrapping the two bodies, which means placing them in the body bag.

I also remember someone having a camera on a tripod in the DET, but did not see pictures taken. I was very focused on my work through the entire situation.

Continuation of Voluntary Sworn Statement of on 15JUN06
This statement, consisting of this page and 2 other page(s) were typed for me by Special Agent (b)(7)(C) as we discussed its contents. I have read and understand the above statement. I have been given the opportunity to make any changes or corrections I desire to make and have placed my initials over the changes or corrections. This statement is sworn to and subscribed before me this 15 day of JUN in the year 2006 at 10:40. 

Witnessed: 

Representative, Naval Criminal Investigative Service
I make the following free and voluntary statement to whom I know to be a Representative of the United States Naval Criminal Investigative Service. I make this statement of my own free will and without any threats made to me or promises extended. I fully understand that this statement is given concerning my knowledge of the emergency treatment provided to the three detainees on 10Jun06.

For identification purposes

I was the nurse assigned to the Detention Hospital and did not have any detainees being treated during this shift. I received a call around 0030-0035 from a corpsman assigned to the Detention Clinic stating that there was a detainee that had just been brought into the clinic that did not have a pulse and was not breathing. I secured my workspace and immediately went to the clinic to assist the clinic nurse.

Upon arriving to the clinic the first detainee was in the treatment room on a backboard that was resting on a stretcher. I observed that the detainee was cyanotic and upon touching him found him to be cold. I observed that the detainee was attached to a monitor and that he did not have a heart rate. I was attempting to start an IV. I moved to the head of the bed and attempted to open the detainee's airway and observed that his neck and jaw were very stiff. After opening the airway to the best of my ability CPR was started. I did not observe his hands and feet being bound upon the time of my arrival to the bedside.

At approximately 0045 the second detainee was brought in and placed in the last treatment room on the left. He was cyanotic and a quick assessment yielded that he did not have a pulse and was not breathing. With an attempt to open the airway it was observed that his neck was stiff and skin was cool. I did not observe his hands and feet being bound upon the time of my arrival to the bedside.

During this time the third detainee was brought in and placed in the last available treatment room. I instructed the corpsman to begin CPR and I went to the bedside of the third detainee. The assessment of the third detainee yielded that he was cold and cyanotic without a pulse and was not breathing. With an attempt to open the airway of the third detainee it was observed that his jaw was clenched and that he had a white athletic sock in his mouth. After removing the sock I instructed the Corpsman to begin CPR. I did not observe his hands and feet being bound upon the time of my arrival to the bedside.

I returned to the second detainee at about 0050 and started an IV and immediately treated him with one ampule of Atropine per Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) protocol. It was during this time that the Senior Medical Officer arrived. Upon his assessment he attempted to intubate this detainee and found what appeared to be either gauze or white fabric lodged in the back of the detainees.
Continuation of voluntary sworn statement of

on June 15, 2006

throat, which he removed. It was also during this time the first detainee was removed by EMT and taken to the Naval Hospital.

Life saving measures continued until both detainees were pronounced dead by the Senior Medical Officer at about 0115-0120.

I immediately left the clinic and went to the Naval Hospital to assume care of the first detainee. Upon arriving, the emergency medical team was providing life saving measures without any response. The Emergency Room Doctor at from the Naval Medical Center pronounced detainee number one dead at about 0210.

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Signature:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15\textsuperscript{th} day of June in the year 2006 at

Witnessed:

Representative, Naval Criminal Investigative Service
AUTH: DERIVED FROM ARTICLE 136,
UCMJ (10 U.S.C. 936) AND 5 U.S.C. 303
STATEMENT

Place: NCISRA GUANTANAMO BAY CUBA
Date: June 16, 2006

I make the following free and voluntary statement to whom I know to be a Representative of the United States Naval Criminal Investigative Service. I make this statement of my own free will and without any threats made to me or promises extended. I fully understand that this statement is given concerning my knowledge of the death of three detainees.

For information purposes, Hospital Corpsman Third Class assigned to the JTF-GTMO Detainee Clinic. I arrived at my present assignment April 15, 2006 and my rotation date is October 2006.

I was assigned to work at the Detainee Hospital from 10JUN06. I am a general duty corpsman and my responsibility early in my shift was handing out medications to the detainees. Each corpsman has an assigned number inside the wire so we do not use our name. I am was on Alpha Block at approximately 2200, 9JUN06 assessing a detainee in cell Part of that assessment would have been obtaining his weight. I do not recall passing medications to anyone. If I did pass out medications, I would have logged that medication in the detainees Medical Assessment Record (MAR). At the direction of I called and checked with the Detainee Clinic and the nurse could not find any additional MARs for 93, 588 or 693. I do not recall seeing anything unusual in regard to Cells A-5, A-8 or A-12 but I was not looking.

Nothing out of the ordinary happened before midnight. At approximately 0010-0020, I ate midrats at the Carib Café and returned to the clinic at approximately 0030. I was in the Nurses station getting medical records when I heard the front door open and MA personnel rushed in with a body board that had a detainee on it. One of them shouted, he has no pulse. At that point they went to our center treatment room and placed the detainee on the gurney. I immediately saw on the phone trying to call the Senior Medical Officer (SMO). She had dialed the number but handed me the phone and she responded to the detainee. I was instructed to stay at the Nurses Station and answer the numerous calls that were coming in from the DOC, Detention Hospital and other places. I was on the phone for about 30 minutes.

While I was at the Nurses Station, the other two detainees were brought in without my knowledge. I saw them later when I had been directed to deliver supplies to the medical staff working on the detainees.

When medical personnel come into contact with a detainee, When we are not busy in the clinic, most people find a quite place to work, however, we are not allowed to sleep on watch. On that particular night, I was the only one at the nurses station. The other medical personnel were elsewhere in the building. No one is allowed to