

STATEMENT

Place : NCISRA GUANTANAMO BAY CUBA

Date : June 14, 2006

I, (b)(3) (b)(5) (b)(7)(C) make the following free and voluntary statement to (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 death of three detainees in Alfa Block

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My assignment at JTF-GTMO is a Platoon Leader for the Camp 1 Detention Facility. The Camp 1 Detention Facility includes Blocks (b)(2). My duties include overall management of Camp 1 personnel and detainees. Under me is a Sergeant of the Guard whose responsibility is managing the daily detainee operations for the three cell blocks. Each block contains a Block NCO and four block guards. My Platoon assumed duty at (b)(2) 9JUN06 for a 12 hour shift.

My platoon mustered at approximately (b)(2) for turnover with the off-going platoon. The turnover was normal. I recall the passdown included tracking the hunger strikers and the fact the showers/recreation area continued to be secured because of thunderstorms in the area. (b)(3) (b)(6) a qualified Sergeant of the Guard, was on watch after having just returned from leave. (b)(7)(C) was on the watch bill as the Sergeant of the Guard and wore the belt that night.

I use the office in (b)(2) Block for Admin Purposes. My normal work location is in the causeway where I rotate between blocks ensuring operations run smoothly. The Sergeants of the Guard also operate out of the Causeway and they are the ones who interact frequently with the Block NCO's. The Sergeant of the Guard's report to me. Most of the detainee issues are handled by the block NCO's but on occasion, the Sergeant's of the Guard get involved and if they can't resolve a detainee's issue, then I get involved. As a normal rule, I do not get involved in daily detainee issues.

I recall the evening of 9June as being pretty normal. The evening meal was served at approximately 7-7:30. The meal from the time they are given their food to the time the waste is collected is about 2 hours. The guards deliver the food to the detainees and are responsible for ensuring everything they received is collected, ie the serving dish, clamshell and the fork. The detainees are allowed to keep two sealed items (milk or juice) in their cells but nothing more. These items have to be placed in locations where the guards can see them.

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All detainees have basic items in their cells but some detainees are allowed to have more items issued on case by case basis meaning some detainees have more items than their basic items. These are called comfort items and include such things as extra water bottles, shoes, medical socks, towels, bed sheets, blankets, t-shirt and a mattress. Extra comfort items are issued based on their cooperation and compliance with camp rules. As an example, some detainees are issued one blanket along with a second as a comfort item, one large towel along with a second as a comfort item, and an ISO mat with a mattress as a comfort item. Detainees are not issued a t-shirt as an issued item but are given one as a comfort item. A listing of basic issue items and comfort items are included in the DEC 2005 Camp Delta SOP. Camp one is a compliant camp. If a detainee transfers into Camp One it is with the assumption he is allowed both basic and comfort items. Items are taken away from him if he becomes non-compliant.

After dinner was finished in Alpha Block (between 9:00-9:30) the detainees began chanting or praying. That particular night only the Camp Alpha Block was chanting. This is normal as on any given night, only one block normally chants or sings. When the signing began, the block NCO or SOG called for an interpreter to listen. The interpreter relayed to the SOG that the signing was normal religious singing and the chanting was of "Allah" which is pretty normal.

My normal routine in the causeway is to stop at the guard shacks from time to time and make sure things are normal. This is my SOG's primary responsibility but I also check in with the guard shacks as I think necessary. I also walk the blocks on occasion but on that particular night, I am not sure if I walked Alpha Block or not. If I did, I do not recall anything being out of the ordinary. It is acceptable

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If I did walk alpha block and a blanket was hung up in one of the cells, I would not have thought it out of the ordinary. If I am on the blocks there should be an entry into the DIMS system that I was there and the times I was there. There should be a DIMS entry for anyone entering the Block that is not stationed there. I have been shown the DIMS entry which reflects I was on Alpha Block between 2320L and 2323L, 9JUN06. I recall being there at this time and remember the Block NCO being in the guard shack. I do not remember which of the guards were on the tier but I know that others were present because I would not leave the Block if I did not see other guards present. The rules require at least (b)(2) be present in addition to the block NCO at all times. If the block NCO leaves, he must have a qualified watch-stander replace him. MAI (b)(2) as the Alpha Block NCO and only qualified Block NCO on the duty roster that night. If he had to leave, he would have had to call the SOG who would find a replacement for him.

After midnight, I was in Delta block logged into SIPRNET updating the classified Meal Tracker List.

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I heard (b)(2) ALFA BLOCK" over my radio and ran outside and to Alpha Block. I entered Alpha Block and saw guards outside Alpha 8, which is the cell for 0093. I saw two guards holding 0093's hands and feet. 0093 was lying on the deck in his cell and his eyes were rolled back. He had what appeared to be cloth stuffed in his mouth and he appeared to be biting the cloth. I told them to remove it and I was told they had tried to take it out but they couldn't take it out. I heard someone say "no pulse". Someone ran out and got a backboard. I went to the guard shack and called DOC and stated "Code (b)(2) 0093". I said it twice because I was hyped up and they asked for a repeat. I asked for medical response and hung up. I ran back to A-8. The guards present were (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C). I am not sure if (b)(2) was there. After 0093 was on the backboard four guards grabbed it and headed to medical. I told those remaining to check on everyone else in the block and headed to medical. I arrived at medical and 0093 was placed on a table and about this time, I heard the 2nd (b)(2) - ALFA BLOCK" over my radio. I ran back to Alpha block and saw guards at

A-12 which is the cell of detainee 588. There were two guards in A-12 and 588 was lying on the deck. His hands were bound and a twisted rope made out of sheets was around his neck. I did not see anything in his mouth. I directed someone to bring a backboard. I recall that MA2 (b)(2) was there and people from the escort team being there. I don't know their names. There was no headrest on backboard so I told (b)(3) to hold his head and for them to transport him to medical.

I then heard someone shout "A-5" which is the cell of detainee 693. I went from A-12 to A-5 and when I got there, 693 had been cut down and he was on lying on the deck. 693 had (b)(2) I can't recall if his hands or feet were bound. There were a lot of people from outside Alpha block helping out. 693 was taken to medical.

I went around and checked all the other detainees in the block and all were OK. The detainees were being real quiet. Most were either standing up or sitting on their beds. As we walked through, we would look at the detainees but they would lower their heads and not look at us. This was strange because they always look at you when you look at them.

I then went to (b)(2) blocks to make sure all was well there.

(b)(3):10 USC §130b,(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

This statement, consisting of this page and 3 other page(s) was typed for me by (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) s 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 15th day of June in the year 2006 at

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