

SWORN STATEMENT

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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

AUTHORITY:

Title 10 USC Section 301; Title 5 USC Section 2951; E.O. 9397 dated November 22, 1943 (SSN).

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE:

To provide commanders and law enforcement officials with means by which information may be accurately identified.

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1. LOCATION

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2. DATE (YYYYMMDD)

2004/06/04

3. TIME

1500 hours

4. FILE NUMBER

5. LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME

6. SSN

7. GRADE/STATUS

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8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

A Company, 519th Military Intelligence Battalion, 525th Military Intelligence Brigade

9.

WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

I, [REDACTED],

From the end of Jul 03 to early Oct 03 I was deployed to Abu Ghraib (AG), Iraq with A Company, 519th MI Bn. I am a 97B Counterintelligence Agent who performed interrogations. My team's initial mission upon my arrival to AG was to set up the work and life support areas to be used to conduct interrogation operations for detainees gathered during operation VICTORY BOUNTY. Prior to initial operations, [REDACTED] with interrogator input, an Interrogation Rules of Engagement (IROE), which established our authorized limits concerning interrogation techniques. Shortly after my arrival to AG, I was briefed on the IROE and signed a memorandum stating I understood and would follow the IROE. The IROE in Iraq was similar to the one used by the 519th in Afghanistan. A difference in the two documents was the IROE for Iraq was more detailed. This was done to preclude questions concerning limitations. In my opinion, the IROE was clear and adequately established our left and right boundaries concerning interrogation techniques. Certain techniques contained in the IROE had to be justified and approved. The vehicle for requesting these techniques was the interrogation plan, which had to be done for every interrogation. For example, Adjusted Sleep Schedule had to be requested through the interrogation team chief to the operations cell ([REDACTED]). The request included a detailed proposed schedule and justification. Once approved the operations cell would pass the authorization through the team leader back down to the interrogator. Someone in the operations cell would then take the schedule to the MP's who were supposed to ensure the schedule was followed. I do not know the methods the MP's used to ensure the detainees were awake at the proper time. The 72nd MP's kept a three ring binder in cell block 1A, its contents were unknown. On several occasions the instructions we gave the MP's concerning detainees were not executed. [REDACTED] told me of one such occasion in which an interrogator moved a detainee outside without shade for an approximate period of 15 to 20 minutes for an unknown reason. The interrogator told the MP guarding the detainee to look after his welfare during that time. [REDACTED] speculated the guard changed during that period and the instructions were not relayed to the relief, nor executed. A medic discovered the incident and scolded [REDACTED] for allowing the incident to occur. One to two months into our operation of interrogating these detainees our facility started to receive other detainees from various detention facilities in Iraq after it was decided to make AG the centralized location for detainees. Due to the chaotic nature of the detainee transfers, many detainees arrived without documentation. [REDACTED] and elements of the 325th MI Bn and detainees those personnel were interrogating arrived in mid September. COL PAPPAS and [REDACTED] were under intense pressure from LTG SANCHEZ to provide intelligence reporting and subsequently micromanaged interrogation methods and processes, to include the actual question in interrogation plans. On occasion [REDACTED] conducted interrogations themselves. One interrogation occurred at the request of LTG Sanchez in the middle of the night. It seemed COL PAPPAS was not experienced in interrogation operations and was more concerned with reporting than proper interrogation techniques. On approximately 29 Sep 03, I overheard someone making a statement about a detainee dying while being interrogated by an Other Government Agency (OGA) official. The OGA then packed the detainee in ice and placed him in a local taxi. The taxi driver was paid to take the body away. I was not sure if I had heard correctly until [REDACTED] confirmed the statement was made by [REDACTED]. I am not sure if it was a joke or a true story. [REDACTED] allowed OGA to house their detainees at the AG facility in "ghost cells" in block 1A and allowing them to interrogate detainees at their discretion. I heard rumors [REDACTED] received cigars and liquor from the OGA as gifts for letting these activities occur. During the course of interrogation operations I once received [REDACTED] Representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross were present at AG during this incident. I did not request this to be done and was told the reason [REDACTED] I informed my chain of command of the incident. I did not witness any abuse or maltreatment of detainees while at AG. I never directed the MP's to abuse or maltreat the detainees, nor did I ever hear of it. The MP's never offered to abuse the detainees for me, nor did I ever hear of them offering to do so for other MI personnel. After the Joint Interrogation and Debriefing Center was established, COL PAPPAS kept the 519th MI Bn 97E's and removed the 519th MI Bn, 97B's from the interrogation facility and put them on Tactical HUMINT Teams. I departed AG in early Oct 03 [REDACTED]

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9. STATEMENT (Continued)

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD TO THIS STATEMENT?

A: NO
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I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THE ENTIRE STATEMENT MADE
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(Signature of Person Making Statement)

WITNESSES:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to
administer oaths, this 4th day of June, 2004
at Fort Bragg, North Carolina

(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

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