

# 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, 1983 (SSN).

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

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<b>1. LOCATION</b> Building AT-5636 Gorham St; Fort Bragg, NC 28310	<b>2. DATE (YYYYMMDD)</b> 2004/06/15	<b>3. TIME</b> 1515	<b>4. FILE NUMBER</b>
<b>5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME</b> [REDACTED]	<b>6. SSN</b> [REDACTED]	<b>7. GRADE/STATUS</b> E-4/AD	

**8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS**  
A Company, 519th Military Intelligence Battalion, 525th Military Intelligence Brigade

**9.** [REDACTED] WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

From 27 Jul to 21 Dec 03, I was deployed to Abu Ghraib (AG), Iraq with A Company, 519th MI Bn. I am a 97E Interrogator. My initial mission upon my arrival to AG was to set up the Life Support Area (LSA) and prepare for operations. The initial mission of the interrogation facility was to find members of the SADAAM FEDAYEEN. I conducted screenings, translation and interrogation support. As time went on, the focus of the facility broadened as AG became the central interrogation and debriefing center. Prior to initial operations, we were briefed on the Interrogation Rules of Engagement (IROE), which established our left and right boundaries concerning interrogation techniques. At first, approvals were verbal, but as the IROE changed, written approvals became more prevalent. [REDACTED] established the IROE. Initially the IROE was briefed during shift changes and daily update briefs. I remember signing at least one memorandum stating I read, understood and would follow the IROE. I cannot compare the Afghanistan IROE with the Iraqi IROE as I was not with the unit while they were in Afghanistan. In my opinion, the IROE was clear and adequately established our left and right boundaries concerning interrogation techniques. The approaches used during an interrogation were requested in the interrogation plan which was done and approved prior to any interrogation. The approval level depended on the proposed approach. When the 325th MI Bn personnel arrived at AG there were several integration problems. The 325th MI Bn personnel seemed more interested in going home than in conducting the mission. Over time both units overcame these issues and we built a cohesive work environment. The 205th MI Bde also presented a problem in that seemed to micromanage operations and would cause more unnecessary work. The 72nd MP's were the typical Army unit. There were a few soldiers who were unprofessional. The transition from the 72nd MP Bn to the 372nd MP Bn was rough. It appeared the 72nd MP Bn leadership was unclear in their methodology and there was only a three day train-up for the 372nd MP Bn. In Dec 03, I did witness a guard dog being used in an interrogation. I believe COL PAPPAS authorized the use of the guard dog. The guard dog had to be muzzled and could not touch the detainee. At least twice during the interrogation, the guard dog was brought into the interrogation booth to scare the detainee. I am not sure of the effectiveness of this approach. A team from GTMO came to AG on two occasions. On the first occasion, the GTMO team provided advice and assistance to the overall interrogation operation. On the second occasion, the team actually integrated into the unit and performed interrogations. On one occasion, I did observe an Other Government Agency (OGA) interrogation. The line of questioning was not smooth, however, I did not witness any detainee abuse. There was a lot of pressure to produce reports regardless of intelligence value. In my opinion, there was never enough pressure to necessitate an interrogator bending the rules. During my time at AG, I did not witness any abuse or mistreatment of detainees. I never witnessed nor heard of any MI person asking or insinuating that an MP should abuse a detainee. I never witnessed nor heard of any MP offering to abuse a detainee to assist interrogation operations. I did not witness any nudity used for interrogation purposes. I heard of occasions in which interrogators and/or MP's would threaten the detainees with the loss of clothing, bedding and shoes if they did not cooperate. These were also given back to the detainees as a form of reward for positive behavior. I never witnessed or heard of any unauthorized photographs taken of detainees. If I would have seen any unlawful or abusive behavior, I would have reported it to my supervisor.

**Q:** Do you have anything to add to this statement?

**A:** No.   
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<b>10. EXHIBIT</b>	<b>11. INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT</b> [REDACTED]	<b>PAGE 1 OF</b> [REDACTED] <b>PAGES</b>
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STATEMENT OF

[REDACTED]

TAKEN AT

Fort Bragg, NC

DATED

2004/06/15

9. STATEMENT (Continued)

[REDACTED]

AFFIDAVIT

[REDACTED], HAVE READ OR HAVE HAD READ TO ME THIS STATEMENT  
BEGINNING ON PAGE 1, AND ENDS ON PAGE 12. I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THE ENTIRE STATEMENT MADE  
BY ME. THE STATEMENT IS TRUE. I HAVE INITIALED ALL CORRECTIONS AND HAVE INITIALED THE BOTTOM OF EACH PAGE CONTAINING THE STATEMENT. I HAVE MADE THIS  
STATEMENT FREELY WITHOUT HOPE OF BENEFIT OR REWARD, WITHOUT THREAT OF PUNISHMENT, AND WITHOUT COERCION, UNLAWFUL INFLUENCE, OR UNLAWFUL INDUCEMENT.

[REDACTED]  
(Signature of Person Making Statement)

WITNESSES:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to  
administer oaths, this 15th day of June 2004  
at Fort Bragg, NC

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

[REDACTED]  
(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

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(Authority To Administer Oaths)

INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT

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