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500th MI GRP CIDET-J OFO, Torii Station, Okinawa, Japan			
9. [REDACTED] WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:			
<p>I arrived at Abu Ghraib on 20 October 03. The first few days I arrived, [REDACTED] took us on a tour of the facilities and we received training on the Interrogating Rules of Engagement. I believe the training was sufficient and I made sure my team understood them. The training was no different than what we had received at the school with the exception of the use of dogs. The school never taught us how to use dogs and we did not know how we could use the dogs. I do not remember anyone explaining how to use the dogs. I remember in casual conversations that dogs were allowed to bark. I remember thinking if you have a dog barking [REDACTED]. I never used a dog nor did any of my team members. Techniques as sleep deprivation were a common thing. Sleep management was part of the Extended IROE and, to the best of my knowledge, was used on occasion with the detainees. On one occasion with detainee 108, [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that they should use sleep management on him. I don't remember seeing an Extended IROE for that particular time for that detainee. We were never trained on the use of dogs. Everyone read the IROE and signed that they understood them. As far as the commanders go, the training was sufficient. I did believe that the junior soldiers could have receiving more training because interrogation operations in not a science. You never know how a detainee is going to respond in certain detainees. You could never get enough training. In interrogations there are a lot of calls we had to make. It is not a science when dealing with people. New things that are not covered in the IROE come up every day. This statement is based off of the idea that you can't go into the interrogation knowing exactly what is going to happen and a lot of what happens in the interrogation was not planned that way so you have to be flexible and use YOUR judgment to make good sound and morale decisions while in the hunk with the detainee. For example, you receive notes from the capture data that the detainee is cooperative so your engagement or approach is to do direct line of question with a pride and ego up due to the detainee's disposition at time of capture. You go into the hunk and the detainee does not react to such approaches. What the interrogator should use next is his/her decision because of rapport and time issues. That is the way it was taught to us and that is the way it was implemented at Abu Ghurayb. I was fortunate that I had some more experience individuals. I didn't know anything was going on until I got back from leave on around the 2nd or 3rd of February 2004. I was made a section leader for the Force Protection Tiger Team and took over [REDACTED] team. I was team leader from OCT until DEC (1st week).</p> <p>My team consisted of [REDACTED] a CACI member (big football player African American) and [REDACTED] (he was fired after a short time; nothing that had to do with interrogations). [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had their stuff together. There was another SSG from the same reserve station as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for his name eludes me. He was on the tiger team with the CACI analyst but they were working for [REDACTED] doing KB's, so I rarely interacted with them operationally. I believe they were placed on my team just for administrative purposes. My team changed after a short time and Tiger Teams were added to include [REDACTED] in place of [REDACTED]. The first time I went to the Hard Site was on the tour of the facility. SFC [REDACTED] NCOIC took us on the tour. The 470th did arrive the same time the 500th personnel arrived, however I am not 100% sure they were on the tour with us that day. I am leaning toward they were there because I remember there being more than 8 people and around 13. There were 5 people from the 470th and we met them in Texas, so we actually got acquainted with them before any one else from the prison. I am pretty sure that they did go on the tour. I was toward the rear of the group because of my leg problem. On the tour I saw detainees mopping the floors. I also saw guys in civilian clothes leading the detainees and military personnel were present as well. I was told the guys in civilian clothes were the Iraqi Police. I did not see any naked detainees during the tour. As far as I know, I never saw a request to interrogate a detainee naked. I do not think anything like that happen. I made pretty regular spit checks and never saw any naked detainees. I do not know who the interrogators got approval from. When I went to spit check, the only thing I saw that was humiliating was a detainee who had a Mohawk. The MP (NFI) was bragging that his clippers run out on him and I felt this was wrong and not helping the issue. I thought he wasn't helping the issue. [REDACTED] was there and witnessed it and I expected he would do something about it. I didn't think it was breaking a rule but it was truly walking a fine line. There was one time when [REDACTED] conducted an interrogation of SCIT [REDACTED] detainees (I think detainee number 108). [REDACTED] were having a difficult time with this individual.</p>			
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And in their culture dealing with females is lower. [REDACTED] wanted a male to go interrogate. He wanted to see if he could get something from the detainee. He did not get anything that [REDACTED] did not already have and this was the time that he and [REDACTED] discussed the sleep management and advised [REDACTED] to do so. I didn't like the fact that he was interrogating and wasn't trained to do so, but I thought "He is a major and I guessed he had gotten approval from [REDACTED] to go in there. Interrogation plans were already being written when I arrived at Abu Ghraib. Everything was a bit chaotic. The JDIC hadn't been fully stood up. It was a kind of hit and miss on interrogation plans. To say that every time the interrogator went to go interrogate a plan was written down would be false. Support for resources was very limited. There were way too many people for the area we were working out of. People were bouncing off each other. The resources we had were very limited; only one printer worked half the time. A lot of time we ran out of Interrogation Plan forms so they were written on back of paper. We would scream at the NCOIC and OIC that we needed printing support but there were no printers. All interrogation plan forms should be kept on the interrogation plan. I might sound like a broken record on interrogation plan, but I mentioned it to my Tiger Teams. "Where is the Interrogation Plan?" I stated that we (Tiger Teams) needed to do interrogation plans and they needed to be approved by section leaders and the ICE Operations [REDACTED] was in charge of the [REDACTED] was in charge of the Interrogation Control Element (ICE) and [REDACTED] was in charge of the JDIC [REDACTED] was there but I am not sure what he did. Some of the techniques required to be approved were sent soft copy via e-mails and [REDACTED] would review them and send it up the chain to [REDACTED] would get it back and give us a Yes or No. I know that during the team leader's meeting we were told that we would get a paper copy back but that it would take a couple of weeks to get it back. If we needed an extended IROE, it would take time to get it approved. I don't remember ever having an extended IROE request from any of my team members. I do not think when I was a team leader we had an extended [REDACTED] did discuss sleep deprivation on detainee 108.

When an interrogator came back from an interrogation with no new information or the detainee just didn't talk, the interrogator would mention in his debrief to me that he/she thinks they need to use an extended IROE technique requiring approval from higher. I would tell them, "Okay this is the procedure memo for [REDACTED] and once I come back approved, you can do it. But the Tiger Teams would not follow through with the request. I think the reason for this is that each Force Protection Tiger Team had about 100 detainees and the tempo was so fast that the Tiger Teams did not want to focus so much time on the extra paperwork for one detainee who wouldn't talk when there are hundreds more to get intel from. We had about 440 detainees in interrogate and our list was growing up until the time I left when we had about 1000 detainees. I do not remember anyone being naked during interrogations. I can't imagine [REDACTED] would allow something like that to happen. There might have been some of the lower enlisted trying to push the blame up if they actually did this. The interrogators are not kids and they have been trained at the school. For someone to say they had the okay to have a detainee naked is probably not true. I worked with [REDACTED] quite a bit. I know she would not have approved this. The only person in the Command who I could imagine would [REDACTED] rules for the sake of a positive interrogation would be [REDACTED]. He seemed like a "John Wayne" type of leader who, at times seemed to go outside the lines when he spoke and didn't really care who was in the audience or formation. When formations were called, we would be told to read the IROE but we were not told what went wrong and what we needed to do to prevent it. We just wondered "Why we were resigning?" As far as detainee abuse, I do not know if it was but it didn't seem right. One time when I walked through the hard site, I noticed one detainee naked on the mattress. I do not know if he was chained. He was called the "bottle boy" because he shoved a bottle up his butt. I asked the MPs why he was naked? There were NCOs all around and I thought it wasn't right. I thought that it wasn't right, but they are MPs and I don't know what they are within their rights to do. I did mention it to some people on my team, just because I thought it was crazy that a guy would do such a thing, but that was about it. There was no continuity between MPs and interrogators so that if we see something, we can question it. To me to have a detainee naked was wrong. I was working the day shift. I do not remember who the MPs were. I think there was Captain there. I saw him there a couple of times. I can't remember exactly what the CPT looked like, however, I do believe if I saw a picture of him I would be able to identify him. I was in the area about 15 times from October to December. I did not do interrogations but I sat in on several. I sat in the one with the [REDACTED] I guess he was leaving and he wanted glory to take it with him. Another incident I heard about after I returned from leave on 2 February 04. I never saw or was aware of any unofficial photos of detainees. The only time I saw someone taking photos was when we went on tour. He was caught and his camera was confiscated. I knew nothing about videos. I don't remember ever seeing dogs, but I do remember them coming. The night of the shooting, I was in a different area. We were guarding the LSA. I just remember [REDACTED] dragging and talking about having to shoot the detainee. HUMILIATION: the guys with the hair cut [REDACTED]. The detainee through interrogator stated they do this without remorse. I think 108. MPS had done that. I remember [REDACTED]. He was always the one very friendly. It wasn't him. It was another NCO who was bragging about the clippers running out.

I don't really recall OGA except for one time when they wanted to speak to one of our detainees. I rearranged the schedule so that they could speak to the detainee. One of my guys went in with them. It might have been [REDACTED]. After they finished, they simply left and did not say thanks. We never handled another request from them again. We had ISG come try and speak to one of our detainees, but our detainees had such a low profile neither OGA nor ISG wanted to speak to them. We had a job to do where a lot of the tasks go beyond the individual morals and interrogators have to make a judgment call. As far as women's underwear, I recall someone saying something about women's underwear. More of a "hey" we should try that. Something of that nature. Nothing formal I remember people laughing over that. I do not know how the conversation started or maybe I walked into. I want to say it was a CACI guy named [REDACTED] (an older guy). He was on my team. I took FM 34-52 and sat him down with [REDACTED] and gave him a verbal counseling on his job performance and to have him read the FM 34-52 approaches, and follow it.

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did not like me telling him how to do his job. He told me, "I have been doing this for 20 years and I do not need a 20 yr old telling me how to do my job. I told him not to do things of that nature. He came out of an interrogation bragging that he made a detainee throw up, I believe it was. I spoke with his analyst [redacted] and asked him what had happened and he said that [redacted] and [redacted] thrown a chair and caused fear in the detainees to the point that he threw up. In joking he said [redacted] was going to try to make the detainee piss himself next time. I sat [redacted] down and I told them that I DID NOT want to hear of this again. Your objective is to get information not to harass the detainees and make jokes about it. They both acknowledged that they understood. I told [redacted] and he said, "What do you want me to do about it?" I basically had a shoulder turned on me. I spoke to [redacted] about other things in particular [redacted] report writing skills. I had one guy who worked with COMPUSA who was an investigator and was hired on that experience. We did have a report writing class after that but during one of the classes, [redacted] was sitting in the back of the room not even facing the instructor I remember telling this. It is really hard when you tell upper management and you get that in response. You hold this guy's hand? I had [redacted] and an African American CACI employee on the same team. I had to switch The African American because he was known to take over interrogations as I placed him with [redacted] because [redacted] was a strong 97E. The African American on my team was kind of doing Knowledgeability Briefs, but he was hired as an analyst. I believe [redacted] put him to conduct Knowledgeability Briefs. I told [redacted] that the CACI guys that we were getting had no clue and did not know how to write the reports. Her response was to go over the reports with them and train them. I was spending more time editing reports. It would have taken me 1/3d of the time if I would have written the reports myself. I did sit down the with the AFRICAN AMERICAN CACI guy we had and went over report writing. We were told we needed more interrogations, MORE, MORE, And MORE. [redacted] cared more about numbers and not quality. When I went back to my AO with my Tiger teams I remember saying "Hey Guys, they want us to do more interrogations per day." "It seems they care more about quantity than quality."

The civilian guy named [redacted] that sat up in the front near [redacted] was a very nice guy that would always listen to what I had to say. I remember talking to him frequently about the poor quality of [redacted]'s reports and that I would spend more time going over the report and showing [redacted] what he did wrong over and over again then just fixing the report for him. [redacted] would agree that he was not a good report writer because of the Interrogator Notes that he edited for him. I believe [redacted] had over hear me talking to [redacted] about [redacted] on occasion. You could sit him in the corner. It was him and his analyst (came out laughing about it. I was addressing both of them.) I did know [redacted] He seemed to be a very nice guy with high morals. My first impression of him was good. He was very motivated to work. I was surprise to see his name on the investigative report.

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at Kadena Air Base, Japan

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