

# 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).  
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1. LOCATION Metro Park, Alexandria, VA	2. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 2004/05/27	3. TIME 1745	4. FILE NUMBER
5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME	6. SSN	7. GRADE/STATUS E-7/ARNG	

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

I arrived in Abu Ghraib on 20 August 2003 and was assigned to the 229th MP Company. My primary duty was as the NCOIC of the Detention Facility Internal Reaction Force (IRF). Our sections core mission was to provide a quick reaction capability inside the facility related to the detainees (security, riot control). For the first few months the IRF also provided security and transferred detainees for interrogations. This ceased circa October 2003, and MI assumed responsibility for detainee transfer and security. Before this mission transfer I had an encounter with [REDACTED] (sic), 205th MI. I had asked [REDACTED] for the MI Interrogation Rules of Engagement (IROE) and he was very vague in his response. The IROE were; however, posted on the walls of the Interrogation Center. I told [REDACTED] that my rules of engagement were that MPs would be used first to protect US soldiers and second to protect detainees and that we would not stand by if abuse or assaults were observed. [REDACTED] responded that I was not a team player and my team subsequently had little interaction with MI. Initially my section consisted of approximately ten personnel and we grew to about 15 by my departure on 29 March 2004. We had five canine teams assigned to the IRF, three Navy and two Army. These teams had initially been requested for Abu Ghraib by Military Intelligence; however, upon their arrival circa 20 November 2003, there was controversy over who "owned" the dogs. I recommended to my BN XO [REDACTED] that the dogs be attached to the IRF and it was ultimately decided this would be a good mix. The dogs were employed primarily as a force multiplier to support MP detention operations. The understanding was their priority for support would be to the IRF with assistance to MI as a secondary mission. Most of our missions prior to December 2003 were in Camp Vigilant and Camp Ganci to conduct searches of detainee tents. We had only a handful of calls to the Hard Site. Under my direct supervision were the three Navy dog teams [REDACTED]. They were billeted with my MPs and answered directly to me. The two Army dog teams I rarely saw. They were assigned to [REDACTED] S3, 320th MP BN, billeted separately, and provided virtually all the support to MI. My section only provided a dog team to MI on one occasion. The day of the riot in Camp Ganci (I believe 24 November, about 4 days after the dog teams' arrival at Abu Ghraib) my teams were called to tier 1A to conduct a search for weapons. There had been a report that an inmate had a hand grenade. When we got to 1A the detainees were all handcuffed to their cell doors. As we searched each cell they were uncuffed one at a time, moved away, the search conducted, and then re-cuffed. During this search MI asked for a dog team on the other side of the cell block and I sent [REDACTED]. We always deployed an MP with the dog team. When [REDACTED] returned he told me that MI had told him to get his dog "fired up" and to go into a cell with a detainee. He complied and it was during this time his dog bit a female interrogator who was present. I am not sure if his dog bit the detainee but [REDACTED] would know. [REDACTED] told me he had been very uncomfortable with the MI (not further identified) request to place his dog in the detainee's cell and I directed him not to do so again. Generally all requests for our dogs were routed through me; however, later that evening MI contacted [REDACTED] and requested he come back to Tier 1A again and [REDACTED] refused. Following this incident I continued to receive requests for dog teams from MI but was very clear with my rules of engagement and the requests completely "dried up" a few weeks later. Any requests were routed from MI through our TOC. We did return to Tier 1A on occasion to support initial or final movement of detainees into or out of 1A but did not support MI interrogations. Other than on one occasion I never observed MI or MP abuse of detainees at Abu Ghraib. That incident was circa 23 September 2003. The QRF had detained a vehicle with an Iraqi male and female occupant and brought them to the gate. My entire IRF team and an MI interrogation team were summoned to the gate to take custody of the Iraqis. When we arrived I observed an MI soldier choking and beating a detainee. We intervened and directed the abuse stop. The MI soldier told us he was a trained professional and to let him handle the situation. He was told if it did not stop we would detain him. He dragged the detainee to a vehicle and threw him in. I asked for his name and the names of two soldiers with him which he would not provide. Within 20 minutes of this incident [REDACTED] IRF Commander, and the entire IRF wrote statements which we forwarded through the 320th MP BN to the 800th MP BDE. I believe [REDACTED] 320th S3, also contacted the 205th MI BN to report the incident. Shortly thereafter a [REDACTED] 205th MI came over and told us he would handle the situation. We again asked for the names of the soldiers involved and he would not provide them. On 20 January 2004 I followed up on what had happened with our report and was told by the SJA that it had been referred to CID who turned it back over to [REDACTED]

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9. STATEMENT (Continued)

205th MI for action. I have no direct knowledge of any other abuse of detainees. I never heard or was asked for MPs to "soften up" detainees. Once an MP [REDACTED] told me that "the General" (a detainee) he had transported had his face severely beat up. He told [REDACTED] that MI had done it. I reported this incident to my supervisor [REDACTED] who advised me he sent the report forward.

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

A: No.

////////////////////END OF STATEMENT////////////////////

*Nothing Follows*

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I, [REDACTED], HAVE READ OR HAVE HAD READ TO ME THIS STATEMENT WHICH BEGINS ON PAGE 1, AND ENDS ON PAGE 2. 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 27th day of May, 2004  
at Metro Park, Alexandria, VA

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

[REDACTED]  
(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

[REDACTED]  
(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

UCMJ, Article 136

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INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT [REDACTED]

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