

SWORN STATEMENT

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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

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 B/CO, 519TH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BATTALION, FORT BRAGG, NC 28310

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

I arrived in Iraq on 11 Mar 03. I spent 2-3 days at Objective Bushmaster, 2.5 weeks at Objective Dogwood and 40 days at Cropper. On 12 May 03, during my time at Cropper [REDACTED] submitted a report thru normal MI channels (205th) and LTC CHEW stating the living conditions for the detainees were not up to standard as the facility was too crowded, many of the detainees should not have been arrested and the detainees were held too long. I arrived at AG on 25 Jul 03, where I served as the Interrogation NCOIC and then the 1SG of the first MI personnel on site. On 27 Jul 03, after setting up the facility, we began operations. During this period, there were approximately 14 working interrogators on site. To the best of my knowledge there was not a formal Interrogation Rules of Engagement (IROE) document but all interrogations were conducted in compliance with FM 34-52 and the established training norms of the Army Interrogation school at Fort Huachuca, AZ. I did try to get a formal IROE published with [REDACTED] sent a draft copy to my higher headquarters, but did not get any response. Upon my arrival to AG, my supervisors were [REDACTED] Overall, I was excited because the mission was supposed to last for three weeks and involved trying to obtain information on the Saddam Fudeyeen. This special status should have meant that there would be specific Source Directed Requirements (SDR's) and specific things we would be looking for during our interrogations. These never came. Around this time, there was a discussion concerning the centralization of facilities into a Joint Interrogation and Debriefing Center (JIDC). Personnel in this discussion included MG MILLER, [REDACTED] During this discussion I addressed my concerns over having the JIDC at AG, given the stigma of the torture chamber at the facility. Approximately six weeks after my arrival, the 325th MI Bn arrived at the AG. There was a shift in leadership which included COL Pappas being in charge of all interrogation activities [REDACTED] taking charge of the JIDC. [REDACTED] becoming the Deputy under COL PAPPAS and A/519th MI Bn being dubbed to support company for JIDC. As the interrogation NCOIC I did extensive on-site checking to ensure quality control. As the logistical requirements increased, I shifted to a more administrative roll as 1SG. In Aug 03, as I fully transitioned to 1SG, [REDACTED] became the interrogator NCOIC. On 20 Sep [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and I addressed an allegation made by MP guards that [REDACTED] 97E, A/519th MI Bn, deviated from acceptable interrogation practices when he allegedly picked up a detainee and threw him into a truck in what the MP observers described as "a little too rough." There were also allegations that [REDACTED] hit the detainee in the back of the head. I questioned all my NCO's who witnessed the incident including [REDACTED] All four witnesses said the incident did not occur but all involved agreed [REDACTED] was yelling at the detainee during this time. I examined the detainee and found nothing to indicate the allegations. I also had a medic and a LT on duty examine the detainee and execute a sworn statement. All witnesses executed sworn statements which were given to [REDACTED] for action. Nothing resulted from the incident. In late Sep 03 [REDACTED] conducted an unauthorized nighttime interrogation of a female detainee. I was notified by [REDACTED] three days after the incident took place. All three soldiers were given a Field Grade Article 15 by COL PAPPAS. While at AG, I did not witness or hear about any of the following: Physical abuse of detainees, unauthorized picture taken of detainees, unauthorized video taken of detainees or the unauthorized use of guard dogs. I was kicked out of AG on 25 Oct 03. I was given 48 hours to leave AG by COL PAPPAS and [REDACTED] strongly disliked me because I stood up for my soldiers and raised concerns when I felt they were getting mistreated (getting told to conduct short notice, middle of the night interrogations when it was not in the interrogation plan). I went to [REDACTED] as 1SG and then moved to Bavii in December where I worked on a Tactical HUMINT Team (THT). Concerning civilian interrogators, I was told by [REDACTED] who was considered the best interrogator in country, that [REDACTED] was the best civilian interrogator. The recent events most likely occurred because the JIDC lacked leadership, especially senior NCO's. In my opinion, the mixture of units and the addition of civilian interrogators and linguists caused the personnel to get a little "sloppy" and was also a direct contributor to the lack of discipline at the facility. I redeployed from Iraq on 22 Feb 04

Q. Is there anything else you would like to add to this statement?
 A. No [REDACTED]

10. EXHIBIT
 11. INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT
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STATEMENT OF [REDACTED] TAKEN AT SPRINGFIELD, VA DATED 2005/05/19

9. STATEMENT (Continued)

Nothing

follows
[REDACTED]

AFFIDAVIT

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 19 day of MAY, 2004
at METRO PARK, SPRINGFIELD, VA

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

[REDACTED]
(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

[REDACTED]
(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

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