

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
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1. LOCATION Camp Arifjan, Kuwait	2. DATE (YYYYMMDD) TIME 2004/05/02 1815 hrs.	4. FILE NUMBER
5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME [REDACTED]	6. SSN [REDACTED]	7. GRADE/STATUS 09 / (ACTIVE)

8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS
320th Military Police Battalion
[REDACTED]

WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

I arrived at Abu Ghraib in July 04. We were the only ones there and I believe the 519th MI had a company that arrived around the same time we did. The 320th MP Bn was in charge of base operations and we were under the 800th MP BDE. We had contact with MI Leadership on a daily bases because they attended our Battalion Staff meeting. All units at Abu Ghraib had a representative there. During the meetings we would discuss issues relating to detainees such as medical, billeting, water, food, and escorting. We (MPs) also discussed that MPs were not to take part in interrogations. Personnel who were in charge of MI soldiers were [REDACTED]. I didn't really have a detail conversation with MI in reference to detainee handling violations or Rules of Engagement. I provided [REDACTED] copy of the MP Rules of Engagement. At the time we arrived, only Camp Vigilant was operational. The Hard Site was not open yet and neither was Camp Ganci. Except for one time, I never saw or was aware of any detainee physical abuse. The incident I am referring to occurred on 22 September. We had just had a mortar attack. The guard at the tower saw personnel moving outside the area. I sent in the QRF after the individuals. Two individuals were captured and brought in. It was procedure to have the MI Screen the personnel brought in. I drove to the Entry Control Point and MI drove right behind me. The individuals caught were [REDACTED] MI personnel moved the detainees to the back of the vehicle. [REDACTED] came up to me and told me something. I didn't hear him because I was on the radio with higher. When I finished I heard a lot of yelling going on. I went to where the yelling was occurring and asked the NCOIC what the problem was. I told the NCOIC to escort the detainees to the holding area and meet me back in the battalion TOC. By the time I arrived at the TOC, the NCOIC was already there with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] asked me if anything like this had happened before. I said no. I found out that the soldier sent out was from the unit that had just received mortars and had two soldiers killed from the mortars. I told him that you don't send soldiers out who were that emotional. I told him he needed to take some disciplinary action such as reprimand, counsel, or send him to be seen for combat stress. I do not remember the soldier's name. CID took the case but deferred it to the chain of command. I do not know what disciplinary actions were taken. Three weeks after the incident, the 519th redeployed. I notified my battalion commander about the incident. I do not know of any other incident. I never saw or had any knowledge of MI using dogs during the interrogations. The use of dogs had to be approved by [REDACTED]. Prior to the investigation beginning, I never saw or had knowledge of any photos or videos of MI personnel with detainees. The taking of photos was not authorized and we would take cameras away from individuals we caught taking photos. This policy was put out six days a week and personnel caught would be punished and cameras confiscated. I never had any discussion with [REDACTED] or COL PAPPAS on detainee abuse occurring in the prison. One issue we were concerned about was the frequent mortar attacks. We did not have enough personnel to provide the adequate protection for the camp. We had a challenge trying to get all units at Abu Ghraib to cooperate and assist with force protection of the site. It wasn't until we lost the two soldiers during the mortar attack that we started to receive additional help. We received a platoon from 1/504th and COL PAPPAS brought in the 165th MI BN with their LRSD to help with force protection. But this was simply the protection inside and the towers. No one was providing support outside our area. [REDACTED] came to visit Abu Ghraib one day. He went up to the guard tower and said take the fight out to the field. We didn't have the manning to do that. We had too many other responsibilities with the detainees.

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

A. No.

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10. EXHIBIT	11. INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT [REDACTED]	PAGE 1 OF 2 PAGES
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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 2 day of MAY, 2004 at CAMP ARIFJAN

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

[REDACTED]
(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

[REDACTED]
(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

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(Authority To Administer Oaths) Notary

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