

SWORN STATEMENT

Location: RPC, Baghdad, Iraq

Date: 20 June 04

Time: 2200

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b6 Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

b3 Organization or Address: [REDACTED]

b6 [REDACTED] want to make the following statement under oath:

b6 I am Gunners Mate Chief Petty Officer [REDACTED] U.S. Navy. We have a rotational watch where all of our people, O-3 and below, stand a watch here on a four hour rotation. In the JOC we stand. I'm also a mission tracker, and I'm working on my qualifications for the JOC Chief. I'm standing watch here also.

Yes, we're a little bit short-handed, and all O-3s and below stand guard. Originally we were trying to keep the O-3s out, but we were burning our personnel out because we were a little top heavy. We don't have any E-4s in my command. We have like four E-5s, four E-6s and the rest are E-7 and above. I've been here since April 9th. I've guarded here probably fewer than twenty times but more than ten. Being a guard here is time consuming when I have other duties. The shift is, we worked eight hours for a while, and we're down to four hours now. Originally I was doing six hours every 24 hours. Now I'm doing four hours every three to four days. It could be day shift, night shift, any four hour period. My duties as a guard are to make sure the prisoner's rights are protected, that they get three squares a day, that they have water, that they're allowed to go to the bathroom, and that nothing happens to them that I wouldn't want my mother to see. The detainees come here in the back of the vehicles. The vehicle with detainees will move into the back. We'll pull them out one at a time, bring them up to the front, and start the in processing. During in-processing they look very disoriented, very scared, very dirty and usually they smell bad. They're wearing whatever they had on at the time we detained them. We usually have goggles on them. We have goggles that are taped up so they can't see anything. When they arrive and they get out of the vehicle, they're in goggles. If you've blindfold someone with a cloth, they can see down. Most cloth you can see through. I just took one of the prisoners out who was blindfolded. He was able to step over the rocks and see everything he was doing. When we first started, we had the hoods on, but when everything started happening, afterwards they were no longer allowed. We stopped using the hoods recently. We would leave the hoods on the whole time. They were replaced with the goggles. S-2, I believe, is still using blindfolds. Some units use blindfolds, and some units use goggles - Goggles are a Navy thing. The goggles have not been on for the last watch I've been on. I've actually been off for the last week training. It's the first time I've been back in a week. And there are no goggles on today.

The last week when I was here, they were on, depending also on who the person is. Some people are wrong place, wrong time. They're treated like I would treat an uncle that is visiting. When they were hooded, if they were wrong place, wrong time, the hood came off. When they're in their cell, they take them up. When we move them, we make

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sure they can't see. From inside the holding area to the latrine, they wear goggles. Once I have them on the latrine, depending on who they are, I will let them have a little bit of movement. I'll give them about two or three feet of separation because 1) that's private business, 2) they can handle it themselves, they've been doing it for quite a few years, and I really don't like touching them while they're wiping themselves. I take them off when they're out there, so they can actually get it in the hole. Goggles back on, and then they're led back in. We try to limit them seeing what the inside of the facility looks like. During processing we bring them out one at a time. We give them a hygiene check. We usually have them take their clothes off. We shower them, and let them soap up. We take them in to see the doctor, and give them a complete check up, before they're put back into one of the cells. They wear jumpsuits. The medical screening sheet is kept by the medical personnel. There's a log put up on the door. We log in when they eat; usually we keep a bottle of water in the cell so they can drink at anytime, and when they leave their cell, there's a clipboard on the outside of the cell identifying who's in that cell, and who the capturing agent is, so we know who's responsible for that personnel. There's also a log sheet on there, so every time they leave that cell, it's logged. If they go take a pee, it's logged. We have to log when we feed them, when they take a shower, because they're authorized only showers for hygiene purposes, or if they soil themselves, no more than three showers a day in a 24 hour period. We let them out to just wash off. Showering them is very man intensive. We try to shower them, every other day. It cuts down on the smell of the facility. They're in the cell until one of their capturing agents brings a team in for interrogation, so they can talk to them. Then they come in here. How long they're in here varies. Some people like to tell their whole story I guess. I'm not inside when they do this.

The first bottle of water should be in the cell when they move in and it normally is. When I put somebody in their cell, I try to make sure that they have water accessible. There is usually one small thing to get them off the ground, but a full covering is not always available right away. They don't always get one of the big, fluffy blankets right away. If you see there are a couple of patches in there, not huge by any means, but enough to get them off the marble. There isn't a blanket on the floor when they first get there.

[redacted] I don't know the system Sir. A guy could be in there, on a marble floor, and no mat, and no blanket. I have not seen someone in there with no mat and no blanket for the entire 72 hours he was here. I think the longest that anybody would go without a mat or blanket was about 40 hours, from my best recollection. That was a person that had tried to fight with the guards two or three times, and it actually took two people to subdue him.

For bathroom breaks, they actually ask for it, "Tabuk". We have a list on the wall, what certain phrases mean. If we're not sure we'll ask them, and they'll usually know. My job is to take care of them, food them, and make sure they're healthy when they leave. They go outside to the latrine but we do have a facility inside. We have an older gentleman. We had a couple that had burn legs. Before, we didn't have the nice latrine there. We keep upgrading this place. We got the A/C in there recently. It was starting to get pretty warm, so we have upgraded to keep it at a reasonable level. We take urine bottles out. The smell is enough without that in here. The only thing half way close to being abusive was that the detainees were showering a little close together. They didn't

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check the log book to see when the shower was, because if someone soils themselves, they get a shower. With a lot of the health and hygiene here, there's a lot of diarrhea, and they're not quite used to some of the food we feed them, so if they soil themselves they get a shower, and then they gave them a shower at the normal time frame, which was like within four or five hours. Nothing aimed at being belligerent by any means. They do not like water. I thoroughly believe they all know what to do with soap. If you give a detainee a bar of soap and you get them wet, they'll gladly wash themselves off. They like being clean, it's getting wet that they hate. Keeping them wet would annoy them in the long run. I've never seen anybody get kicked, punched, or sexually abused. Guys that go in for interrogations have never come out with signs of any unusual discomfort. They're offered three meals a day. If you check the logs, some people refuse to eat. I've never known any detainee to be denied food or water. There are some times when they're told to stand. We have a criteria on the wall, but that is only in the first 12 or so hours. 12 to 24 hours. Stand for 45 minutes, sit for 15, stand for 30 minutes, and sit for 15.

The guards are monitoring that if they leave the night orders and signed by the team. As far as I know, they never turn the A/C off. I've seen them showered once or twice, then interrogated. This is the first A/C we've had. The other room just got one. They're hard to come by. I'd have to check the new policy, but the old policy was that they're guaranteed at least four hours of sleep a day. No stress positions could be used without written authorization. I'd be the first to tell you that we've had a lot of guards that would not follow the criteria correctly. They'd let them sit for more than 15 minutes. That was the worst case scenario S.O.P. If someone stands too long, they start getting wobbly. We make sure their legs get a chance to rest, and if someone starts to get wobbly, I'll have him sit down, because the last thing I'd want is for someone to fall and hit their heads. When someone's been kneeling or sitting for too long, and you stand them up right away, their legs are Jell-O. We're not allowed to evoke conversations or talk to them by any means. We can only follow instructions given to us. We are not here to abuse the prisoners. Our job is to guard the prisoners, and if we see anything report it. At one point the interrogators said they wanted the detainees to have 24 hours of no sleep. At that time I called my CG and have the JAG come down here, and have them rewrite the orders, because it was against the S.O.P. I'm not going to violate the S.O.P.

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END OF STATEMENT

B6 I [REDACTED] HAVE READ OR HAVE HAD READ TO ME THIS STATEMENT WHICH BEGINS ON PAGE 1 AND ENDS ON PAGE [REDACTED]. 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 THIS 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

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 22 day of JUNE, 2004, at [REDACTED]

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Signature of Person Administering Oath

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