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Fort Campbell, Kentucky

I, SFC [REDACTED]

WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

I have been assigned to [REDACTED] from Jun 02 until present as an 18F (intelligence sergeant). I am currently assigned as the NCOIC of our training facility due to an injury I suffered. I arrived in Iraq on 11 Sep 03 with the ADVON and redeployed in late Feb 04.

I also had a role in interrogations. I would get biographical information on detainees and then use my information obtained from contacts to verify the information detainees would give us. Every member of the team participated in interrogations, but CP [REDACTED], CW [REDACTED] and myself asked most of the questions.

We would detain individuals with the assistance of conventional forces. The detainees would be held at the 2-3 FA BN facility. We did not have a holding facility and never kept anyone at the team house. We never conducted any interrogations at the team house or any of the adjacent houses. All interrogations were done at the 2-3 FA facility.

The [REDACTED] facility consisted of two areas. There was a big holding-area with plywood walls and another smaller area with plywood "stalls." We would sometimes interrogate detainees in the big holding area if no one else were present. Otherwise, we would pull the detainees right outside of the detainment facility and interrogate them there.

Detainees would stay at the [REDACTED] facility for about 24 hours before being turned over to the [REDACTED]. It is possible that some detainees were held at the facility for more than 24 hours.

We used a variety of interrogation techniques. My primary technique was to be the nice guy or use a "soft cell." I would appeal to their family and their pride. I would also use the fear up/down technique. I never used stress positions. We did have them kneel during interrogations, but never used a push-up or modified push-up position. Detainees were also put up against a wall, but not for long periods of time.

I am very familiar with the [REDACTED] family. I would consider them to be "bad guys." [REDACTED], known as [REDACTED], was an IED producer and would sometimes emplace them. The sister [REDACTED] was a financier. She would pay individuals to conduct attacks against US forces. There were three other brothers. [REDACTED] was part of the resistance and would set-up IEDs. [REDACTED] was the leader of a cell according to 1st BCT reports. He was never detained. [REDACTED] was the final brother. [REDACTED] told me that he was crazy and that he abused alcohol and drugs. [REDACTED] may have disowned him. He was captured and held by 2-3 before being transferred to 1st BCT. [REDACTED] might have had a problem with bodily functions. Although I have no personal knowledge, I heard that he urinated on himself on at least one occasion. After being transferred, [REDACTED] died of a heart attack. I never interrogated [REDACTED].

I interrogated [REDACTED], MSO [REDACTED] and an officer from [REDACTED] were present during the interview. He was interrogated just outside of the holding area in a tent. We may have interviewed [REDACTED] on two separate occasions. I believe [REDACTED] was the interpreter for these interrogations. [REDACTED] never admitted anything other than taking part in an RPG attack on Dakota. We did not use any unusual interrogation techniques on [REDACTED], just fear up/down. He was in flex cuffs during the interview. He wasn't hostile or combative. I do not remember whether he had an abrasion on his nose at the time of the interrogations. He was never abused or threatened during the interrogations. He was not electrocuted or forcibly sodomized. I have no knowledge of anyone doing such acts to him. I believe I was able to extract his confession to the RPG attack by appealing to his feelings for [REDACTED]. I told him that she was facing substantial prison time.

I knew [REDACTED] but not very well. [REDACTED] worked with C Battery, 2nd [REDACTED]. He was not liked by the Iraqi resistance due to the assistance he was providing [REDACTED]. I think he assisted [REDACTED] because of something that happened to his family, although I do not know the specifics. [REDACTED] loved him, but we never used him as a contact. [REDACTED] did benefit from him since we were tracking the same targets as [REDACTED]. On missions, he would perform positive identification on targets. He might be assisting SF forces now.

EXHIBIT

INITIALS [REDACTED]

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[redacted] was present for some interviews. He did not speak English. I never used him to ask questions. I never used him as a threat of force. That is I never implied to detainees that I would allow him to do things to them that US Soldiers were prohibited from doing. I am not aware of any evidence or indications that [redacted] abused any detainees. To the best of my knowledge, he did not have unaccompanied access to detainees. I never saw him alone with detainees nor did I hear of him having unaccompanied access. Although he worked with [redacted], he did not have the run of their compound. Anytime I saw [redacted] at the 2-3 FA compound, he was being escorted by US forces. As an Iraqi national, I would expect him to always be escorted inside a US compound. The detainees at the [redacted] facility were always under guard, so I do not see how [redacted] could have had unaccompanied access. I do not know if [redacted] would let [redacted] draw detainees, including [redacted] out. I know that [redacted] never took [redacted] out of the palace compound to interrogate him. We never took him out of the palace compound to allow [redacted] to sodomize him or harm him in anyway.

[redacted] used two interpreters. One was an Iraqi, the other was a Lebanese named [redacted] was tall, with curly gray hair. He was clean-cut with a slim to average build. We may have used [redacted] as an interpreter [redacted] was not around. When I did use [redacted], he only asked the questions I told him to. I am pretty certain, however, that we used [redacted] during the interrogations of [redacted].

I know the detainees are lying about their abuse. There are many reasons why the [redacted] would lie. [redacted] did not like [redacted] and was scared of him. I am unsure of the precise reason, but I think it dated to before the US occupation. [redacted] told me that [redacted] approached her and stated that he would have her brothers freed if she paid him. Although I never trusted [redacted] 100%, I have no reason to believe this allegation.

[redacted] did not like MSG [redacted] or me. I talked to [redacted] for about two months prior to her detention. We knew all along that her brothers were bad. She trusted us. She even facilitated a meeting between [redacted] and me. Then we received reports from 1st BCT that she was a financier and that 1st BCT wanted her detained. I told her to come to 2-3 FA. She brought two of her brothers with her. When she arrived, she was detained. Basically, I turned her in and she knew it. I believe revenge is one reason she would fabricate allegations against [redacted] or us.

LT [redacted] was killed in an IED attack in the beginning of Nov 03. He was a FIST team leader for 2nd BDN, but he used to be SF. [redacted] was close to him. He and CW [redacted] were good friends. We never abused [redacted] as revenge for his death. The [redacted] may have been involved, but someone else actually set the device up. [redacted] may have paid that individual. I also think that [redacted] were involved in the other LT's death and the death of the 1st BCT's CSM. However, I never treated any detainees differently because of the deaths. Our intent was to get those involved off the street. I have never had enough proof that [redacted] were responsible for those IEDs. The information we had was coming down conventional [redacted] channels. For example, there was information that for one of the attacks, a motorcycle matching that of [redacted] was used and that the person was hunchbacked much like [redacted].

The detainees are lying about these allegations of abuse. They are getting it from the Abu Garib situation. It is not possible that these allegations, to include the electrocution and forcible sodomy, occurred. NOTHING FOLLOWS.

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I, SFC Jeffrey A. Ruble, 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.

WITNESSES:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 26 day of June, 2004
at Bldg 3210 Fort Campbell KY

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

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