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[redacted] ISN [redacted] an Afghan male, was interviewed at Guantanamo Bay Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Also present during the interview was NCIS Special Agent [redacted] and contract linguist [redacted] who provided the Pashtu language translation. [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] complained of being mistreated by US forces while in detention in Bagram and during his transit to Camp Delta. [redacted] pointed to marks on his wrists that he claimed were caused by the shackles. Additionally, [redacted] claimed that he was upset by having to wear a hood while in transit and that guards did not respond to a pain in his ear. Further, [redacted] alleged that the guards beat him. While in transit, [redacted] informed the translator of his ills and was told that a doctor would see him later.

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According to [redacted] he is innocent of any offense. US forces came to his house while he was having a meal with guests. US and Afghan military personnel entered his home and started searching. US forces showed [redacted] a picture of his brother that they had found in his house and asked who it was. [redacted] admitted that it was his brother, and further stated that his brother was out of town. [redacted] was told that weapons had been found in his house, but [redacted] countered that they were actually found at his brother's house. [redacted] was extremely upset that he was detained in front of the female members of his family and stated that he was innocent of any crime.

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[redacted] later modified his story regarding the weapons and admitted that only two weapons were found at this house. One of these weapons was a Kalashnikov and the other was a British weapon that did not work. During this later recant, [redacted] stated that the two weapons were used for bird hunting. [redacted] further stated that any additional weapons may be the property of his brother, and that if there were any weapons, they had been acquired from a Mujahideen eight-to-ten years ago that was acquainted with his brother. Another theory suggested by [redacted] was that the weapons may belong a village leader, and reiterated that his brother would know the provenance of the weapons.

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On multiple occasions, [] asked that his accuser be presented to him. According to [] an enemy of his family had promulgated an unsubstantiated rumor that [] had weapons. However, the basis for this allegation was an argument that []'s brother [] (phonetic) had with [] (phonetic). [] and [] had a long-standing disagreement over money. Further, [] was in the Afghan Army and used his relationship with US forces to convince the US that [] had weapons at his house. [] insisted that he had been wrongly accused and implicated with the weapons.

[] described an added dimension to the conflict between his brother and "enemies of his family." According to [] a member of one tribe was killed, so someone from the offending tribe killed a member of the opposing group. This occurred approximately eight years ago and was a factor in the animosity held against []'s family. [] stated, "This man [] is the cause."

On multiple occasions, [] asked for proof that he had committed some offense. [] opined that if he were a fighter, he would have killed [] and then himself. [] insisted that he was a simple farmer and that it was only the false allegations of [] that had drawn the attention of the US onto []. [] suggested that his brother would straighten out the situation, but that US forces would not let him communicate with his brother. As an additional mark of his innocence, [] opined that there was no reason to arrest him and asked, "Why me and not my brothers?" who were also present at the meal. [] explained that his brother [] had traveled to speak with a district official named [] about a road that was to be built near []'s family compound, and that this was why his brother was unavailable to corroborate his story.

[] insisted that he knew nothing of the weapons found by US forces in his family's compound. Further, [] directed US forces to interview the people of his village. [] insisted that the people of the village would support his story and corroborate that he knew nothing of the weapons and was just a simple farmer. [] stated that only "commanders have weapons, little people don't," and that he was a simple, uneducated farmer. [] claimed to be unable to read or write Pashtu. The only formal education he had was through religious training. [] did admit to knowing a few words of Dari, but no other languages.

[] stated that his family farmed a plot together and grew

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vegetables, specifically onions and pomegranates. [] stated that his hands were smooth and did not reflect hard manual labor because the "doctors gave him something to soften them." To explain how his hands could heal from the rigors of farm work, [] stated that, "My hands just got better" and "If you cut me it will heal in four months."

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[]'s family had maintained the farm since moving to [] Village from Jalalabad approximately four years ago. Only []'s brother [] remained in Jalalabad. [] described that pomegranates were planted in the fall, but later changed this to planting in the spring and harvest in the fall. [] had no idea of how large this year's crop of pomegranates would be. [] claimed that last year, his family harvested 50 man (phonetic) of pomegranates. []'s family also has goats and cows. []'s family also grows onions in one section and grain in another section of land. The entire family works the land and all of the family members live within a compound together, but in separate houses. The individual families eat by themselves, but share a guesthouse for guests. Further, [] stated that two of his brothers do not get along, but that the others are close.

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[] returned to the theme that certain elements in the village were happy to see him arrested by US forces and said, "My enemies are very happy I was captured. They stab people in the back." Again, [] amended this statement later by saying that he didn't personally have enemies, but that his brother did due to the altercation between his brother and []. [] explained that his brother had a fight approximately ten days prior to his capture by US forces and implied that this was somehow linked to the bad blood between his brother and [].

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Further, it was possible that the weapons belonged to [] (phonetic) a well-known commander. [] admitted that if the weapons found in the compound had been new, he would be guilty. However, the weapons really belonged to his brother. [] could not have returned the weapons to anyone because once they were given a weapon, they were responsible to the commander who provided it.

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[] denied being a member of the Taliban or Al Qaeda. Additionally, [] had heard of the HIG, but heard it for the first time approximately four months ago and did not know anything about the organization. Further, [] stated that the Taliban did not bring peace. Only since the US arrival has Afghanistan been

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peaceful.

[] reiterated that the weapons had been provided eight-to-ten years ago. Further, [] claimed that he told US forces where to find five boxes of ammunition. []'s family brought the ammunition from Jalalabad when they moved to the farm four years ago. Once again, [] insisted that the ammunition was not his, but belonged to his brother. [] stated that there were no rocket-propelled grenades found on the premises. Further, the recoilless rifle found by US forces did not work and was rusted. [] opined that it is probably "over a hundred years old," but later modified this by saying that it was from his "grandfather's time." [] maintained that he knew nothing of any additional weapons that may have been found on his compound.

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