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LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME [REDACTED]	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]	GRADE/STATUS E-5/SGT/USA	
ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS 42nd Military Police Detachment, Abu Gharib, Baghdad, Iraq APO AE 09229			b6 per CIC b7C per CIC

[REDACTED] WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING
STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

I arrived at Abu Gharib in late Nov 03. My dog's name is Duco and his tattoo number is B 150. He is a tan shorthaired Belgian Malinois. Our call sign is [REDACTED]. We are cross-trained as narcotics and patrol team. We have assisted Military Intelligence with two interviews. The first one occurred about mid Dec 03. SGT [REDACTED] and I were training in one of the MP hallway's and the isolation facility hard site. One of the NCO's from the MI group came over. I believe it was SSG [REDACTED]. He asked us if we could use our dogs for interrogation purposes. They were trying to get it cleared. We went outside and saw COL [REDACTED]. He told us MI wanted to use the dogs for interrogations and he told us that they had received permission to use dogs in an interview. I waited outside the Interrogation Control Element (ICE) for about 20 more minutes. SSG [REDACTED] told us that they dogs had to stay on leash and they had to be muzzled if the dogs were going to go inside the booth. At that time they wanted us to go inside the booth so I put a muzzle on Duco. Then SSG [REDACTED] came back and told us that we were going to stay outside the doorway and they were going to bring the detainee to the door of the booth. We were told that the dogs did not have to have a muzzle on because they were not going into the booth so I took the muzzle off of [REDACTED] co. We put the dogs at 45 degree angles outside the door and then the MI guys opened up the [REDACTED] door. The detainee was in a chair. The dogs barked for a little bit, maybe two minutes. Then SSG [REDACTED] said that was enough and they closed the door.

I also assisted with an interview at Wood facility about early Jan 04. I was in the Ganci compound when the 320th MP BN TOC called me over the radio. I was asked to meet with the MI officer to go to site Wood to assist with an interrogation. I assumed they had authorization because the request had gone through the S-3 at the TOC. We drove over to Wood facility. The lieutenant went into the booth and told me to wait outside. When he came back, he was with SSG [REDACTED]. I believe SSG [REDACTED] told me that I was to go into the booth and have Duco bark at the detainee. I asked him if he wanted Duco to be in a muzzle and he said no. We went into the booth and there was a detainee in the booth with a bag over his head. Duco barked at him for about two or three minutes and they were asking the detainee questions. At one point the detainee tried to move his foot toward the dog and I moved his foot away. After the two or three minutes we went back outside the booth and waited for a little bit. I remember another interrogator asked me about my dog but I do not remember who it was. We then left the facility.

About early or mid Dec 03 Duco and I were involved in an incident with a detainee. SGT [REDACTED] and I were on patrol when SSG [REDACTED] came over to us and asked us to pull security for him. He told us a Detainee had knocked out a window cover and may have been given something like a weapon or drugs. SGT [REDACTED] went into the wing of the Isolation site first. I entered about 20 to 30 seconds after he did. The detainee was standing up against the wall and facing us. His hands were behind his head. [REDACTED] was there and was telling the detainee to get down into the prone. The detainee was not listening. He went to his knees but did not go any further. [REDACTED] tried to show him that he was supposed to go into the prone but he resisted, pushed off and stood back up with his hands behind his head. A few seconds after that, the detainee ran

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STATEMENT OF [REDACTED] TAKEN AT Abu Gharib Prison, Baghdad, Iraq DATED 28 Jan 04 CONTINUED:
STATEMENT (Continued)

straight across to the other wall of the room and turned left and tried to exit the room. There were two or three MPs in his way and he tried to fight with them. I believe it was [REDACTED] that he met head on. When I saw the detainee fighting with the MPs I told him to stop. When he did not stop, I let Duco to the end of his leash and Duco nipped the right thigh of the detainee. I called him off and Duco came back to the heel position. The detainee was still fighting, so I warned the detainee and then let Duco go again to the end of his leash. This time Duco bit the detainee on his left thigh a quarter of his mouth. I called him off again and Duco came back to the heel position. The detainee then stopped fighting. He was restrained and cuffed. The medics then came and took care of his legs.

Q: SA [REDACTED]

A: SGT [REDACTED]

Q: How far was your dog from the detainee in the chair?

A: About 2 feet away.

Q: How were you holding the dog?

A: I was holding him by the collar.

Q: Was the detainee bound to the chair?

A: I do not know. I could see his hands moving but I was focused on Duco so I do not know for sure.

Q: Was the detainee in fear of the dogs?

I did not see.

Q: Were you given any specific guidance from MI about your dog biting the detainee.

A: We were told not to let the dogs bite the detainee by SSG [REDACTED]. That was why I was so focused on my dog.

Q: Do you know any of the other people that were there?

A: No. There was one tall, white male with a leather jacket. His hair was light brown and longer than a normal military cut. He was lanky, tall and thin.

Q: Who was at the Wood facility incident?

A: SSG [REDACTED] and a civilian male I did not know. He was a Hispanic or Arabic male, about 5'10", dark hair and heavy set.

Q: Did Duco bit this detainee?

A: No.

Q: How long did you wait outside the booth?

A: About 20 minutes to half an hour.

Q: Did you see a female interrogator that day?

A: Yes there was a female interrogator with blonde hair and very light skin in the facility as well. She stopped to pet Duco for a minute at the entrance to the facility.

Q: In regards to the incident where Duco bit the detainee, How many MP's were present when you entered?

A: I am not sure. I know SSG [REDACTED] was there and [REDACTED] came in with me. I do not know of anyone else by name. Again, I was focused on my dog. By the end there were maybe three or four people there.

Q: How long did the whole incident take?

A: Less than five minutes.

Q: Do you feel your dogs were brought in to intimidate the prisoner?

A: Not at the time.

Q: Did you feel there was a valid reason for your presence?

A: Yes.

Q: Do you think the MP's could have controlled this detainee without the assistance of your dog?

A: That is tough to say. If they had more people in there to start with, maybe. But it is too hard to say for sure.

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STATEMENT OF [REDACTED] TAKEN AT Abu Gharib Prison, Baghdad, Iraq DATED 28 Jan 04 CONTINUED:

STATEMENT (Continued)

Q: Was the detainee frightened of the dogs?

A: I am not sure.

Q: Do you know who else was there?

A: No.

Q: Were there any translators there?

A: Not that I remember.

Q: Have you ever helped CID with an interview?

A: No.

Q: Have you ever told anyone that you were assisting CID with an interview?

A: No.

Q: Other than the incidents you told me about, have you assisted with any other interrogations?

A: No.

Q: Have you ever had your dog bark at detainees through the bars at the isolation facility?

A: He has barked at people through the bars when he gets teased by the detainees.

Q: Have you ever been ordered or asked to do that by MI?

A: No.

Q: Do you have anything else you would like to add to this statement?

A: No.///End of Statement///

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[REDACTED] HAVE READ OR HAVE HAD READ TO ME THIS STATEMENT WHICH BEGINS ON PAGE 1 AND ENDS ON PAGE 7. 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.

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WITNESSES:

[REDACTED]
(Signature of Person Making Statement)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 27th day of January, 2004 at Abu Gharib, Baghdad, Iraq

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

[REDACTED]
(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

SA [REDACTED]
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