

STATEMENT

PLACE: NCISRA Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

DATE: June 14, 2006

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(b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) make this free and voluntary statement to Special Agent (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) whom I know to be a Representative of the United States Naval Criminal Investigative Service. I make this statement of my own free will and without any threats made to me or promises extended. I fully understand that this statement is given concerning my knowledge of the death of three detainees found hanged on 10JUN06 inside Alpha Block, Camp 1 aboard the Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. (b)(3) (b)(6)

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(S/NF) I reported for Mid-watch (1730-0530) at (b)(2) on 09JUN06 to receive turn over from (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) (b)(3) (b)(6) informed me of no unusual activity during his watch (b)(2) and minimal activity had been scheduled to transpire during my watch. Subsequent to turnover, I assumed the watch for the (b)(2) for the night. I last saw ISN-093 alive approximately a month before 09JUN06. I last saw ISN-588 alive approximately 10-12 days prior to 09JUN06. I last saw ISN-693 approximately 10-12 days prior to 09JUN06. For background purposes, the code word "snowball" is used by the guard staff at JTF-GTMO as indicating a self harmed attempt, as defined in the Standard Operating Procedures. Approximately at sunset, I noticed the inmates from Alpha Block were singing. This in itself is typically not unusual, especially on Friday evenings, however I did note the singing was particularly louder, and in seemingly better unison, than normal. At approximately 2300, I departed for chow. At approximately (b)(2) returned our office at (b)(2) My entire team and I were in the office when, at approximately 5-10 minutes before midnight, Escort Control received a phone call, from I believe, the (b)(2) on Alpha Block. For informational purposes, (b)(2) convey a medical emergency of a detainee. I sent (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(3) (b)(6) to respond to the declared emergency. Shortly thereafter, I walked out the side door and noticed (b)(3) (b)(6) running from the (b)(2) and entered my office. (b)(2) informed me that we had a (b)(2) My team and I immediately departed our office and entered into "Alpha" Block. Subsequent to entering Alpha Block, I donned rubber surgical gloves. I saw ISN-588 on the ground while a number of Sergeant of the Guard (SOG) and Alpha Block personnel were placing ISN-588 onto a backboard. I kneeled down and felt for pulse and respirations. I detected no signs of life. His eyes were open and blank. His mouth was open and I could see his teeth. I noticed his toenails and fingernails had already started to turn blue. (b)(3) (b)(6)

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(b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) (S/NF) I then heard someone shout "Alpha-5". I believe the person yelled "Alpha 5" in an attempt to wake ISN-693. When I arrived, I paused to notice what I thought to believe was ISN-693 laying on his bunk under a blanket. I then noticed a blanket draped in the corner of the cell. At this time, someone, a unidentified USN service member, with a set of keys unlocked the cell door and partially entered the room, hesitant to fully enter the room without further backup. The unknown service member felt the bed as I looked behind the blanket suspended in the corner of the cell. I immediately saw ISN-693 hanging from his neck between two blankets. I pulled on the blanket facing the front of the cell in an attempt to get it down when another person cut it free. I approached the body and lifted it to release the tension on the noose. ISN-693's waist was against my chest. ISN-693 was suspended approximately six (6) inches from the deck. No part of his body was in contact with the deck. Someone behind me cut the noose and ISN-693's weight shifted so I automatically transitioned ISN-693 to the ground. I noticed ISN-693's hands were bound and secured to the front of his body inside a makeshift belt fashioned from the same material that comprised the noose. The noose that suspended ISN-693 was wrapped several times around his neck. While I untied and shackled ISN-693's hands, (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) untied the noose from his neck. I called out for a backboard. I checked for respirations and a pulse but could not detect any signs of life. I noticed ISN-693 was cool to the touch. I saw and felt the ligature marks around his neck, they felt rough and "plastic". ISN-693's mouth was slightly open and I could see his teeth. I did not see anything in his mouth. His eyes were slightly open and one was open wider than the other. Someone brought a backboard in to the cell and prepped the board to place him on the board. Out of habit, I instructed them to assist me to place ISN-693 onto the backboard prior to transporting him from his cell. We secured him to the backboard and transported him (physically ran) to the Detainee Clinic. Medical personnel directed us to take ISN-693 to room eleven (11). Along the way to room eleven, I noticed what I believe to be ISN-093 in the trauma area with emergency personnel performing CPR. Someone called for a combat camera. I am combat camera qualified so I volunteered to videotape the event. I ran the video camera for approximately two (2) minutes until I was instructed by (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) to halt taping. Members of my team and I were helping the corpsmen as we could. At approximately 0116 hrs, the attending medical doctor pronounced ISN-693 and ISN-588 to be dead. After they were pronounced dead, (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) assigned (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) and me to guard the bodies. I heard there was another Detainee (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) to the medical facility so I was instructed by the attending medical doctor to relocate ISN-693 from room eleven to room ten (10) where ISN-588 was located in order to free room eleven for the incoming Detainee. We collected all the materials that came on the Detainees and consolidated them with that specific Detainee, placing the items on their bodies. I instructed to (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) and (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) to shut the door of room ten and posted them outside the door with instructions to allow no person inside. (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) assumed responsibility for segregating ISN-693 and ISN-588 in room ten. A few moments later, I was informed Special Agent (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) requested my presence in the conference room. I signed out of the logbook and departed the medical facility to the conference room at building one (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C).

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This statement, consisting of this page and 2 other page(s) were typed for me by Special Agent (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) as we discussed its contents. I have read and understand the above statement. I have been given the opportunity to make any changes or corrections I desire to make and have placed my initials over the changes or corrections. This statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature:

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14 day of June in the year 2006 at NCIS RA Guantanamo Bay

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