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BY: [REDACTED]

BY: [REDACTED]

WITNESS :

[REDACTED]

OTHER APPEARANCES :

NONE

1 [REDACTED]: The recorder is on. It
2 is Tuesday, June 15, 2021 and the time is 5:57
3 p.m.

4 [REDACTED]: My name is [REDACTED].
5 I'm a Special Agent with the U.S. Department of
6 Justice Office of the Inspector General, New
7 York Field Office and these are my credentials.
8 This interview is with Federal Bureau of
9 Prisons Correctional Officer, Lieutenant - can
10 you state your name?

11 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED].

12 [REDACTED]: First name?

13 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED].

14 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED]. And is being
15 conducted as part of an official U.S.
16 Department of Justice Office of the Inspector
17 General investigation. Today is June 15th and
18 the time is 5:58 p.m. The interview is being
19 conducted at 6 West 23rd Street, Deer Park, New
20 York. Also present are DOJ OIG Senior Special
21 Agent Dennis

22 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], and again,
23 these are my credentials.

24 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

25 [REDACTED]: This interview will be

1 recorded by me, Special Agent [REDACTED].

2 Could everyone please identify themselves for
3 the record and spell your last name, to start?

4 Again, I am DOJ Special Agent [REDACTED], [REDACTED]
5 [REDACTED].

6 [REDACTED]: My name is Senior Special
7 Agent [REDACTED], [REDACTED].

8 [REDACTED]: Lieutenant [REDACTED], [REDACTED]
9 [REDACTED].

10 [REDACTED]: As I stated before, this is
11 an official DOJ investigation into the death of
12 inmate Jeffery Epstein and the timing
13 surrounding that and you're being asked to
14 voluntarily provide answers to our questions.
15 Will you agree to a voluntary interview with
16 the DOJ OIG?

17 [REDACTED]: Yes.

18 [REDACTED]: As part of our procedure, I'm
19 going to provide you with DOJ OIG form 3226
20 226-2. I'm going to read the form out loud to
21 you and give you a chance to review it also.
22 "United States Department of Justice, Office of
23 the Inspector General Warnings and Assurances
24 to Employee Requested to Provide Information on
25 a Voluntary Basis. You are being asked to

1 provide information as part of an investigation
2 being conducted by the Office of Inspector
3 General. This investigation is being conducted
4 pursuant to the Inspector General Act of 1978,
5 as amended. This investigation pertains to job
6 performance failure and security failure. This
7 is a voluntary interview. Accordingly, you do
8 not have to answer questions. No disciplinary
9 action will be taken against you if you choose
10 not to answer any questions. Any statement you
11 furnish may be used as evidence in any future
12 criminal proceedings or agency disciplinary
13 proceeding or both." Now the waiver for you.
14 "I understand the warnings and assurances
15 stated above and I am willing to make a
16 statement and answer questions. No promises or
17 threats have been made to me and no pressure or
18 coercion of any kind has been used against me."
19 Do you understand that?

20 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

21 [REDACTED]: Do you wish to proceed with
22 the interview?

23 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

24 [REDACTED]: Please review the document
25 and once you review the document, please sign

1 where it says, "Employee signature."

2 [REDACTED]: Do you need a pen?

3 [REDACTED]: I have. Thank you.

4 [REDACTED]: There's a line that says,
5 "Employee signature," --

6 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

7 [REDACTED]: -- and sign your name there
8 and below there can you please print your name?

9 [REDACTED]: Thank you sir.

10 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

11 [REDACTED]: I'm signing the signature of
12 the Office of Inspector General's Special
13 Agent.

14 [REDACTED]: Thank you for signing the
15 document, both of you, and [REDACTED] for dating it
16 6/15/21 at 6:02 p.m. I am signing my name and
17 signature of witness and printing my name, name
18 of witness.

19 [REDACTED]: Before we start the
20 interview, I'd like to place you under oath,
21 [REDACTED]. Can you please raise your right
22 hand? Do you swear to tell the truth and
23 nothing but the truth during this interview?

24 [REDACTED]: Yes.

25 [REDACTED]: Thank you.

1 [REDACTED]: I do.

2 [REDACTED]: Please let me know if you do
3 not understand any questions I ask, I'll repeat
4 it and I'll try to rephrase it for you. Okay?
5 What is your current home address?

6 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED]

8 [REDACTED]: Your date of birth?

9 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED].

10 [REDACTED]: And what is your social
11 security number?

12 [REDACTED]: He doesn't need to
13 provide that if he doesn't want to. Would you
14 mind for the record, can you show us your
15 credentials again and then we can use that as
16 verification for your - all right. Thank you,
17 sir, for showing your credentials. I'm looking
18 at the U.S. Department of Justice Federal
19 Bureau of Prisons law enforcement officer
20 credentials, certify that [REDACTED] is a
21 Lieutenant at the MCC New York, New York. I
22 see a picture that matches the gentleman that
23 is sitting in front of us.

24 [REDACTED]: Thank you.

25 [REDACTED]: You're welcome.

1 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], what's your highest
2 level of education?

3 [REDACTED]: I have a bachelors of science
4 degree.

5 [REDACTED]: In what subject?

6 [REDACTED]: Community Services.

7 [REDACTED]: What college did you receive
8 that from?

9 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED]

10 [REDACTED]: What year did you receive it?

11 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED].

12 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED]. Okay. What did
13 you do prior to working for the BOP?

14 [REDACTED]: I was in the military and I
15 worked in a law firm.

16 [REDACTED]: Thank you for your service.
17 What branch of the military?

18 [REDACTED]: United States Navy Reserves.

19 [REDACTED]: How long were you in the
20 military for?

21 [REDACTED]: 20 years, 23 days, and 21 hours
22 or something like that.

23 [REDACTED]: What was your position and
24 title when you -.

25 [REDACTED]: I was an E-6 ship service man,

1 first class petty officer.

2 [REDACTED]: And are you still active in
3 the military?

4 [REDACTED]: No, I'm retired.

5 [REDACTED]: Thank you.

6 [REDACTED]: And did you retire in
7 2019?

8 [REDACTED]: Yes.

9 [REDACTED]: October?

10 [REDACTED]: October 2019.

11 [REDACTED]: How long have you served with
12 the Federal Bureau of Prisons?

13 [REDACTED]: Thirteen years.

14 [REDACTED]: Thirteen years? And what was
15 the entry on duty date?

16 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED] - I mean, [REDACTED]

17 [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED]: Did you graduate from BOP
19 training?

20 [REDACTED]: Yes.

21 [REDACTED]: What year?

22 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED]: Okay. When and where was
24 your first office assignment with the BOP?

25 [REDACTED]: Brooklyn, MDC Brooklyn.

1 [REDACTED]: That was in 2008?

2 [REDACTED]: Yes.

3 [REDACTED]: And what positions - how long
4 did you stay at the MDC for?

5 [REDACTED]: Five and a half years.

6 [REDACTED]: Five and a half?

7 [REDACTED]: I stayed there from [REDACTED] to
8 [REDACTED].

9 [REDACTED]: Where did you go in October?

10 [REDACTED]: MCC New York.

11 [REDACTED]: Was it a promotion or
12 lateral?

13 [REDACTED]: Lateral.

14 [REDACTED]: Okay. When did you get -
15 what was the next step, promotion that you got?

16 [REDACTED]: GS-8.

17 [REDACTED]: To what position?

18 [REDACTED]: MCC New York, Senior Officer
19 Specialist.

20 [REDACTED]: And what year was that?

21 [REDACTED]: Think, I'm going to say [REDACTED]

22 [REDACTED]: Okay. And what was the next
23 promotion after that?

24 [REDACTED]: GS-9.

25 [REDACTED]: GS-9 what? What was the

1 title?

2 [REDACTED]: I was a Counselor.

3 [REDACTED]: Okay. And after that?

4 [REDACTED]: GS-11 Lieutenant.

5 [REDACTED]: When did you become a
6 Lieutenant?

7 [REDACTED]: I was temp Lieutenant in 2016.
8 Then, I got 2000, I think '17, I got promoted
9 to - '17 or '18 I got promoted to GS-11.

10 [REDACTED]: What was your position at the
11 MCC on August 9th and 10th --

12 [REDACTED]: I was a -.

13 [REDACTED]: -- of 2019?

14 [REDACTED]: I was a Lieutenant.

15 [REDACTED]: I'll read it.

16 [REDACTED]: Okay.

17 [REDACTED]: So we have a - is it
18 correct that you were interviewed already by
19 the FBI and the OIG?

20 [REDACTED]: Yes.

21 [REDACTED]: Regarding the matter
22 leading up to Epstein's death on August 9th -.

23 [REDACTED]: Correct.

24 [REDACTED]: Great. Thank you. I'm
25 just going to read the report that was created

1 from that interview. It is an FBI report so I
2 can't physically hand it to you but because the
3 OIG was there, it's our information to ask,
4 that's why I'll be able to read it to you.
5 Just, as I'm reading it, just let me know if
6 there's anything that's inaccurate and then
7 I'll probably stop along the way to just kind
8 of ask for a little bit more collaborations.
9 It says, "Prior to employment with the Bureau
10 of Prisons, [REDACTED] was a Paralegal at Skadden Law
11 Firm."

12 [REDACTED]: Skadden.

13 [REDACTED]: Skadden, S-K-A-D-D-E-N.

14 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

15 [REDACTED]: "He worked litigation,
16 pro bono, mergers and acquisitions for
17 approximately 10 years." And was that
18 approximately from 1998 to 2008?

19 [REDACTED]: Approximately.

20 [REDACTED]: Okay. "[REDACTED] has also
21 been an enlisted Navy Reservist for the last 20
22 years. [REDACTED] was employed as a Corrections
23 Officer with the BOP in [REDACTED] at the
24 Metropolitan Detention Center herein after
25 MDC," is that correct?

1 [REDACTED]: It was January.
2 [REDACTED]: January of 1999?
3 [REDACTED]: Where?
4 [REDACTED]: This is saying that I
5 don't think this was correct. So, it says that
6 you were with the MDC since June of 1999.
7 [REDACTED]: I was there - no, not '99, no.
8 [REDACTED]: I thought you said in
9 2008 you started.
10 [REDACTED]: 2008 I said I started. Yeah,
11 not '99.
12 [REDACTED]: All right. So you
13 started with the MDC - with the BOP and at the
14 MDC in --
15 [REDACTED]: 2000 -.
16 [REDACTED]: -- [REDACTED].
17 [REDACTED]: '00. Yes.
18 [REDACTED]: Okay. "[REDACTED] transitioned
19 to the BOP Metropolitan Correction Center, or
20 the MCC, on," it says, "[REDACTED]."
21 [REDACTED]: Yes.
22 [REDACTED]: "He was later promoted to
23 the rank of Lieutenant on [REDACTED]."
24 [REDACTED]: Yeah, July sometime.
25 [REDACTED]: Okay. "[REDACTED] was the

1 Special Housing Unit, or SHU, Lieutenant for
2 approximately 90 days since Lieutenants rotate
3 throughout the MCC every 90 days." Is that
4 correct?

5 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

6 [REDACTED]: According to [REDACTED], his
7 duties and responsibilities were as follows."
8 So prior to us going on. So you were 90 days
9 up until this incident? Were you just about to
10 rotate out of the SHU then?

11 [REDACTED]: No.

12 [REDACTED]: Okay.

13 [REDACTED]: I was just still the SHU
14 Lieutenant.

15 [REDACTED]: So were you -.

16 [REDACTED]: So -.

17 [REDACTED]: So the way that this
18 reads is almost like you were only there for 90
19 days. Were you there for --

20 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

21 [REDACTED]: -- longer than 90 days?

22 [REDACTED]: Well, I was taken out because I
23 was out on an injury.

24 [REDACTED]: Prior to that though, how
25 long were you the SHU Lieutenant?

1 [REDACTED]: Yeah, for about - because we
2 switch. I was on the desk and just before, I
3 think, like program review or something like
4 that, after program review, they put me up
5 there.

6 [REDACTED]: All right. But all of
7 July and August of 2000 --

8 [REDACTED]: Yeah, I was - yeah.

9 [REDACTED]: -- and '19, so, okay. So
10 you were the SHU Lieutenant for all - at least
11 July and --

12 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

13 [REDACTED]: -- August and a little
14 bit prior.

15 [REDACTED]: Yeah. Uh-huh.

16 [REDACTED]: So it says, "According to
17 [REDACTED] duties and responsibilities are as
18 follows. Control max wing, 10 south and
19 oversee the regular SHU."

20 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

21 [REDACTED]: And 10 south, my
22 understanding is that's the very high profile
23 inmates that have one inmate per cell, there's
24 constant supervision by cameras on them --

25 [REDACTED]: Cameras.

1 [REDACTED]: -- at all times?
2 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.
3 [REDACTED]: Okay. Maybe like
4 terrorists?
5 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.
6 [REDACTED]: People that go into those
7 - okay. You supervise employees, you control
8 moves, you oversee segregation reviews
9 hereinafter referred to as SROs. "Ensure
10 inmates are given what they have coming." What
11 does that mean? "Ensure inmate -.
12 [REDACTED]: That means, whatever the
13 institution - if they have - they need soap,
14 they get soap. If they need toilet paper, they
15 get toilet paper. If they need a pen, pad to
16 write on, they get it.
17 [REDACTED]: So the supplies that
18 they're --
19 [REDACTED]: Supplies that they --
20 [REDACTED]: -- required, you ensure -
21 -
22 [REDACTED]: -- that - I ensure that they -.
23 [REDACTED]: -- that they receive what
24 they --
25 [REDACTED]: Yes.

1 [REDACTED]: -- what they require.
2 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.
3 [REDACTED]: Okay. And then the next
4 thing that they wrote was, "A lot." So I'm
5 assuming what they meant is you have a lot of
6 responsibilities.
7 [REDACTED]: Yes.
8 [REDACTED]: "[REDACTED] is generally the
9 Monday through Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
10 shift supervisor."
11 [REDACTED]: Yes.
12 [REDACTED]: Were you working a lot of
13 overtime there?
14 [REDACTED]: Yes.
15 [REDACTED]: And when you were doing
16 your OT, were you also in the SHU?
17 [REDACTED]: Yes.
18 [REDACTED]: Okay. Would that be -.
19 [REDACTED]: Because as the Operations
20 Lieutenant, you've got to go to Special
21 Housing.
22 [REDACTED]: Okay. So if you were
23 doing OT, you weren't necessarily the SHU
24 Lieutenant, you were the Operations Lieutenant
25 --

1 [REDACTED]: No.

2 [REDACTED]: -- you were the
3 Operations Lieutenant, but you covered the SHU.

4 [REDACTED]: Or activities, yes.

5 [REDACTED]: So you were - you would -
6 .

7 [REDACTED]: So.

8 [REDACTED]: So during your OT shifts,
9 you typically would do either Activities or
10 Operations Lieutenant?

11 [REDACTED]: Yes.

12 [REDACTED]: And were you doing that
13 almost on like a daily basis up until then?

14 [REDACTED]: Something like that. Uh-huh.

15 [REDACTED]: And would it typically be
16 like the morning watch or the evening watch or
17 -.

18 [REDACTED]: Any shift.

19 [REDACTED]: Any?

20 [REDACTED]: Yes.

21 [REDACTED]: Was a lot of it mandated
22 or voluntary or both?

23 [REDACTED]: It was - I mean, it was short,
24 so, you know.

25 [REDACTED]: Like, like, like

1 forbidding, you've served as both Activities
2 and the Ops --

3 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

4 [REDACTED]: -- Lieutenant, so you're
5 familiar with those duties and
6 responsibilities, correct?

7 [REDACTED]: Yes.

8 [REDACTED]: Great.

9 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

10 [REDACTED]: All right. So, "[REDACTED]
11 advised that there is a mandatory quarterly
12 training in the SHU program for BOP employees."
13 Now, have you ever conducted that training?

14 [REDACTED]: Yes.

15 [REDACTED]: You've participated?

16 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

17 [REDACTED]: Okay, great. And do you
18 know of the individuals that were working in
19 the SHU for their quarterly assignments had
20 also received that training at the time?

21 [REDACTED]: Some have received that
22 training.

23 [REDACTED]: Possibly not all?

24 [REDACTED]: But possibly not all.

25 [REDACTED]: Okay.

1 [REDACTED]: But if they didn't, you know,
2 we went around and we showed them, you know,
3 showed them training.

4 [REDACTED]: Okay. So anybody that
5 hadn't gone --

6 [REDACTED]: So --

7 [REDACTED]: -- to that training -.

8 [REDACTED]: -- people that was assigned
9 that were supposed to be there, went to the
10 training.

11 [REDACTED]: Okay.

12 [REDACTED]: And if they didn't go for
13 whatever reason, if they was out sick or
14 whatever, I tried to get them trained, you
15 know, give them the PowerPoint and go over the
16 training with them, you know, hands on.

17 [REDACTED]: Now, are you the person
18 that would present the training at the
19 quarterly training?

20 [REDACTED]: Yes.

21 [REDACTED]: Okay. So as the -.

22 [REDACTED]: Normally the SHU Lieutenant
23 does.

24 [REDACTED]: Okay. So you provided
25 probably the last quarterly training and then

1 anyone who didn't attend that training, you
2 provided them personal training yourself?

3 [REDACTED]: Yes.

4 [REDACTED]: Okay.

5 [REDACTED]: But I don't know if I did it.

6 The prior SHU Lieutenant probably gave the
7 training.

8 [REDACTED]: Okay. Had you done it in
9 the past?

10 [REDACTED]: Yes.

11 [REDACTED]: Okay.

12 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

13 [REDACTED]: "He also reviews 292
14 forms which track an inmate's meals,
15 recreation, medical attention and showers." Is
16 that like the forms that go into their
17 personnel file?

18 [REDACTED]: Yes. Uh-huh.

19 [REDACTED]: And those files in the
20 SHU, they're kept in the SHU?

21 [REDACTED]: Yes.

22 [REDACTED]: Okay.

23 [REDACTED]: The on the computer - they're
24 supposed to be printed out every week --

25 [REDACTED]: Okay.

1 [REDACTED]: -- because you've got to go
2 backwards.

3 [REDACTED]: And as I'm told, they're
4 printed out on Sundays?

5 [REDACTED]: Yes. They're supposed to be
6 printed out like on Sunday morning watch.

7 [REDACTED]: Okay.

8 [REDACTED]: Put into the file and, you
9 know, because it's a new week. The new week --

10 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

11 [REDACTED]: -- is going to start because
12 that morning is breakfast. So it's breakfast,
13 and it goes B-D - wait, how does it go,
14 breakfast, lunch, dinner, so it goes B-L-D.
15 So, breakfast is first at 6 o'clock, or, you
16 know, 5:44, whatever time the count cleared is
17 breakfast. And then, lunch and then dinner.

18 [REDACTED]: Okay. So you said on
19 Sundays, is there typically one person that
20 works on Sundays or is it --

21 [REDACTED]: No, it's --

22 [REDACTED]: -- whoever is working --

23 [REDACTED]: -- always -.

24 [REDACTED]: -- on that side?

25 [REDACTED]: It's always - yeah. It's

1 always supposed to be two up there --
2 [REDACTED]: Okay.
3 [REDACTED]: -- on - on -.
4 [REDACTED]: But it's not like
5 typically the same two is what I'm asking?
6 [REDACTED]: Yeah, no.
7 [REDACTED]: Okay.
8 [REDACTED]: Huh-uh.
9 [REDACTED]: So it's whoever is
10 working that shift --
11 [REDACTED]: Whoever is working.
12 [REDACTED]: -- on a Sunday.
13 [REDACTED]: Yeah. Hopefully, you know,
14 well, we had a steady OIC, but he got out, he
15 got injured and was out sick, so, you know,
16 it's by the luck of the draw, whoever is
17 available.
18 [REDACTED]: Okay. So who was the
19 officer in charge or OIC who got injured?
20 [REDACTED]: For morning watch, I don't
21 know.
22 [REDACTED]: No, no, no, who got
23 injured, who got out?
24 [REDACTED]: Oh, it was Collado (Phonetic
25 Sp. *00:17:46), I think it was, but he was -

1 yeah, he was out.

2 [REDACTED]: And about when did he go
3 out?

4 [REDACTED]: I don't remember.

5 [REDACTED]: All right. But in
6 August, do you remember if there was an OIC?

7 [REDACTED]: I don't remember.

8 [REDACTED]: You don't remember?
9 Sure.

10 [REDACTED]: I have to look at the roster -
11 I don't -.

12 [REDACTED]: Absolutely. Do you have
13 the rosters? Just when we ask some of these
14 questions, you might want to just be able to
15 kind of look at this to be able to kind of
16 refresh your memory.

17 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

18 [REDACTED]: And so, Special Agent
19 [REDACTED] is giving you, or I will be giving you
20 the - one is going to be the duty assignment
21 roster from August 9th and the other one is
22 going to be from August 10th.

23 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

24 [REDACTED]: I'm sure you're familiar
25 with these.

1 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

2 [REDACTED]: Sure. So you'll be able
3 to like if --

4 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

5 [REDACTED]: -- the SHU is towards the
6 bottom and then who was on duty. It'll show
7 you the Ops, you know, the Ops Lieutenant and
8 the Activities Lieutenant, so on and so forth.
9 All right. So, it says, "Every SHU inmate has
10 an associated 292 form as long as they are in
11 the SHU population."

12 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

13 [REDACTED]: "Once they rotate to
14 another population, the form is invalid and no
15 longer exists." Now, what does that mean? Do
16 they destroy the forms?

17 [REDACTED]: No. So what happens is, okay,
18 the way the program operates is, once you come
19 out of the SHU program, like say for instance,
20 if you key to suicide watch area, your original
21 form, or whatever form, is, if it didn't get
22 printed, if there's a form there, but that
23 stops, the time stops.

24 [REDACTED]: You mean they create a
25 new form for every housing unit you go into is

1 what you're saying.

2 [REDACTED]: No. Only 292s are in the
3 Special Housing Unit, it's not --

4 [REDACTED]: Okay.

5 [REDACTED]: -- in general population.

6 [REDACTED]: Okay. So is there --

7 [REDACTED]: So -.

8 [REDACTED]: -- one in suicide watch
9 and -.

10 [REDACTED]: No.

11 [REDACTED]: No.

12 [REDACTED]: On suicide watch, there's
13 booklets and there's - it says, there's a form
14 where it shows, did the inmate eat? Did the
15 inmate, you know, get a shower? Like that.

16 [REDACTED]: Okay. But what does it
17 mean when it says that they wrote, "Once they
18 rotate to another population the form is
19 invalid and no longer exists?" Are they
20 referring -.

21 [REDACTED]: Is not in the program. They're
22 not in the program so I cannot -.

23 [REDACTED]: It doesn't continue.

24 [REDACTED]: It doesn't continue, yeah.

25 [REDACTED]: But it doesn't, like, get

1 destroyed, it remains --

2 [REDACTED]: No.

3 [REDACTED]: -- in their file.

4 [REDACTED]: If it gets printed.

5 [REDACTED]: But it -.

6 [REDACTED]: But, like, say - once they come

7 off the SHU program, right? I mean, you could

8 go back and see if the individual was there.

9 But once they come off the program, I cannot

10 create a document for you.

11 [REDACTED]: Sure. So are the

12 documents maintained electronically?

13 [REDACTED]: It's a program, so I don't - as

14 long as you in the SHU program, in the roster,

15 because SENTRY and BOPWare talk to each other.

16 Right? And so what happens is if a person is

17 keyed into SHU, there's a little box you have

18 to press.

19 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

20 [REDACTED]: In BOPWare, and it's

21 timestamped. So, once that person is there, it

22 creates an AD order, administrative detention

23 order. Once that administrative detention

24 order is set, the Lieutenant writes in there

25 why the individual was placed in Special

1 Housing --

2 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

3 [REDACTED]: -- has to be a reason. If that
4 form is not filled out, the Captain gets an
5 email from the region saying there's a blank AD
6 order in here, right? So I used to go in there
7 and look every morning to see if somebody,
8 whoever got placed in Special Housing to see
9 what the charges was or if that form was filled
10 out.

11 [REDACTED]: Okay.

12 [REDACTED]: If that form wasn't filled out,
13 I look at the Lieutenant's log or I call the
14 Lieutenant, whoever, you know, "Why did this
15 inmate get locked up?" Normally when I do my
16 rounds, I ask the inmates, "Why are you up
17 here?" Some of them lie and they, "I don't
18 know why I'm up here," whatever. But then I
19 find out why they up there, then I know why.
20 It could be SIS investigation, it could be
21 because of a fight.

22 [REDACTED]: Sure.

23 [REDACTED]: It could be multiple reasons
24 why the AD order wasn't created. However, we
25 try to create and do the AD order to place the

1 inmate so that he can have a 292 and he'd be on
2 the SHU report.

3 [REDACTED]: So what I'm asking though
4 is --

5 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

6 [REDACTED]: -- once it's created,
7 once they're there and once this 292 is
8 created, even if it's not printed out, is it
9 maintained in the system?

10 [REDACTED]: Yes.

11 [REDACTED]: And is it ever deleted?

12 [REDACTED]: No.

13 [REDACTED]: So that's what I'm
14 asking. So when this says, "Ceases to exist,"
15 I just want to make sure, is once they leave
16 the SHU, it's not deleted. It's still always
17 going to exist in a file.

18 [REDACTED]: I mean, long - you've got a
19 register number, you could go back, but I don't
20 know how long the program, you could go back
21 and forth to pull a 292.

22 [REDACTED]: Okay.

23 [REDACTED]: You know, once the person is
24 out of SHU. You know, some forms you can go
25 back and you can pull it.

1 [REDACTED]: Okay.

2 [REDACTED]: But it'll stop at the day that
3 that person was released or, you know, placed
4 in another housing unit.

5 [REDACTED]: Okay. Now, people that
6 are in the SHU and get placed in another
7 housing unit, the papers that were printed out,
8 what is done with those?

9 [REDACTED]: Those goes to the unit team.

10 [REDACTED]: Okay. So that goes, if
11 they went to a different housing unit, it goes
12 --

13 [REDACTED]: It goes to the --

14 [REDACTED]: -- to the unit.

15 [REDACTED]: -- unit team and the mailbox,
16 their file, you know, it tells you on the
17 thing, "Copy to unit team for central file."

18 [REDACTED]: Okay.

19 [REDACTED]: And it goes into their -
20 supposed to go into their folder.

21 [REDACTED]: But it's not destroyed
22 either?

23 [REDACTED]: No.

24 [REDACTED]: Okay.

25 [REDACTED]: Huh-uh.

1 [REDACTED]: It says, "Medical
2 personnel visit the SHU twice a day for rounds
3 in the mornings and the evenings." And it that
4 every day?

5 [REDACTED]: Yes.

6 [REDACTED]: So - on weekends too?

7 [REDACTED]: Yes.

8 [REDACTED]: So medical personnel
9 visit the SHU two times a day, okay.

10 [REDACTED]: Two - twice per shift, yes.

11 [REDACTED]: Around when do they
12 usually show up? Is there -.

13 [REDACTED]: Depends. Sometimes they there
14 at, you know, 7 o'clock, 6 o'clock in the
15 morning and then, again, they come up after the
16 4 o'clock count or they might come up before
17 that.

18 [REDACTED]: Okay.

19 [REDACTED]: You know, when shift changes.

20 [REDACTED]: But they actually
21 participate in the rounds?

22 [REDACTED]: Yes.

23 [REDACTED]: Okay. "[REDACTED] regularly
24 audits 292 forms from the previous day." So
25 you'd be constantly seeing, making sure your

1 staff are doing what they're supposed to be
2 doing --

3 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

4 [REDACTED]: -- with those forms?

5 Okay. "[REDACTED] advised that accountability of
6 inmates is important. He never caught anyone
7 intentionally not doing their job. [REDACTED] also
8 reviews round forms and searches for red flags.
9 These could be missing spaces, missing
10 signatures, etcetera. If caught, [REDACTED]
11 approaches the individual and requests an
12 explanation." So have you ever caught someone
13 then not doing rounds or --

14 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

15 [REDACTED]: -- anyone that was
16 working on that day - on August 9th or 10th
17 that was working in the SHU? Did you ever have
18 to discuss this matter with any of those
19 individuals?

20 [REDACTED]: Naw.

21 [REDACTED]: There's no one in there
22 that you can - that were working on either day?

23 [REDACTED]: Not that I know of, no.

24 [REDACTED]: Okay. Can you think of
25 anyone that you did ever have to deal with for

1 not conducting rounds or counts?

2 [REDACTED]: On day watch, you know, we
3 would ask, "You're doing showers, we down
4 range, we doing this." It gots to get filled
5 out after, you know, that -.

6 [REDACTED]: But can you think of
7 anyone that you actually had to - that you
8 caught not doing it? Or I should say, your
9 last day at work was on August 8th. Who was
10 the last person you caught not conducting
11 rounds in the --

12 [REDACTED]: Oh, I don't remember.

13 [REDACTED]: -- SHU? You don't?

14 [REDACTED]: I don't remember.

15 [REDACTED]: Okay. That's fine.

16 [REDACTED]: No, sir.

17 [REDACTED]: But you don't believe it
18 was any of the people that were working?

19 [REDACTED]: No.

20 [REDACTED]: Okay. "[REDACTED] was the SHU
21 Lieutenant when Epstein was assigned. Epstein
22 wasn't originally in the SHU. [REDACTED] advised
23 Epstein was in 10 South Lower."

24 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

25 [REDACTED]: "The population is for

1 inmates not on 10 South but high-profile."

2 Okay, so this is the first. There's two
3 different 10 Souths?

4 [REDACTED]: No. There's 10 South, then
5 there's 10 South Lower.

6 [REDACTED]: What's 10 South Lower?
7 I don't know -.

8 [REDACTED]: G Tier.

9 [REDACTED]: Okay.

10 [REDACTED]: All right? G Tier has four
11 cells where you can put high-profile or
12 terrorist inmates if 10 South is full.

13 [REDACTED]: Okay.

14 [REDACTED]: 10 South only holds a maximum
15 of six inmates.

16 [REDACTED]: So was he originally
17 going to go to 10 South then and was changed -.

18 [REDACTED]: Oh, I don't know.

19 [REDACTED]: So -.

20 [REDACTED]: When I got there, he was on G
21 Tier.

22 [REDACTED]: Okay. So I thought you
23 just said that 10 South Lower is for people
24 that were going if 10 South was full.

25 [REDACTED]: They can put you on the Tier,

1 but they put a lot of - they put disruptive
2 inmates on that tier.

3 [REDACTED]: Okay.

4 [REDACTED]: So it's not up to me, it's up
5 to that shift Lieutenant.

6 [REDACTED]: Sure.

7 [REDACTED]: But, if the Captain or somebody
8 or, you know, the Warden or somebody, "Hey, put
9 that guy on G Tier then that's where he's
10 going," that's where that individual will go.
11 That's where he will be housed if that
12 individual was disruptive or anything like
13 that.

14 [REDACTED]: And do you how long he
15 was on 10 South Lower approximately?

16 [REDACTED]: I don't know.

17 [REDACTED]: Was it a long time?

18 [REDACTED]: I don't know.

19 [REDACTED]: You don't know?

20 [REDACTED]: Like, when he - I guess, you
21 know, when he got there to the institution, he
22 was put on - he was on G Tier.

23 [REDACTED]: G Tier is 10 South Lower?

24 [REDACTED]: Yes.

25 [REDACTED]: Okay. Is 10 South Lower

1 similar to 10 South in the sense that it's one
2 inmate per cell?

3 [REDACTED]: Yes.

4 [REDACTED]: And are there cameras in
5 those -.

6 [REDACTED]: Yes.

7 [REDACTED]: All right, so it's set up
8 pretty much the same way as 10 South?

9 [REDACTED]: Yes.

10 [REDACTED]: So he was never placed in
11 the general population.

12 [REDACTED]: I don't think so.

13 [REDACTED]: Okay. So when he came
14 in, you believe he was first put on 10 South
15 Lower and then transferred to the SHU.

16 [REDACTED]: Yes.

17 [REDACTED]: Okay. And you had
18 oversight --

19 [REDACTED]: When -.

20 [REDACTED]: -- though -.

21 [REDACTED]: When - when -.

22 [REDACTED]: You have oversight over -

23 -

24 [REDACTED]: When he was -.

25 [REDACTED]: -- 10 South.

1 [REDACTED]: When he was moved off of G
2 Tier, if that's the question you're asking me,
3 and placed with a bunkie, that didn't come from
4 me.

5 [REDACTED]: Sure. Who does - so, did
6 you supervise both 10 South, 10 South Lower and
7 the regular SHU?

8 [REDACTED]: Yeah, and the regular SHU, yes.

9 [REDACTED]: Okay. And is that all
10 the same --

11 [REDACTED]: That's all the same.

12 [REDACTED]: -- kind of unit?

13 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

14 [REDACTED]: Okay.

15 [REDACTED]: It's one big unit.

16 [REDACTED]: Okay.

17 [REDACTED]: Upstairs is a separate unit
18 because it's not on - only unit that's 10 South
19 Lower is in the Special Housing Unit.

20 [REDACTED]: Okay. So that's -.

21 [REDACTED]: It's on the Special Housing
22 Unit count.

23 [REDACTED]: So your understanding
24 though is Epstein was always somewhere in that
25 unit, in 10 - the SHU unit.

1 [REDACTED]: Yes.

2 [REDACTED]: Whether lower or just
3 regular SHU.

4 [REDACTED]: Yes.

5 [REDACTED]: Okay.

6 [REDACTED]: I got a - just one --

7 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

8 [REDACTED]: You just mentioned - you said
9 that the G Tier, the 10 South Lower, is always
10 part of the SHU count.

11 [REDACTED]: Yes.

12 [REDACTED]: So is that ZA or ZB?

13 [REDACTED]: ZA.

14 [REDACTED]: ZA. Okay.

15 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

16 [REDACTED]: ZA or -.

17 [REDACTED]: ZB is 10 South.

18 [REDACTED]: So ZA was the whole
19 thing.

20 [REDACTED]: No.

21 [REDACTED]: Oh, can we have you look
22 at these counts then, just for clarification?

23 [REDACTED]: It should be - look - if you
24 look at - if you pull up the document for the
25 E1 that you just flipped by.

1 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

2 [REDACTED]: Okay? You look at the E1, it
3 got ZA and ZB. ZB has the shorter count.

4 [REDACTED]: So ZA says - so I'm
5 looking at the count from 8/9/2015, the time on
6 it shows 1541, so I guess it's the 3:00 p.m.
7 There is no 3:00 p.m.

8 [REDACTED]: 4:00 p.m.

9 [REDACTED]: 4:00 p.m. count?

10 [REDACTED]: Yeah. That was actually when
11 it was created.

12 [REDACTED]: It shows for ZA, there
13 were 75, for ZB it says 5.

14 [REDACTED]: Yes. ZB is always shorter.

15 [REDACTED]: So what I was saying,
16 isn't the 75 count the entire SHU?

17 [REDACTED]: It's ZA.

18 [REDACTED]: Not -.

19 [REDACTED]: It's not - 10 South is not
20 included because 10 South is a separate unit.

21 [REDACTED]: Right.

22 [REDACTED]: The G Tier is part of ZA --

23 [REDACTED]: Correct.

24 [REDACTED]: -- not ZB.

25 [REDACTED]: So that's what we were

1 asking --

2 [REDACTED]: Yes, yes.

3 [REDACTED]: -- is that ZA - the 10
4 South Lower is incorporated with the whole of
5 the regular SHU.

6 [REDACTED]: ZA, yes.

7 [REDACTED]: And ZB is just 10 South.

8 [REDACTED]: Yes.

9 [REDACTED]: Right. "Epstein was
10 assigned to cell 201 in the SHU. During their
11 first --" - okay, is that correct?

12 [REDACTED]: I guess. I don't know.

13 [REDACTED]: "During their first
14 encounter, Epstein asked [REDACTED], 'Am I going to
15 get out of here?' [REDACTED] remembers Epstein
16 frequenting the attorney conference area for
17 long periods of time." Is it true that at
18 almost - while he was assigned to the SHU was
19 just about every day he was in the - he would
20 go to the attorney area?

21 [REDACTED]: Yes.

22 [REDACTED]: Okay. "[REDACTED] advised that
23 at one point during the beginning at a meeting
24 with MCC Executive Management, they wanted to
25 house Epstein with a bunkie. [REDACTED] doesn't

1 recall exactly who requested this action,
2 however, he remembers they were trying to
3 identify an inmate. Ultimately, they decided
4 to house Epstein with Tartaglione. [REDACTED] wasn't
5 asked for his input and followed Executive
6 Management orders. There was an instant on
7 7/23/2019 between the two but it didn't occur
8 on [REDACTED] shift. He heard about it the next
9 day. [REDACTED] completed the 583
10 packet which includes memos and photos
11 resulting from the incident." So although you
12 weren't there, were you familiar with what
13 happened or had -.

14 [REDACTED]: I'm a Lieutenant, so I have to
15 know.

16 [REDACTED]: So were - did you hear
17 anything about him either trying to commit
18 suicide or his cell mate attempting to kill
19 him?

20 [REDACTED]: I don't recall.

21 [REDACTED]: So what is it that you
22 recall from it?

23 [REDACTED]: I just know I - you know, you
24 read in this day chart that he tried to hang
25 himself and I looked at the 583, I looked at

1 the pictures, saw the pictures.

2 [REDACTED]: So your understanding --

3 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED].

4 [REDACTED]: -- was that he tried to
5 hang himself.

6 [REDACTED]: Yes.

7 [REDACTED]: Had you -.

8 [REDACTED]: And his bunkie, you know, I
9 guess called out or whatever. They went -
10 they, you know, [REDACTED] or
11 whatever, she did what she had to do. He was
12 on suicide watch the next day and, you know,
13 that was pretty much it.

14 [REDACTED]: And what -.

15 [REDACTED]: You know, I don't recall
16 everything, you know, it's - I - you read it
17 briefly, but I was -.

18 [REDACTED]: So, do you know what
19 happened with his cell mate? Did he remain in
20 the SHU?

21 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

22 [REDACTED]: Did he get placed with
23 another cell mate?

24 [REDACTED]: Oh, I don't remember.

25 [REDACTED]: Are inmates in the SHU

1 required to have cellmates when they're in the
2 SHU?

3 [REDACTED]: Yes. However, there's
4 exceptions because some of them you can't house
5 them with nobody.

6 [REDACTED]: And is that because they
7 would get harmed if they were housed with
8 someone?

9 [REDACTED]: Yes.

10 [REDACTED]: And is that what - is
11 that part of what 10 South Lower is for or is
12 that - it's just regular SHU, the inmates know?

13 [REDACTED]: Just like some have on their
14 door, "Housing rec alone," because they could
15 have multiple steps. Some of them, you know,
16 they could be fear for their life. You always,
17 you know, you have that, but we try to bunk up
18 everybody.

19 [REDACTED]: All right, so aside from
20 these special exceptions, inmates are supposed
21 to have -.

22 [REDACTED]: Yeah, we try to bunk everybody
23 up. Yeah.

24 [REDACTED]: Now is that policy or
25 just a decision that was made?

1 [REDACTED]: No, that's something that, you
2 know, from when I started at the Bureau, we did
3 that, because once you knew individuals receive
4 - you can't - policy states that you're not
5 supposed to have an AD, Administrative
6 Detention person and a person that's under
7 disciplinary segregation together, housed
8 together. It's supposed to be separate.

9 [REDACTED]: Okay.

10 [REDACTED]: That's the policy that they -
11 that's 5270, you know, point whatever the new
12 number is, 9 or 10, right, the SHU program
13 statement. When Psychology says that this
14 person tried to harm themselves, we make sure
15 that they have to have a bunkie. So, you know,
16 they have a companion or somebody in there that
17 they could talk to so that, you know, they
18 don't feel despondent, you know. SHU is a
19 place, you know, if you don't check on these
20 inmates, you know, they're going to remind you.

21 [REDACTED]: Right.

22 [REDACTED]: So, you know, you've got to
23 make rounds, you've got to check on - be
24 checking on these inmates. You've got to be
25 seeing what they're doing, you know. It's a

1 tough place.

2 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

3 [REDACTED]: You know.

4 [REDACTED]: So, inmates that aren't a
5 special situation should have a cell mate and
6 especially inmates that are coming back from
7 suicide watch --

8 [REDACTED]: Yes.

9 [REDACTED]: -- they, in particular,
10 should have a -.

11 [REDACTED]: Should have a cell mate. Yeah.

12 [REDACTED]: Okay. It says, "[REDACTED]
13 recalls interaction with Epstein on watch.
14 Epstein stated, 'I don't want to be here and
15 I'm going to hurt myself.'" He said that to
16 you?

17 [REDACTED]: I don't recall saying that.

18 [REDACTED]: All right. So again, it
19 says, "[REDACTED] recalls interacting with Epstein on
20 watch. Epstein stated, 'I don't want to be
21 here and I'm going to hurt myself.'"

22 [REDACTED]: I'm -.

23 [REDACTED]: You don't believe that's
24 accurate?

25 [REDACTED]: I'm not going to hurt myself.

1 [REDACTED]: Oh, not going to hurt -.

2 [REDACTED]: Oh, no, sorry, "I'm not -

3 -

4 [REDACTED]: Okay.

5 [REDACTED]: -- going to hurt myself."

6 [REDACTED]: I don't remember him saying

7 that.

8 [REDACTED]: So, okay, so did he say

9 that, "I don't want to be here and I'm not

10 going to hurt myself?"

11 [REDACTED]: Yeah, he said that to me.

12 [REDACTED]: He did tell you that?

13 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

14 [REDACTED]: Okay.

15 [REDACTED]: But a lot of inmates say that,

16 you know, "Oh, I'm not going to hurt myself."

17 They look you right in your face and like,

18 "Yeah, and those markings on your neck say

19 something totally different."

20 [REDACTED]: So would have that --

21 [REDACTED]: But -.

22 [REDACTED]: -- would have he said

23 this to you after he came back from suicide

24 watch --

25 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

1 [REDACTED]: -- the second time --
2 [REDACTED]: Yeah.
3 [REDACTED]: -- I'm assuming?
4 [REDACTED]: I mean, because I escorted him
5 to attorney conference, you know, I'm the one -
6 I had interactions with him, you know, he
7 talked to me or whatever, you know. No special
8 privileges, you know. But I treated him like I
9 treat anybody else, as a decent human being.
10 [REDACTED]: Okay. Was he telling you
11 this though so that he wouldn't be housed with
12 another inmate?
13 [REDACTED]: I don't think that.
14 [REDACTED]: Did he want to get of the
15 SHU?
16 [REDACTED]: Yes, he wanted to get out of
17 SHU.
18 [REDACTED]: And where did he want to
19 go?
20 [REDACTED]: He wanted to go, I guess, to
21 general population.
22 [REDACTED]: Did he ever say that
23 that's where he wanted to go?
24 [REDACTED]: Yeah.
25 [REDACTED]: He did?

1 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

2 [REDACTED]: He said he wanted to go
3 to general pop?

4 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

5 [REDACTED]: Okay. It says, "[REDACTED]
6 also remembers feeding Epstein. The BOP
7 psychologist said that Epstein must be housed
8 with a cell mate when he returned to the SHU."
9 And this is after the July 23rd incident?

10 [REDACTED]: Yes.

11 [REDACTED]: Okay. So, he came back
12 to the SHU, do you recall, around like July
13 30th?

14 [REDACTED]: When he - whatever day he came
15 back to the SHU, he came back.

16 [REDACTED]: And then that --

17 [REDACTED]: And --.

18 [REDACTED]: -- around that date is
19 when the psychologist said he's got to be
20 housed with a cell mate?

21 [REDACTED]: Yes.

22 [REDACTED]: Okay. "[REDACTED] provided
23 cell mate recommendations but they were still
24 deciding on an individual when [REDACTED] left the
25 institution that night. [REDACTED] called to ensure

1 that he received a bunkie. BOP decision makers
2 chose Efrain Reyes."

3 [REDACTED]: Yes.

4 [REDACTED]: "[REDACTED] remembers Epstein
5 requesting to make a phone call to his
6 daughter. [REDACTED] doesn't do phone calls because
7 he is unaware of every inmates restricted
8 contact list."

9 [REDACTED]: Yeah. I don't make phone
10 calls.

11 [REDACTED]: Okay.

12 [REDACTED]: That's the unit team.

13 [REDACTED]: All right. We're going
14 to go back to Reyes.

15 [REDACTED]: Or if somebody tells me I have
16 to make it directly - my direct supervisor
17 says, "Hey, give this guy a telephone call,"
18 then that's something totally different.

19 [REDACTED]: All right. So after - so
20 you said around July 30 --

21 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

22 [REDACTED]: -- 2019, you were
23 informed by psychology, "[REDACTED] needs a cell
24 mate," correct?

25 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED] needs a cell mate?

1 [REDACTED]: No, sorry, "Epstein needs
2 a cell mate."

3 [REDACTED]: Yeah. They sent an email,
4 something or -.

5 [REDACTED]: Right. And -.

6 [REDACTED]: I know the Captain and the
7 warden, they was like, "He has to have a cell
8 mate."

9 [REDACTED]: And told you that?

10 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

11 [REDACTED]: And then what did you do
12 with that information? Did you provide it to
13 everybody that work in the SHU?

14 [REDACTED]: Yes.

15 [REDACTED]: All right, now, can you
16 tell me a little bit about how did the people
17 that work in the SHU know that Epstein was
18 required to have a cell mate?

19 [REDACTED]: Okay. I passed it on to my
20 OIC, which was [REDACTED].

21 [REDACTED]: And can you - do you know
22 how to spell that name? It might be on there.

23 [REDACTED]: It's [REDACTED] - I do know how to
24 spell it, he's my friend. [REDACTED] [REDACTED], [REDACTED]-

25 [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED]: Is it [REDACTED] -.

2 [REDACTED]: -- [REDACTED]

3 [REDACTED]: Is it [REDACTED]?

4 [REDACTED]: Yeah, something like that,
5 yeah.

6 [REDACTED]: Okay. So, [REDACTED] --

7 [REDACTED]: I don't know the spelling for
8 sure.

9 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED].

10 [REDACTED]: I should know how to spell his
11 name, I just got brain fart.

12 [REDACTED]: Okay. So if you told
13 him, did you tell anyone else directly?

14 [REDACTED]: No, I spoke to him. He's the
15 one that, you know, he was on the desk.

16 [REDACTED]: And then, did you inform
17 others though that were in there, that, A,
18 Epstein needs a bunk mate? Cell mate? I mean,
19 not talking about this a special time, I'm just
20 saying like, were they aware?

21 [REDACTED]: I spoke to him. If I call you,
22 then you pass along that information. I spoke
23 to [REDACTED], he wrote it down, I verified it.
24 The next day when I came to work, he had a
25 bunkie.

1 [REDACTED]: Yeah, yeah.

2 [REDACTED]: The bunkie was there and we had
3 postings up around, "This individual needs a
4 bunkie."

5 [REDACTED]: Okay. Great. Can you
6 speak to me a little about that?

7 [REDACTED]: Okay.

8 [REDACTED]: You said there were
9 postings within the SHU that -.

10 [REDACTED]: On the door, on the desk, on
11 the OIC desk, there was - I believe there was
12 postings that he was supposed to have a bunkie.

13 [REDACTED]: So on the OI -.

14 [REDACTED]: It was written.

15 [REDACTED]: On the OIC desk, there
16 was a - or what door was there a sign?

17 [REDACTED]: On his cell door.

18 [REDACTED]: So Epstein's cell door,
19 there was a posting saying, "Epstein is
20 required to have a cell mate?"

21 [REDACTED]: Yes.

22 [REDACTED]: Okay. And do you know
23 who - if that - did that remain up until you
24 left on August 8th?

25 [REDACTED]: No, because he was on suicide

1 watch. Then it was taken off. He was placed
2 with Reyes, and was in the cell, so I don't
3 recall - after I left that day, I don't know
4 what, you know - everything was in place.

5 [REDACTED]: Yeah, no, what I'm saying
6 is that prior to leaving, I'm wondering if the
7 people that worked in the SHU, because
8 obviously as you know Reyes left on the 9th and
9 you weren't there.

10 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

11 [REDACTED]: But did the people that
12 were in there - I want to know if the people
13 who were in the SHU -.

14 [REDACTED]: My crew, whoever worked - we
15 had a skinless crew. You could see who worked
16 day watch.

17 [REDACTED]: Sure.

18 [REDACTED]: Right? You can see who worked
19 evening watch. Okay? The people that were
20 there August 9th, I can't, you know, vouch for.
21 Okay? But everybody knew that was part of the
22 SHU crew --

23 [REDACTED]: Okay. So can you look at
24 -.

25 [REDACTED]: -- and not everybody on this

1 list was, you know, is - these is fill ins.

2 It's not their assigned post.

3 [REDACTED]: So can you tell me who on
4 the SHU day watch crew of August 9th, who was a
5 regular and who would have known that he was
6 required to have a cell mate?

7 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED] was there, he knows.
8 He worked - he was SHU 3. [REDACTED] knew, he was
9 Rec Specialist. [REDACTED] knew.

10 [REDACTED]: Who is [REDACTED]?

11 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], he's the number one.

12 [REDACTED]: So who then on that
13 didn't know? Or you don't know if they know.

14 [REDACTED]: I don't know. I mean,
15 everybody - once the OIC knows and the crew,
16 everybody -.

17 [REDACTED]: So is it kind of like the
18 military? You're the officer, you tell your
19 head Sergeant, "Make sure everybody knows
20 this," that Sergeant is then therefore
21 responsible for telling everyone else?

22 [REDACTED]: Yes.

23 [REDACTED]: So, do you recall having
24 conversations with these people as well though?

25 [REDACTED]: No, because they don't -

1 everybody -.

2 [REDACTED]: So it's [REDACTED].

3 [REDACTED]: I spoke - the day that he was
4 required to have a bunkie, I spoke to [REDACTED].

5 [REDACTED]: Sure.

6 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED] took care of it from
7 there. All I know, when I came in, I checked,
8 he had a bunkie, that was it.

9 [REDACTED]: And I understand this.

10 But what -.

11 [REDACTED]: And so, I cannot explain for
12 another shift. I cannot explain - only could
13 tell what [REDACTED] did. I don't know what anybody
14 else did after I left. I don't know. I cannot
15 answer that.

16 [REDACTED]: Right. So like you were
17 saying, he was housed with a bunkie on July
18 30th. What we're asking is that between July
19 30th and between August 9th, the days that you
20 were there, were you conversing with these
21 people to remind them that he was required to
22 have a cell -.

23 [REDACTED]: It wasn't nothing to talk about
24 because everybody knew. He wasn't by his self,
25 so he has a bunkie so -.

1 [REDACTED]: Right. But isn't it true
2 that the - at the MCC, inmates are constantly
3 coming in and out? It's more of a jail than a
4 prison?

5 [REDACTED]: Yes. But one thing don't have
6 nothing to do with - if we're working every day
7 together, I don't - why am I keep telling you
8 the same thing every day? I don't have to tell
9 you your job to what you're supposed to do
10 every day. I've got to keep reminding you to
11 feed? I have a billion other things to do.

12 [REDACTED]: But - but -.

13 [REDACTED]: So what you're saying to me, I
14 cannot answer that because I don't know.

15 [REDACTED]: So, what we're asking is
16 did you have conversations with anyone on those
17 other days about the reminder that Epstein is
18 required to have a cell mate?

19 [REDACTED]: I had a conversation with the
20 crew and I don't keep repeating myself. He has
21 a bunkie. Every day I come in, I check, he's
22 got a bunkie. What is there to talk about? If
23 it's way down -.

24 [REDACTED]: What we're asking is -.

25 [REDACTED]: I don't know - I don't under-.

1 [REDACTED]: You're saying that you
2 had a conversation with the one man who was the
3 Officer in Charge. What I'm asking you is, did
4 you have a conversation with anyone else aside
5 from him? Between July 30th and August 9th,
6 did you have any conversations --

7 [REDACTED]: I don't recall.

8 [REDACTED]: -- with anyone --

9 [REDACTED]: I don't recall.

10 [REDACTED]: -- other than the Officer
11 in Charge.

12 [REDACTED]: I don't recall.

13 [REDACTED]: Okay. So you said that
14 there was a sticky that was on the door. Was
15 the sticky only on the door on July 30th or did
16 it remain on the door from July 30th to August
17 8th?

18 [REDACTED]: It remained up there, it was on
19 the desk.

20 [REDACTED]: Okay.

21 [REDACTED]: A big sign that said, "Epstein
22 is supposed to have a bunkie," on the desk, on
23 the officer's station.

24 [REDACTED]: And that stayed on there
25 throughout -.

1 [REDACTED]: I guess, I don't know. It -
2 all I know, when I left, everything was in
3 place. I'm not there right now. Things could
4 change. I don't know. I cannot answer that.

5 [REDACTED]: What Agent Dennis is asking
6 is -.

7 [REDACTED]: Where were you sitting
8 when you were in the SHU? Is there a special
9 place for you?

10 [REDACTED]: I sit in like on next to 10
11 South.

12 [REDACTED]: Okay. So are you not
13 with the correctional officers?

14 [REDACTED]: No.

15 [REDACTED]: All right. And how -.

16 [REDACTED]: I come down, I make rounds.

17 [REDACTED]: So you're not sure if -
18 so you know that on July 30th there was this
19 Posted = note saying that Epstein required a
20 cell --

21 [REDACTED]: Yes.

22 [REDACTED]: -- cell mate. Are what
23 you're saying is that you don't know if that
24 sticky note stayed on that after he was issued
25 some -.

1 [REDACTED]: It was there when I was up
2 there on the 8th.

3 [REDACTED]: That was my question.
4 Okay.

5 [REDACTED]: Yeah. It was something was
6 written --

7 [REDACTED]: So -.

8 [REDACTED]: -- that Epstein should have a
9 bunkie. It was something on the desk, yes,
10 there was something there.

11 [REDACTED]: And that was the
12 question.

13 [REDACTED]: On the 8th.

14 [REDACTED]: So, on August - so from
15 July 30th basically to August 8th there was
16 something on the desk saying, "Epstein is
17 required to have a cell mate."

18 [REDACTED]: Yes.

19 [REDACTED]: Perfect.

20 [REDACTED]: Oh, okay.

21 [REDACTED]: Okay. And is that the
22 same thing for the sticky that was on the door?

23 [REDACTED]: I don't recall.

24 [REDACTED]: The door your don't
25 recall. That's fine.

1 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

2 [REDACTED]: Now, does everybody have
3 access to that desk? Would everyone --

4 [REDACTED]: Yes.

5 [REDACTED]: -- that works in the SHU
6 --

7 [REDACTED]: Yes.

8 [REDACTED]: -- would they see?

9 [REDACTED]: Yes.

10 [REDACTED]: So everyone would see
11 that there's a sticky note --

12 [REDACTED]: Right there, yes.

13 [REDACTED]: -- right there on the --

14 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

15 [REDACTED]: -- Officer in Charge's
16 desk saying, "Epstein is required to have a
17 bunk mate."

18 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

19 [REDACTED]: Therefore, most everybody
20 in the SHU should know because they should see.
21 And now, are there a lot of sticky notes?

22 [REDACTED]: No.

23 [REDACTED]: So --

24 [REDACTED]: That one, I think - I forget,
25 maybe it was done on colored paper. It was - I

1 know it was on the desk and it was on the
2 bulletin, you know --

3 [REDACTED]: Got a bulletin board?

4 [REDACTED]: -- right there. Yeah.

5 [REDACTED]: Okay.

6 [REDACTED]: On, like on the wall, like
7 right there. It was there. So, but, like I
8 said, you know, up until the time I left, I
9 don't know.

10 [REDACTED]: Yeah, I understand that
11 you don't --

12 [REDACTED]: And -.

13 [REDACTED]: -- know what happened --

14 [REDACTED]: And - and -.

15 [REDACTED]: -- after you left.

16 [REDACTED]: And the crews change, right?

17 We're very short on correctional workers.

18 We're very short. Sometimes it was just me up
19 there. I'm quite sure you all looked at all of
20 these rosters. Sometimes it was just me and
21 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

22 [REDACTED]: Sure. And I'm just
23 trying to get - I'm just trying to understand.

24 [REDACTED]: So, I don't remember
25 conversations, daily conversations that I had

1 with people every, you know, day. All right?
2 We knew, the Lieutenants knew, everybody knew,
3 you know, you come from suicide watch, you have
4 a bunkie.

5 [REDACTED]: Right. So is everybody
6 that's working the - should everyone that's
7 working in the SHU should they know that?

8 [REDACTED]: Yes.

9 [REDACTED]: Should everyone that was
10 working in the SHU known that - if Epstein's
11 cell mate was removed, he should be housed with
12 a bunkie?

13 [REDACTED]: Yes.

14 [REDACTED]: Right. Okay.

15 [REDACTED]: Yes.

16 [REDACTED]: So -.

17 [REDACTED]: But, however, you don't know if
18 he's been removed. We don't know.

19 [REDACTED]: Once it's told. So once
20 they find out Reyes is gone, he's not coming
21 back -.

22 [REDACTED]: He should have had a bunkie.

23 [REDACTED]: And should have the SHU,
24 people that were working there known?

25 [REDACTED]: They know -

1 [REDACTED]: They knew, "We need to
2 tell the Lieutenant," - not you.

3 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

4 [REDACTED]: "We need to tell whoever
5 the Lieutenant is on duty, the Ops Lieutenant,
6 the Activities Lieutenant," whoever is their
7 chain of command, "We've got to let them know
8 Reyes is gone, he needs a bunkie."

9 [REDACTED]: Yeah, he needs a bunkie, yeah.

10 [REDACTED]: Okay. So that's how it
11 should have happened and the people that were
12 there should have done that. And I'm not
13 saying that they didn't. I'm just asking if
14 that's what they should have done.

15 [REDACTED]: I guess. Yeah.

16 [REDACTED]: Could those people that
17 were working in the SHU, did they have the
18 authority to be able to reassign Epstein a
19 bunkie?

20 [REDACTED]: Yes.

21 [REDACTED]: So -.

22 [REDACTED]: Until the next day or whatever,
23 yeah, everybody has - can do - any officer can
24 do that.

25 [REDACTED]: So even with Epstein,

1 they could have just put somebody in there?
2 [REDACTED]: No, you've got to check first.
3 [REDACTED]: So who --
4 [REDACTED]: You've got to -.
5 [REDACTED]: -- would have they
6 checked with?
7 [REDACTED]: You check and see if he - you
8 know, if he has a separation from this person,
9 you see if this person - you look at their file
10 and you look at -.
11 [REDACTED]: So they check in the
12 system to see if there's any kind of warnings
13 or --
14 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.
15 [REDACTED]: -- issues -.
16 [REDACTED]: Predators or anything like
17 that.
18 [REDACTED]: Sure, but do they need to
19 check with a Lieutenant first before -.
20 [REDACTED]: No, they can check, any
21 officer, they have access.
22 [REDACTED]: Okay.
23 [REDACTED]: And if they don't, they should
24 call the Lieutenant and say, "Hey, LT, such and
25 such," yeah.

1 [REDACTED]: Okay. So were they - but
2 because I'm assuming as you know, and I don't
3 think we discussed this, that - oh, we did.
4 The inmates that were with Epstein were vetted
5 by the high, you know --

6 [REDACTED]: The higher-ups, yes.

7 [REDACTED]: -- the Warden, the
8 Captain --

9 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

10 [REDACTED]: -- and possibly --

11 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

12 [REDACTED]: -- the Regional Director.
13 So even though those were vetted, could have
14 the SHU correction officers, or at least
15 temporarily, placed Epstein with a different
16 inmate?

17 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

18 [REDACTED]: They could have still
19 done that? And they would have been
20 authorized? Okay. They wouldn't have had to
21 check with the Office Lieutenant, say, "Get
22 with the Captain."

23 [REDACTED]: I mean, I would have did it.

24 [REDACTED]: Okay.

25 [REDACTED]: That's what my - if he needed a

1 bunkie --

2 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

3 [REDACTED]: -- or he would have been -
4 somebody would have been watching him, that's
5 just me, but I'm different, you know. I do,
6 you know, I'm a forward thinker, so like I
7 said, I wasn't there.

8 [REDACTED]: Right. And being a
9 forward thinker though, and that's where I was
10 asking, do you recall --

11 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

12 [REDACTED]: -- having conversations,
13 "Hey guys, you know, you have to -" - you
14 already said that there was the note that
15 (Indiscernible *00:52:25).

16 [REDACTED]: But everybody knows you come
17 from suicide watch - if that's the question
18 you're asking me - you come from suicide watch,
19 you have to have a bunkie.

20 [REDACTED]: And does that last for a
21 certain amount of time? So for instance, he
22 came from suicide watch on July 30th.

23 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

24 [REDACTED]: And -.

25 [REDACTED]: Only up until you leave Special

1 Housing, you need to have a bunkie.
2 [REDACTED]: Okay. So it -.
3 [REDACTED]: Unless, it's special extreme
4 circumstances, right, where you cannot have a
5 bunkie, then we put you in a hard cell, okay?
6 [REDACTED]: But in Epstein's
7 situation. Epstein, he came from suicide
8 watch, he doesn't have any special --
9 [REDACTED]: He doesn't.
10 [REDACTED]: -- circumstances.
11 [REDACTED]: Right? So -.
12 [REDACTED]: So everybody knew that --
13 [REDACTED]: So -.
14 [REDACTED]: -- he should have had a
15 bunkie.
16 [REDACTED]: Everybody should have known,
17 yeah.
18 [REDACTED]: Okay.
19 [REDACTED]: Because that's BOP policy. You
20 come from suicide watch, you have a bunkie.
21 [REDACTED]: Okay.
22 [REDACTED]: Yeah.
23 [REDACTED]: So not only did
24 psychology send out an email, like you stated -
25 -

1 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

2 [REDACTED]: -- saying that he was
3 required to have a bunkie, it's also policy
4 that they have a bunkie?

5 [REDACTED]: Yeah. That's from me walking
6 in the door, you know, you come from suicide
7 watch, you have a bunkie.

8 [REDACTED]: Okay. It says, "[REDACTED]
9 informed -."

10 [REDACTED]: So you can write that down, you
11 know, I mean, you know.

12 [REDACTED]: No, no, I'm just - that's for
13 --

14 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

15 [REDACTED]: -- me, right --

16 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

17 [REDACTED]: -- for us to go check on it.

18 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

19 [REDACTED]: You wouldn't happen to know
20 the policy off-hand, would you?

21 [REDACTED]: No.

22 [REDACTED]: (Indiscernible *00:53:43).

23 [REDACTED]: That's psychology.

24 [REDACTED]: Okay.

25 [REDACTED]: You know.

1 [REDACTED]: Okay.

2 [REDACTED]: You can ask psychology. But,
3 all I know from the trainings and the things
4 that I've been in, you come from suicide watch,
5 you have to have a bunkie. That was from when
6 I joined the Bureau.

7 [REDACTED]: Okay. So you actually
8 address this later, now on this next paragraph.
9 It says, "[REDACTED] informed his direct
10 subordinate," and this is the Officer in
11 Charge.

12 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

13 [REDACTED]: Can you pronounce his
14 name?

15 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED].

16 [REDACTED]: "-- [REDACTED] that Epstein
17 needed another bunkie. They were short-staffed
18 that day." And I'm assuming this is July 30th
19 --

20 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

21 [REDACTED]: -- 2019. "[REDACTED]
22 replied with, 'Lou, I got it.'" Does he call
23 you Lou?

24 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

25 [REDACTED]: Okay. "The next morning,

1 he had a bunkie. Inmates receive bunkies when
2 they come off suicide watch. It's common
3 practice in BOP. This is clearly communicated
4 in suicide watch training. It's posted
5 throughout the area and it's also institutional
6 knowledge."

7 [REDACTED]: Correct.

8 [REDACTED]: Okay. So everybody
9 should have known.

10 [REDACTED]: Yes.

11 [REDACTED]: "Epstein had a bunkie on
12 8/8/2019. [REDACTED] is unaware of anything other
13 than that because he wasn't working. Reyes was
14 Epstein's bunkie when [REDACTED] left work. Epstein
15 was down in an attorney conference as well.
16 [REDACTED] communicated the message regarding a
17 bunkie to [REDACTED]. He didn't speak to anyone
18 else about it because he expected [REDACTED] to
19 disseminate it to his subordinates. There were
20 no other emails or communications regarding the
21 matter. The message was spread by word of
22 mouth." Aside from what you said, there was
23 actually a Post It note on [REDACTED] -.

24 [REDACTED]: Yeah, but that's - the way
25 you're reading that, is like after, on the 8th,

1 right, he had a bunkie and then [REDACTED] didn't
2 tell nobody, you know, I'm just - that's not
3 correct. That's incorrect.

4 [REDACTED]: No, no, no, so it --

5 [REDACTED]: You could -.

6 [REDACTED]: -- says that you said
7 that he was to disseminate it to his
8 subordinates. It says - so what it means, I
9 think that --

10 [REDACTED]: When he first -.

11 [REDACTED]: -- and I didn't write
12 this.

13 [REDACTED]: Yeah. When he first - when the
14 first - when we found out that he have to have
15 a bunkie, when it was told to us, that's when I
16 spoke to [REDACTED].

17 [REDACTED]: Okay.

18 [REDACTED]: And from that point on, he had
19 a bunkie.

20 [REDACTED]: Right. So what they
21 wrote then next - and again, we didn't write
22 this.

23 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

24 [REDACTED]: That's why we're here --

25 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

1 [REDACTED]: -- to make sure that we
2 got everything right.

3 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

4 [REDACTED]: It says, "There were no
5 other emails or communications regarding the
6 matter." So I think what they mean is, you
7 didn't send out an email to anyone --

8 [REDACTED]: No, because -.

9 [REDACTED]: -- and you didn't
10 communicate with anyone else about it?

11 [REDACTED]: No, because when I found out
12 about it, it was on the phone.

13 [REDACTED]: Okay. So you're talking
14 about on 8/8. Okay. So you're saying -.

15 [REDACTED]: On -.

16 [REDACTED]: So -.

17 [REDACTED]: What you mean, on 8/8? No, I'm
18 not talking about 8/8. I'm talking about prior
19 to 8/8.

20 [REDACTED]: July 30th.

21 [REDACTED]: That's prior to. On 8/8 he had
22 a bunkie, so it was nothing for me to pass down
23 because he had a bunkie.

24 [REDACTED]: Yeah, I thought that's
25 why you - that's what you were talking about

1 there was -.

2 [REDACTED]: No. It could - no.

3 [REDACTED]: Even those communications
4 regarding the matter --

5 [REDACTED]: No.

6 [REDACTED]: -- after 8 -.

7 [REDACTED]: They was talking about leading
8 up to.

9 [REDACTED]: All right. So what --

10 [REDACTED]: So, don't --

11 [REDACTED]: -- you're saying -.

12 [REDACTED]: -- don't get it twisted,
13 because that's not --

14 [REDACTED]: So, I -.

15 [REDACTED]: -- that's not how it's supposed
16 --

17 [REDACTED]: I was giving you --

18 [REDACTED]: -- to be read.

19 [REDACTED]: -- the benefit of the
20 doubt.

21 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

22 [REDACTED]: I was saying that you
23 didn't have any other emails, communications
24 regarding the matter after - from 8/8 to 8/9.

25 [REDACTED]: Well, I'm not.

1 [REDACTED]: So what you're saying is,
2 "No, no, no, I didn't have any communications
3 with him about it at all," from July 30th to
4 8/9?

5 [REDACTED]: After I left on the 8th, he had
6 a bunkie.

7 [REDACTED]: And that's what I'm
8 saying.

9 [REDACTED]: Yes, he had a bunkie.

10 [REDACTED]: Yep.

11 [REDACTED]: So, it was - what else is there
12 to talk about? He has a bunkie. So, if he
13 doesn't have a bunkie, right, he should have a
14 bunkie. I wasn't there those other days, so I
15 don't know.

16 [REDACTED]: Can I ask a question?

17 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

18 [REDACTED]: The instructions you gave
19 [REDACTED], was it the day that Epstein came back
20 from suicide watch?

21 [REDACTED]: Yes.

22 [REDACTED]: And that would be July 30th,
23 just --

24 [REDACTED]: Yes.

25 [REDACTED]: -- according to the data.

1 [REDACTED]: Yes.

2 [REDACTED]: Past that date, right, you
3 already mentioned past that date, did you have
4 any individual conversations with anyone or
5 send any emails from July 30th to August 8th,
6 your last day?

7 [REDACTED]: No, because --

8 [REDACTED]: Okay.

9 [REDACTED]: -- psychology sent out the
10 email. Why am I - people don't even read their
11 emails. So, emails - if it's not documented,
12 it's not out, how are you going to know? What
13 if you don't have access to your computer? A
14 lot of people don't have access to their
15 computers. They say, "Oh, I left my PIV card
16 at home. Oh, can I get an override?" You have
17 some Lieutenants that can't even give
18 overrides.

19 [REDACTED]: I got -.

20 [REDACTED]: I wasn't there.

21 [REDACTED]: I get -.

22 [REDACTED]: So I don't know.

23 [REDACTED]: You said psychology sent out
24 the instructions.

25 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

1 [REDACTED]: You -.

2 [REDACTED]: Psychology sent the email out.

3 [REDACTED]: So -.

4 [REDACTED]: On July 30th, correct.

5 [REDACTED]: Or whenever they sent it out.

6 You all have the email, you have all of that
7 documentation.

8 [REDACTED]: Did you get any verbal
9 instructions from anyone above you about this?

10 [REDACTED]: Yeah, from the Captains. I
11 spoke to [REDACTED].

12 [REDACTED]: And what did the Cap- what
13 did [REDACTED] tell you exactly?

14 [REDACTED]: He said, "Hold on, the Warden
15 wants to make sure that he has a bunkie." So I
16 stayed there past my time, or whatever, to make
17 sure, you know, that he had a bunkie and when
18 they vetted whoever they vetted, and they said,
19 you know, what it was going to be, that's when
20 I spoke to [REDACTED], he said, "I got it." He
21 said, "The Warden, I spoke to them, I got it, I
22 got you." That's it. And the next day I came
23 he had a bunkie.

24 [REDACTED]: And you said that back - you
25 relayed that information back to [REDACTED]?

1 ██████████: ██████████ knew, he was there.

2 ██████████: Okay. Did ██████████ give you

3 any other instructions along with, "Hey, make

4 sure he has a bunkie." Did he tell you, "Hey,

5 listen, let me know if this inmate gets moved?"

6 ██████████: No.

7 ██████████: Did he -.

8 ██████████: If he - if the inmate got

9 removed from the cell, I would know. But I

10 wasn't there so I cannot answer that question.

11 ██████████: No, no, but I -.

12 ██████████: So this is the point of

13 our conversation, you weren't there so we need

14 to know, who knew what.

15 ██████████: I -.

16 ██████████: Who knew -.

17 ██████████: Who -.

18 ██████████: Who knew about -.

19 ██████████: The Captain knew --

20 ██████████: Yes.

21 ██████████: -- the Warden knew that he had

22 to have a bunkie. Psychology knew.

23 ██████████: But unless - how are they

24 going to find out unless someone tells them?

25 ██████████: And all of the officers knew

1 that Epstein is supposed to have a bunkie.
2 That's what you want to hear? That's what
3 everybody is supposed to have.
4 [REDACTED]: Exactly. And that's --
5 [REDACTED]: So -.
6 [REDACTED]: -- all we're asking about
7 is how did they know? You said that everyone
8 knew --
9 [REDACTED]: It was passed -.
10 [REDACTED]: -- per (Indiscernible
11 *00:59:54).
12 [REDACTED]: It was passed down. It was
13 sent - an email was sent out and -.
14 [REDACTED]: The email wasn't sent out
15 to correctional officers --
16 [REDACTED]: It was -.
17 [REDACTED]: -- it was sent out to
18 Lieutenants.
19 [REDACTED]: Yes. And I passed it - and it
20 was sent out I think to the - oh, is [REDACTED]
21 on there? I don't know.
22 [REDACTED]: Okay. Let me look.
23 [REDACTED]: Is this the email you're
24 referring to from July 30, 2019? I think some
25 of the SHU people may - they're second to the

1 last or the last page. I think second - or the
2 page you're on now towards the bottom.

3 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh. So it wasn't just sent
4 to the Lieutenants, it was sent to supervising
5 staff.

6 [REDACTED]: Okay.

7 [REDACTED]: It was sent to staff.

8 [REDACTED]: SHU staff, correct?

9 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED] is on there as a SHU
10 staff person, he got it. And like I said,
11 people don't open their emails. You see how
12 many people did not - even the Captain.

13 [REDACTED]: Right.

14 [REDACTED]: So, so hold on. What I'm
15 trying to explain to you is, it was spoken,
16 people knew that he was supposed to have a
17 bunkie.

18 [REDACTED]: So, again, the reason why
19 we're asking you the question, we understand
20 now that this - we have this email and we know
21 who got it.

22 [REDACTED]: I know why you're asking me the
23 question.

24 [REDACTED]: We're just asking what --

25 [REDACTED]: And - and -.

1 [REDACTED]: -- you're the SHU
2 Lieutenant, what conversations did you have
3 with the people in the SHU about it?
4 [REDACTED]: That Epstein is supposed to
5 have a bunkie.
6 [REDACTED]: And that's what we mean.
7 [REDACTED]: Yes.
8 [REDACTED]: So you actually spoke to
9 people?
10 [REDACTED]: Yes.
11 [REDACTED]: Because before you just
12 said basically you spoke to [REDACTED].
13 [REDACTED]: I spoke to [REDACTED]
14 specifically that he has a bunkie.
15 [REDACTED]: Right.
16 [REDACTED]: And then, when I'm at work, do
17 I talk to officers? Yes, he has to have a
18 bunkie.
19 [REDACTED]: So you told anybody
20 working in there, yeah.
21 [REDACTED]: Anybody that was working with
22 me on the days that I was working, knew that he
23 had to have a bunkie.
24 [REDACTED]: And because you told
25 them.

1 [REDACTED]: Because I told them.

2 [REDACTED]: Okay. So everybody on -.

3 [REDACTED]: And it was posted.

4 [REDACTED]: Perfect. And this is
5 what we're saying, you had verbal
6 communications with everyone saying, "Hey, man,
7 you guys know Epstein needs a bunkie."

8 [REDACTED]: Yes, but not on those two days
9 because I wasn't there.

10 [REDACTED]: Yeah, you didn't have
11 them on that day but the people that were
12 working there worked in the SHU prior to that
13 day.

14 [REDACTED]: If they worked with me, they
15 knew he had to have a bunkie, yes.

16 [REDACTED]: Okay. And that's where -
17 when we're looking at this, you weren't there,
18 so that's why we just need to know, these
19 people know. That's why we're talking about
20 this.

21 [REDACTED]: I don't - if they worked with
22 me, with whoever, I don't remember who - every
23 day it changes who - daily it changes.

24 [REDACTED]: Okay.

25 [REDACTED]: Some people are on overtime

1 working and I work. Okay? On the 8th, I
2 didn't work overtime. I went home. It was my
3 birthday. I went home. I wasn't supposed to
4 be there. I was supposed to be on vacation and
5 then I had military leave that weekend. I got
6 injured. So I don't know what you all are
7 trying to look for. I don't know what to tell
8 you. I don't know.

9 [REDACTED]: So we're not trying to say
10 like that - so, here's the thing. You spoke to
11 anyone who was on the shift. What's your
12 regular shift. Regular -.

13 [REDACTED]: 6:00 to 2:00.

14 [REDACTED]: So, what about any SHU
15 employees that comes on shift after you leave,
16 how would they have known?

17 [REDACTED]: The SHU 3 would know because I
18 would tell them, "Hey, yo, he need a bunkie,
19 Epstein would need a bunkie."

20 [REDACTED]: And they -.

21 [REDACTED]: And it's written.

22 [REDACTED]: How would it -.

23 [REDACTED]: We pass down - you pass down
24 information.

25 [REDACTED]: Okay. So, and then the

1 next paragraph is, "[REDACTED] advised that
2 Correctional Officer Thomas and Corrections
3 Officer Noel know that inmates on suicide watch
4 are housed with a bunkie. If Epstein were
5 spotted alone in his cell, [REDACTED] expressed that
6 it would have been reported to the shift
7 supervisor." Is that correct?

8 [REDACTED]: It should have been reported to
9 the shift -.

10 [REDACTED]: And both Noel and Thomas,
11 both, they should have known that Epstein was
12 required to have a bunkie.

13 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

14 [REDACTED]: Okay. And do you recall
15 - and we'll just talk about those two, do you
16 recall or do you know how they would have
17 known? Did you have -.

18 [REDACTED]: It would have been on the
19 computer.

20 [REDACTED]: Okay.

21 [REDACTED]: It would -.

22 [REDACTED]: And they would have --

23 [REDACTED]: It would -.

24 [REDACTED]: -- been sitting at that
25 computer?

1 [REDACTED]: At that computer, it would have
2 been on the desk.

3 [REDACTED]: So would either of them
4 been sitting - so when someone is in the SHU,
5 especially if you're doing the shift that they
6 were where it's like 10:00 - I think it's like
7 midnight to 8:00 a.m. or 10:00 p.m. to 6:00
8 a.m.

9 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

10 [REDACTED]: Would have they been
11 sitting at that computer where the - it said
12 Epstein was required to have a bunkie?

13 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

14 [REDACTED]: Yes?

15 [REDACTED]: Yes.

16 [REDACTED]: Okay. Great. Thank you.
17 And it says, "If an inmate left WAB." What's
18 W-A-B?

19 [REDACTED]: W-A -.

20 [REDACTED]: With all belongings or
21 something?

22 [REDACTED]: Yeah, with - yeah, something to
23 that effect.

24 [REDACTED]: Okay. So, "[REDACTED] would
25 still expect his corrections officers to notify

1 him of the vacancy." So, is that meaning that
2 being that Epstein left, would have you
3 expected that your officers had called you
4 while you were on leave and let you know?

5 [REDACTED]: No, they - you would notify a
6 supervisor. A supervisor has rights to the
7 roster. We know who is leaving and who is not.

8 [REDACTED]: Did you know that Reyes
9 was leaving?

10 [REDACTED]: No.

11 [REDACTED]: Is that normally cleared with
12 you the night before or -.

13 [REDACTED]: The court list is given out the
14 night before.

15 [REDACTED]: What time would it normally
16 come in?

17 [REDACTED]: After 4:00.

18 [REDACTED]: And he wasn't on the list.

19 [REDACTED]: I didn't see a court list.

20 [REDACTED]: Okay.

21 [REDACTED]: So I can't - you know, I was
22 gone.

23 [REDACTED]: Should have they known
24 that he was going?

25 [REDACTED]: Huh?

1 [REDACTED]: I think, wasn't it the
2 judge that decided as opposed to him -.

3 [REDACTED]: Oh, I don't know.

4 [REDACTED]: Okay.

5 [REDACTED]: Because I wasn't there. I
6 don't know how he left the building. But,
7 inmates could go to court and not come back.

8 [REDACTED]: It says, "[REDACTED] noted that
9 they were short staffed. [REDACTED] also advised
10 that Corrections Officer Thomas didn't receive
11 the training." So Thomas didn't receive, I'm
12 assuming the quarterly -.

13 [REDACTED]: He works in another department.

14 [REDACTED]: So the quarterly
15 training?

16 [REDACTED]: Yeah, he works in another
17 department.

18 [REDACTED]: But do you still believe
19 he would have known that he was required to
20 have a cell mate?

21 [REDACTED]: I mean, he worked - I mean,
22 he's got more time than me in the Bureau.

23 [REDACTED]: Right.

24 [REDACTED]: So, you know, but he worked in
25 another department, you know. I can't account

1 for what they should or should not have done -
2 I don't know.

3 [REDACTED]: Yeah. But do you believe
4 that as a correctional officer as well as being
5 that the fact that that's the (Indiscernible
6 *01:07:16) --

7 [REDACTED]: I'll put it to you this way.
8 If I'm on or in Special Housing, I'm making
9 rounds, I'm checking, I'm looking in every
10 cell, I'm making sure that everything is up to
11 nut. If I see something wrong, I'm going to
12 say something, I'm going to correct it. Okay?
13 That's me. I was an OIC before I was a SHU
14 Lieutenant. Okay? I was an officer first, so
15 - and I was a damn good one and I was a damn
16 good Lieutenant as well. So, I'm different
17 than - well, I take the job serious. Like I
18 said, my integrity is on the line at the end of
19 the day. Okay? I know how this operates. I
20 know how the Bureau operates. And that's why
21 the attorney said what he said. From the top
22 down, we're going to put everybody on notice
23 and I understand this is an investigation, but
24 I was not there. I can't account for on Monday
25 morning quarterback, what anybody else does.

1 Only can speak on behalf what I did.

2 [REDACTED]: Yep. And that's why
3 we're just asking you about things that led up
4 to it.

5 [REDACTED]: Yeah. Things that led up to -
6 everything was done right. He was alive --

7 [REDACTED]: Right.

8 [REDACTED]: -- when I was there.

9 [REDACTED]: And that's -.

10 [REDACTED]: He was alive when I left.

11 [REDACTED]: But being that you're the
12 Lieutenant, SHU supervisor, we wanted to just
13 know what conversations and what directions
14 were they provided prior to you -.

15 [REDACTED]: Everybody was given direction.
16 Okay? It was written, it was passed down to
17 the OIC when I got the word. When I got the
18 word, it was passed down and subsequently after
19 that, it was passed down to everybody that
20 worked. Not email, but mouth to mouth.

21 [REDACTED]: Great.

22 [REDACTED]: Okay? And it was written. So,
23 when even stuff you can post this now, people
24 will look at it and still do whatever they
25 want.

1 [REDACTED]: Sure. Now who wrote it,
2 do you know?
3 [REDACTED]: Who wrote it?
4 [REDACTED]: Yeah.
5 [REDACTED]: I believe [REDACTED] did.
6 [REDACTED]: Okay. So he's the one
7 who wrote it --
8 [REDACTED]: Yeah.
9 [REDACTED]: -- and put it on his
10 computer?
11 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh. And he made the signs
12 and everything.
13 [REDACTED]: And did he do it for his
14 own knowledge or did he do it so that everyone
15 would see?
16 [REDACTED]: So everybody knows.
17 [REDACTED]: Okay.
18 [REDACTED]: Just --.
19 [REDACTED]: So the purpose of it was
20 so that everyone --
21 [REDACTED]: So that everybody --
22 [REDACTED]: -- that worked in the SHU
23 --.
24 [REDACTED]: -- that came to Special Housing
25 knew.

1 [REDACTED]: Okay. Now when the SHU
2 conducts rounds --
3 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.
4 [REDACTED]: -- is there supposed to
5 be at least one Lieutenant per shift that
6 oversees a round conducted in the SHU?
7 [REDACTED]: You're supposed to watch a
8 count, yes.
9 [REDACTED]: A count, not a round?
10 [REDACTED]: A count.
11 [REDACTED]: Okay. So, at least - so
12 you do it. You're there on a day watch. Is it
13 also like on the, you know, the morning watch
14 and the night watch?
15 [REDACTED]: This is what happens. In SHU,
16 right, in Special Housing, every shift, every
17 Operations Lieutenant is supposed to go to
18 Special Housing and make a round.
19 [REDACTED]: Even during day watch.
20 [REDACTED]: Even during day watch.
21 [REDACTED]: And was that happening?
22 [REDACTED]: Yeah.
23 [REDACTED]: Okay. So when you -.
24 [REDACTED]: I mean, if I'm day watch
25 operations, I make a round. But it depends

1 because if - it depends on who is in SHU.
2 Like, I was the SHU Lieutenant, sometimes Ops
3 Lieutenants didn't come upstairs because I was
4 upstairs.

5 [REDACTED]: Okay.

6 [REDACTED]: It's my house. So, the next
7 Lieutenant will come upstairs. So I was
8 assigned for day watch because I was there,
9 there SHU Lieutenant. All right? That's
10 what's written, right?

11 [REDACTED]: And that's policy?

12 [REDACTED]: And that's - well, that's
13 what's written. Okay? Policy comes and goes.
14 The Captain or Warden can write - this can be
15 policy right now because they sent this out,
16 this is the policy.

17 [REDACTED]: Right.

18 [REDACTED]: Okay. I'm sorry.

19 [REDACTED]: No, that's okay.

20 [REDACTED]: They have to have a bunkie. It
21 was posted that he had to have a bunkie. Okay?
22 Like I said, each Lieutenant is supposed to go
23 to Special Housing. This - what, for midnight
24 count, 3 o'clock count, 5 o'clock count, right,
25 and the 4 o'clock count, each shift, a

1 Lieutenant has to stand - do the count.

2 [REDACTED]: Okay. So like, for
3 instance, on the 9th, would that mean that, so
4 for day watch, either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] - or, no,
5 sorry, I mean [REDACTED] or, I guess, earlier in the
6 day would be [REDACTED] or later in the day [REDACTED]
7 would do at least one count in the SHU?

8 [REDACTED]: No. That was put later.

9 [REDACTED]: Oh, so it was after he
10 left?

11 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

12 [REDACTED]: After Epstein died.

13 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh. Yeah.

14 [REDACTED]: What about - oh, okay, so
15 we're talk - sorry, everything we're talking
16 about is from the date that - August 9th and
17 August 10th where - where -.

18 [REDACTED]: I don't know if they went to
19 Special Housing or not.

20 [REDACTED]: Okay. So you're not
21 aware that -.

22 [REDACTED]: I'm not aware. I don't know.

23 [REDACTED]: So there was nothing in
24 place where as prior to - you're there August
25 8th -.

1 [REDACTED]: I know a Lieutenant has to go
2 to Special Housing every shift.

3 [REDACTED]: Then I'm asking that
4 prior to August 9th, was that the policy?

5 [REDACTED]: Yes.

6 [REDACTED]: Okay.

7 [REDACTED]: Every Lieutenant - not every
8 Lieutenant, but a Lieutenant, especially if the
9 book says the Operations Lieutenant, has to go
10 to Special Housing.

11 [REDACTED]: So, per policy, on August
12 9th, whoever was like the - so there's a 4:00
13 p.m., there's a 10:00 p.m., there's a 12:00
14 a.m. At least one of them should have been
15 watched by -.

16 [REDACTED]: Hold on. Day watch operations
17 --

18 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

19 [REDACTED]: -- evening watch operations --

20 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

21 [REDACTED]: -- is supposed to make rounds
22 and morning watch operations supposed to make
23 rounds in SHU. Three Lieutenants are supposed
24 to go to Special Housing.

25 [REDACTED]: I know, but what I'm - so

1 I understand they're supposed to go there. But
2 when they're there, they're actually supposed
3 to conduct a count of the --

4 [REDACTED]: No.

5 [REDACTED]: -- inmates?

6 [REDACTED]: No. That's the officers' job.

7 [REDACTED]: So but that's what we
8 just asked you and you said --

9 [REDACTED]: No.

10 [REDACTED]: -- "Yes, they were
11 required (Indiscernible *01:13:31) --

12 [REDACTED]: No, I said they're required --

13 [REDACTED]: -- (Indiscernible
14 *01:13:32)."

15 [REDACTED]: -- to go to Special Housing to
16 make a round. That's what I said.

17 [REDACTED]: So is that round independent
18 of the rounds conducted by the SHU officers?

19 [REDACTED]: The round is - you go up to
20 supervise the officers. You go up to Special
21 Housing.

22 [REDACTED]: So what would -.

23 [REDACTED]: Now, prior to Epstein, every -
24 like I said, every Lieutenant is different.
25 When I go up to make a round, I walk the

1 ranges. That's me. I can't account for
2 everybody else. I don't know what they've
3 done. I mean, I don't know.

4 [REDACTED]: So -.

5 [REDACTED]: I wasn't there.

6 [REDACTED]: So what we're asking it,
7 up until August 8, 2019, were Lieutenants ever
8 required to monitor any rounds conducted in the
9 SHU by the officers or counts?

10 [REDACTED]: Yeah, but it's a 30 minute
11 round thing. It's going to say Operations on
12 it, right?

13 [REDACTED]: But -.

14 [REDACTED]: You have the documentation
15 right there and it has three shifts on it,
16 doesn't it? Yes or no?

17 [REDACTED]: But I'm not asking if it
18 changes.

19 [REDACTED]: What are you asking me?

20 [REDACTED]: Listen to the question.
21 If - is a Lieutenant required to go to the SHU
22 and watch the officers conduct either a round
23 or a count? Not just visit the SHU, but are
24 they supposed to watch them actually conduct a
25 round or a count?

1 [REDACTED]: That was implemented
2 afterwards.

3 [REDACTED]: Okay. So up until August
4 9th, that wasn't - August 8th -.

5 [REDACTED]: We did bed bunk counts.

6 [REDACTED]: So Lieutenants were not
7 actually monitoring officers do rounds or
8 counts.

9 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

10 [REDACTED]: And there was no
11 requirement.

12 [REDACTED]: Because we're required to take
13 a count.

14 [REDACTED]: I know the --

15 [REDACTED]: So -.

16 [REDACTED]: -- SHU staff is required
17 to take a count.

18 [REDACTED]: It's - no, the Lieutenant is
19 required to take either the 4:00 p.m. or the
20 10:00 p.m. count.

21 [REDACTED]: Okay. So, on August 9th,
22 a SHU - you're saying one of these Lieutenant,
23 either the - you're not there, so either the
24 Ops Lieutenant or the Activities Lieutenant -.

25 [REDACTED]: What day is August 9th?

1 Friday, right?

2 [REDACTED]: August 9th is a Friday.

3 [REDACTED]: So, is there a SHU Lieutenant
4 on there?

5 [REDACTED]: No.

6 [REDACTED]: No, there's no SHU
7 Lieutenant because you're not there.

8 [REDACTED]: So Operations is supposed to -.

9 [REDACTED]: So Operation -

10 [REDACTED]: Operations or Activities was
11 supposed to go to SHU.

12 [REDACTED]: So it says, "[REDACTED] worked
13 from -" - and I don't know what a BV - 0700 to
14 1500 or are they 0800 to 1600?

15 [REDACTED]: I don't know whatever it say.

16 [REDACTED]: All right. So [REDACTED]
17 possibly was there until 4:00 p.m. Yeah, it
18 looks like that. It would be, he would be
19 there from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., [REDACTED] and
20 [REDACTED] would be there from 4:00 p.m. until
21 midnight.

22 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

23 [REDACTED]: So would it be [REDACTED] that
24 would be at that 4:00 p.m. count or would it be
25 [REDACTED] that would be at the -.

1 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED].
2 [REDACTED]: So [REDACTED] would do both
3 the 4:00 p.m. and the 10:00 p.m.?
4 [REDACTED]: He can either do the 4:00 p.m.
5 or the 10:00 p.m. He's required to do --
6 [REDACTED]: Oh, one or the other?
7 [REDACTED]: -- one count.
8 [REDACTED]: Okay. So, [REDACTED] should
9 have been present for one count in the SHU on
10 August 9th.
11 [REDACTED]: I can't say that.
12 [REDACTED]: No, no. I'm saying -.
13 [REDACTED]: He's required to take the
14 count, official count.
15 [REDACTED]: So when you're saying
16 he's supposed to control and receive the count.
17 [REDACTED]: Yes.
18 [REDACTED]: What I'm asking is any
19 Lieutenant supposed to be in SHU --
20 [REDACTED]: No.
21 [REDACTED]: -- that - okay.
22 [REDACTED]: No.
23 [REDACTED]: So -.
24 [REDACTED]: That was afterwards that they
25 put out they wanted bed bunk count in SHU, you

1 know, that was after the fact.

2 [REDACTED]: Okay. So no Lieutenants
3 up until August 8th when you were there ever
4 had to be present for a count.

5 [REDACTED]: No.

6 [REDACTED]: Okay.

7 [REDACTED]: But before this --

8 [REDACTED]: You said -.

9 [REDACTED]: -- incident happened --

10 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

11 [REDACTED]: -- was it policy that a
12 Lieutenant during this shift had to go into the
13 SHU and do one round? Not a count, a round?

14 [REDACTED]: Yeah. That's - I said that.

15 [REDACTED]: Yeah, but what he's
16 asking is, a round as in like getting eyes on
17 the inmates or do you mean just visiting the
18 SHU?

19 [REDACTED]: Like I said, everybody's
20 interpretation of a round is different. I
21 cannot answer for another Lieutenant.

22 [REDACTED]: Right.

23 [REDACTED]: Only can answer for me.

24 [REDACTED]: So how you did it. We're
25 asking -.

1 [REDACTED]: How I did it. Now you're
2 asking the question, how I did it. When I go
3 to Special Housing, I sign the book that I came
4 to Special Housing. I walk down the range. I
5 look at every inmate. I talk to every inmate.
6 That's when - talked to me.

7 [REDACTED]: That's how you did it.
8 We're asking policy. Does policy - did policy
9 dictate that, for instance, [REDACTED] should have
10 gone down during his shift and gone - did what
11 you would do? Talk to -.

12 [REDACTED]: Every - like I said, every-.

13 [REDACTED]: I'm just - I know
14 everyone is different but does policy say they
15 have to?

16 [REDACTED]: No. No, it doesn't.

17 [REDACTED]: Okay. So.

18 [REDACTED]: It just says that you have to
19 make SHU rounds.

20 [REDACTED]: Right. So in a --

21 [REDACTED]: Okay.

22 [REDACTED]: -- SHU round, two - one
23 person could be just popping in, "Everything
24 good? You're good?" That could be somebody's
25 interpretation --

1 [REDACTED]: That could be their round.
2 [REDACTED]: -- of a round.
3 [REDACTED]: That could be an interpretation
4 -.
5 [REDACTED]: And others - another
6 Lieutenant could go and say, "Hey, I want to
7 conduct a count with you." And another one
8 would say --
9 [REDACTED]: Yeah.
10 [REDACTED]: -- "No, I'm just going to
11 - I'm going to pop in."
12 [REDACTED]: Everybody is different. Yes.
13 [REDACTED]: Right. But policy never
14 said they needed to actually put eyes on the
15 inmates just to pop in and say, "Hi."
16 [REDACTED]: Yeah. Where does it say it?
17 Show me. Because I -.
18 [REDACTED]: That's what I'm asking.
19 [REDACTED]: I don't - I never seen it.
20 [REDACTED]: Okay.
21 [REDACTED]: I never seen it.
22 [REDACTED]: It's not a gotcha you,
23 we're asking -.
24 [REDACTED]: No.
25 [REDACTED]: We're literally asking --

1 [REDACTED]: I know.

2 [REDACTED]: -- you as the

3 (Indiscernible *01:18:22) -.

4 [REDACTED]: I know because you don't know,
5 but I'm telling you, the 30 minute round sheet,
6 right, after, and even before Epstein, you
7 know, they had it - it was, we had them on the
8 ranges so the two can physically, you know, be
9 accurate with, you know, with what you had to
10 write, or whatever. They're printed sheets.
11 Right? The dates change. Some of them are
12 handwritten. Everybody's interpretation of a
13 round is different. I was an officer. I don't
14 forget my roots, so when I make a round, I make
15 a round.

16 [REDACTED]: Does policy state what a
17 round consists of? Can I find that in policy?

18 [REDACTED]: A 30 minute round? I mean,
19 checking on the inmates. It says in policy,
20 inmates that are in 30 minute - I mean, that
21 are in the continuous lock down situation, all
22 right, want to quote policy, are supposed to be
23 checked on every 30 minutes. Right? And then
24 the special policy says in Special Housing,
25 because they are continuously locked down and

1 technically on morning watch, everybody is
2 supposed to go check on inmates.

3 [REDACTED]: That description of rounds,
4 does that apply to a Lieutenant's round or is
5 that something different?

6 [REDACTED]: That round applies - it doesn't
7 say, "Lieutenant," it just says that you're
8 supposed to -.

9 [REDACTED]: What he's saying is that,
10 Lieutenant rounds, they're doing rounds with
11 their staff members and they can choose to go
12 in and do the inmate rounds if they want. Is a
13 correctional officer round is doing a round of
14 the inmates?

15 [REDACTED]: Yeah, correctional officers
16 look at the inmates. So what you want me to do
17 as a supervisor for eight hours is sit with the
18 officer?

19 [REDACTED]: No.

20 [REDACTED]: No, no, no, no, no, no. I'm
21 just saying. If it got - see everybody - I got
22 to go around, see everybody, make sure I don't
23 people - make sure people are awake because if
24 I'm awake, you're awake. Okay, if I'm walking
25 around, I'm up.

1 [REDACTED]: We were just trying to get
2 (Indiscernible *01:20:33).

3 [REDACTED]: No, no, no. I know. I just -
4 I'm just - I know that's what the policy
5 states. But everybody, like I said, their
6 interpretation of the policy is different, and
7 like myself, I'm checking on inmates.
8 Sometimes when I go in the housing unit, I want
9 to walk down the range. But do I walk down the
10 range of every housing unit? No.

11 [REDACTED]: Is it ever acceptable
12 for, you know, even from the midnight to, you
13 know, 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. or midnight until
14 8:00 a.m., ever acceptable for any staff in the
15 SHU to fall asleep?

16 [REDACTED]: No, it's not acceptable.

17 [REDACTED]: And it's not acceptable
18 even if one staff says, "I'm going to sleep,
19 you stay awake."

20 [REDACTED]: No, it's not acceptable.

21 [REDACTED]: Okay. Not acceptable.

22 Great.

23 [REDACTED]: Now, we are human. Right? So,
24 on occasion, "Hey, get up, go take a walk."

25 [REDACTED]: But if both are --

1 [REDACTED]: Throw some water.

2 [REDACTED]: -- both are sitting there
3 falling asleep together, that's not -.

4 [REDACTED]: Somebody got - that's - then
5 that's - hey, I can't -.

6 [REDACTED]: Okay.

7 [REDACTED]: You know. It's just like this.
8 I do hospital trips. I can't go to sleep.
9 Okay? Especially if we have one weapon on a
10 hospital trip. So you go to sleep and you got
11 the weapon, I'm dead. Or, we live in a world,
12 now everybody carries a cell phone, cha-ching.

13 [REDACTED]: Yep.

14 [REDACTED]: So, I just - I stood the watch,
15 I ain't sleeping. Stood the watch.

16 [REDACTED]: Sure. You mentioned the
17 files that are printed out on Sundays and then
18 you would, you know, review in the mornings --

19 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

20 [REDACTED]: -- but you weren't the
21 one that printed them out, on Sundays, they
22 would. We received information that when
23 Epstein was found on the 10th, they went to get
24 the file and the file didn't really have
25 anything in it. It's pos- with the indication

1 that someone may have taken those files. Do
2 you know anything about that file being -.

3 [REDACTED]: I know that that file was there
4 when I left.

5 [REDACTED]: Do you know if it had -.

6 [REDACTED]: That's all I know.

7 [REDACTED]: Do you remember how many
8 documents were in that file?

9 [REDACTED]: It was limited.

10 [REDACTED]: So it was very little?

11 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

12 [REDACTED]: Only a few pieces of
13 paper then?

14 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

15 [REDACTED]: And was that because if
16 he was placed in the house - the SHU on the
17 30th, there's only one Sunday that went by
18 since he was found, I guess, on a Saturday, the
19 next - there's only one day that would have had
20 information in there? Would that be why it was
21 limited?

22 [REDACTED]: Remember, he was in SHU from
23 the time that he got there, right? He was
24 taken out of SHU, he was placed with a bunkie.
25 He tried to hang himself. He went down, he was

1 on suicide watch. I don't know how long he was
2 on suicide watch. But he was on suicide watch
3 and we got that email. And I got that email, I
4 got a call from the Captain, so the Warden.
5 Then I heard from the Warden looking for a
6 bunkie for him. You got to vet them and it's
7 not coming from me, it's coming from the top.
8 Okay. So I said, "All right," so I'm here.
9 [REDACTED] was still there, the Warden was still
10 there. It was getting past my time I got to be
11 back in the morning, whatever. Spoke to - when
12 I got word, they said, "We got him a bunkie."
13 Spoke to [REDACTED], he said, "I got it." He
14 stayed overtime that day. So, him, Reyes, was
15 placed with Epstein. Every day, I had an
16 opportunity to speak with him. I - he was on
17 suicide watch. I took him up to attorney
18 conference. While he was in SHU, he would ask
19 me for phone calls. While he was in SHU, he
20 wanted rec or whatever. I said, "You can get
21 rec." Whatever he needed, and it was there
22 from the institution, he got. Whether it was
23 clothing, tee-shirt and boxers and shower, like
24 everybody else, and he was afforded all the
25 opportunities just like every other inmate.

1 So, I don't know what else you all want to
2 know.

3 [REDACTED]: So you said phone calls.
4 So would he get phone calls when he was in the
5 SHU?

6 [REDACTED]: He was - you're afforded to get
7 a phone call.

8 [REDACTED]: So, where would you call
9 -.

10 [REDACTED]: When the team gives you --

11 [REDACTED]: Where would -.

12 [REDACTED]: -- his pin and pad number, or
13 whatever.

14 [REDACTED]: Where would he be able to
15 call from?

16 [REDACTED]: But - huh?

17 [REDACTED]: Where would -.

18 [REDACTED]: On the range. He would get it
19 on the range.

20 [REDACTED]: Not in the SHU then?

21 [REDACTED]: Yeah, in the SHU.

22 [REDACTED]: That's where you plug it
23 into?

24 [REDACTED]: Yeah, plug it in --

25 [REDACTED]: Now, would --

1 [REDACTED]: -- one of the jacks.
2 [REDACTED]: -- would they be
3 monitored calls?
4 [REDACTED]: Yeah. Absolutely.
5 [REDACTED]: And then you like
6 document it --
7 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.
8 [REDACTED]: -- in the log book?
9 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.
10 [REDACTED]: All right. And then -.
11 [REDACTED]: Put it in the log book and then
12 it would be on the computer, you know, if the
13 call went through, whatever, and you can look
14 at the monitored calls.
15 [REDACTED]: Back to the file. If
16 anything --
17 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.
18 [REDACTED]: -- that went on in the -
19 should that have been documented in the file or
20 placed in the file, would that all be
21 electronically stored as well? So even if it
22 wasn't printed out, could we --
23 [REDACTED]: Only -.
24 [REDACTED]: -- after the fact go in
25 and say, "This is what should have been in the

1 file?"

2 [REDACTED]: This is what you could do.

3 This is what you could do. You can go back and
4 ask them for the 583 packet that was created
5 when he first committed suicide.

6 [REDACTED]: We have that, sure.

7 [REDACTED]: Okay? There's - that's his
8 file. As this AD order, why he was placed in
9 SHU, right?

10 [REDACTED]: But didn't you say you --

11 [REDACTED]: And -.

12 [REDACTED]: -- document the food and
13 you document all that other stuff?

14 [REDACTED]: The 292s, right? If it's not
15 printed, it might be in the system, but once
16 he's removed from the system, his BOP number, I
17 don't know what happens after that.

18 [REDACTED]: All right. So, point
19 being is if he's no longer in the system, then
20 the file may no longer be in the -.

21 [REDACTED]: Yeah. Just like if I go into
22 SENTRY and I will pull up his number, SENTRY
23 would tell me that he's deceased.

24 [REDACTED]: But if he was still in
25 the system, should all the - whatever was in -.

1 [REDACTED]: He can't - because SENTRY and
2 BOPWare talks, it's live, it's almost like
3 live.

4 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

5 [REDACTED]: So the moment an inmate is
6 moved from one housing unit to another housing
7 unit, his picture is taken from that - he's no
8 longer on that housing unit no more. He's on
9 this housing unit. Right? And if he's placed
10 in SHU, the inmate picture still can be on the
11 file, but his location will show that he's
12 housed in SHU.

13 [REDACTED]: But will all the
14 documents that were created in, you know, in
15 the SHU, would they all be maintained somewhere
16 in the system?

17 [REDACTED]: Well, you could go back, I
18 don't know how long it is, but I know that I
19 had to pull records for an inmate that had left
20 prior to, or whatever. If it was documented,
21 it's probably still there, I don't know.

22 [REDACTED]: Alright.

23 [REDACTED]: But it may be in the system.
24 So, but that - it's some way you got to play
25 with the system to go back. It's like post

1 292s or something like that, like when they
2 leave. Unit team can see whatever and can pull
3 it.

4 [REDACTED]: You had mentioned that -
5 you were saying that Epstein was always
6 afforded clothing and things like that.

7 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

8 [REDACTED]: So I guess in his cell,
9 he had an abundant amount of linens and
10 clothing in there.

11 [REDACTED]: Well, I don't know.

12 [REDACTED]: Now who was the one who
13 would provide the clothing?

14 [REDACTED]: The officers.

15 [REDACTED]: And would they - are they
16 supposed to maintain how much -.

17 [REDACTED]: It's supposed to be one for one
18 exchange.

19 [REDACTED]: Okay. So, if he's got a
20 lot of that stuff in there, that would be
21 something to talk to the officers about?

22 [REDACTED]: Yeah. And sometimes inmates
23 hide it, you know, under the mattress or
24 whatever, but the officers would have to, you
25 know, they're supposed to shake it down, so.

1 [REDACTED]: And that's not something
2 that you were aware of?

3 [REDACTED]: What do you mean?

4 [REDACTED]: You weren't aware that he
5 had extra linens or clothing?

6 [REDACTED]: No, I wasn't aware of that.

7 [REDACTED]: Okay.

8 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

9 [REDACTED]: What about, so we
10 recently learned that Epstein was actually in a
11 cell that he wasn't assigned to when he was
12 found. So, about six days before, I think he
13 was moved to a different cell but they never
14 reassigned that cell to him.

15 [REDACTED]: Because the cell rotation was -
16 they probably did cell rotations.

17 [REDACTED]: Right.

18 [REDACTED]: Moved him and his bunkie to
19 another cell and didn't key it.

20 [REDACTED]: Now, who was responsible
21 for keying it?

22 [REDACTED]: The person that did the cell
23 rotation.

24 [REDACTED]: Okay. So it's not like
25 the Officer in Charge or the Lieutenant, it's

1 whoever did the cell rotation is the one that
2 would -.

3 [REDACTED]: It's not the Lieutenant.

4 [REDACTED]: Okay.

5 [REDACTED]: It comes up, the next day I
6 check it, 21 day cell rotation. Before I
7 leave, I verify it and make sure that it's
8 done.

9 [REDACTED]: So if six days before
10 August 9th, which would put us at like, you
11 know, August 3rd or something, he was moved but
12 the cell was never reassigned to him. Is that
13 something that you would have reviewed?

14 [REDACTED]: He was moved when?

15 [REDACTED]: We're told six days
16 prior, he was moved, but his - he was located
17 in a cell that wasn't actually assigned to him.
18 So the assumption is that, like you said, it
19 was a cell rotation but they never went and
20 keyed - you know the cell was never keyed to
21 him. He was still assigned to a different
22 cell.

23 [REDACTED]: I don't know (Indiscernible
24 *01:30:50).

25 [REDACTED]: All right. You don't

1 know?

2 [REDACTED]: Huh-uh. No.

3 [REDACTED]: Because I'm sure, as you
4 can imagine, the conspiracy theorists out there
5 --

6 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

7 [REDACTED]: -- are going to say like,
8 "Well, he wasn't in the cell he was assigned
9 to?" But you're not aware of that information?

10 [REDACTED]: Naw. Huh-uh.

11 [REDACTED]: But yet and - whoever -
12 is anyone in charge of the cell rotation or who
13 is -.

14 [REDACTED]: Well, the OIC, who - you know,
15 the day watch OIC is in charge, you know, of
16 making sure of cell rotations and things get
17 done. It's printed out daily to see on the
18 paper about cell rotations. Because the region
19 looks at that, you know, if somebody is in the
20 cell past 20 something days - actually, the
21 Captain is supposed to review and look at that,
22 you know.

23 [REDACTED]: But you're -.

24 [REDACTED]: But I look at it as well --

25 [REDACTED]: You look at it?

1 [REDACTED]: -- as the SHU Lieutenant.
2 Yeah.
3 [REDACTED]: And you never noticed it?
4 [REDACTED]: If I'm running a roster, huh-
5 uh, no.
6 [REDACTED]: You didn't notice that?
7 [REDACTED]: Huh-uh. Because, I'm making
8 sure he got a bunkie. That's - if he - if it's
9 two people in the cell, I'm - you know.
10 [REDACTED]: Right.
11 [REDACTED]: And I get around to checking,
12 you know, it could have been a billion things
13 that I've been doing.
14 [REDACTED]: Sure.
15 [REDACTED]: You know, I was stretched thin.
16 You can look at those rosters and see how - me,
17 I'm supposed to be the SHU Lieutenant and
18 everywhere I worked.
19 [REDACTED]: Okay. And as SH - no,
20 that's -.
21 [REDACTED]: Go ahead.
22 [REDACTED]: No, no, no.
23 [REDACTED]: No. You can answer - I'll
24 answer.
25 [REDACTED]: I was just going to say,

1 you're stretched thin. What is your, like,
2 primary function when you're in there?

3 [REDACTED]: When I'm in SHU?

4 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

5 [REDACTED]: I run the building, from SHU.
6 To, you know, just making sure - I try to make
7 sure that everybody is doing what they're
8 supposed to do. I'm checking on these inmates
9 myself and I'm making sure to keep this -
10 because it's already a stressful environment,
11 so I'm making sure, you know, people are
12 getting showered, you know, I'm making sure,
13 you know, I'm trying to, you know, we didn't
14 have rec for a long time, you know. At that
15 time, we had, you know, two rec officers.
16 Sometimes our rec officers are not there, you
17 know, and we're all helping each other, you
18 know. Showers was every Monday, Wednesday and
19 Friday, you know. So we're trying making sure
20 inmates got, you know, hygiene and things of
21 that nature is being taken care of.

22 [REDACTED]: Okay. Back to that phone
23 call. That is authorized to let inmates in the
24 SHU have phone calls on unrecorded lines?

25 [REDACTED]: Have to be approved by the Unit

1 Manager.

2 [REDACTED]: Okay.

3 [REDACTED]: And that's only for legal
4 calls.

5 [REDACTED]: Okay.

6 [REDACTED]: And that has to be --

7 [REDACTED]: (Indiscernible
8 *01:33:46).

9 [REDACTED]: -- you know, a request by an
10 inmate, then approved by the Unit Manager. I
11 don't do unmonitored phone calls.

12 [REDACTED]: Oh, I'm sorry. I thought
13 you said that you would allow Epstein to call
14 from the SHU.

15 [REDACTED]: No, I said, he would be
16 afforded a phone call, right, and it would be,
17 you know, he would have to have his pin and pad
18 number, not an unmonitored call. I don't do
19 that.

20 [REDACTED]: But did he have a pin and
21 pad number?

22 [REDACTED]: I don't know. His unit team
23 should have gave him a pin pad number.

24 [REDACTED]: Okay.

25 [REDACTED]: I don't know if he had it or

1 not.

2 [REDACTED]: But I thought -.

3 [REDACTED]: He never mentioned that to.

4 [REDACTED]: But I thought you said
5 that you would allow him -.

6 [REDACTED]: No, I said, he would be
7 afforded. It's a difference.

8 [REDACTED]: Because - yeah, you -.

9 [REDACTED]: Don't switch the words. He
10 would be afforded, like everybody else that
11 comes to Special Housing, they are afforded a
12 phone call.

13 [REDACTED]: So maybe is it wording,
14 because I had that written down too.

15 [REDACTED]: No, (Indiscernible
16 *01:34:31) -.

17 [REDACTED]: Because I think you said it
18 too. I think that's how -.

19 [REDACTED]: Yeah. Because we talked
20 about it. Just, we got to make sure that we're
21 clear on these things.

22 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

23 [REDACTED]: So that's - do you recall
24 Epstein ever calling from the SHU?

25 [REDACTED]: I never gave him a phone call.

1 [REDACTED]: Okay.

2 [REDACTED]: All right.

3 [REDACTED]: I never seen --

4 [REDACTED]: Did you give this -.

5 [REDACTED]: -- an officer give him a phone
6 call.

7 [REDACTED]: This is when we talked
8 about, you know, Epstein would want to make --

9 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

10 [REDACTED]: -- phone calls. He would
11 want to have his clothing --

12 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

13 [REDACTED]: -- and stuff like that.

14 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

15 [REDACTED]: So, you actually never
16 gave Epstein a call.

17 [REDACTED]: I never gave him a phone call.

18 [REDACTED]: All right. Because --

19 [REDACTED]: Ever.

20 [REDACTED]: -- I believe that's when
21 we talked about, what, did you just plug it
22 into the line in the SHU --

23 [REDACTED]: Yeah, that's what --

24 [REDACTED]: -- and you said -.

25 [REDACTED]: -- happens but I never gave him

1 a phone call.

2 [REDACTED]: All right.

3 [REDACTED]: Ever.

4 [REDACTED]: And then we talked about,
5 would you just log it in the book? You'd
6 monitor their call. So never - you don't know
7 -.

8 [REDACTED]: I never gave him a phone call.

9 [REDACTED]: All right. And the
10 clothing, you never gave him extra clothing?

11 [REDACTED]: Not - never gave him extra
12 clothing, no.

13 [REDACTED]: All right. And you were
14 in - did his cell ever get shook down or
15 checked?

16 [REDACTED]: It should have, yeah.

17 [REDACTED]: It should have?

18 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

19 [REDACTED]: And at that point, they
20 should have seen that there's a lot of extra
21 clothing and linens in there?

22 [REDACTED]: They shake the cells down.
23 I've seen a lot of extra clothing and stuff
24 laying on the range.

25 [REDACTED]: And were you ever present

1 for any Epstein cell shake downs?

2 [REDACTED]: No.

3 [REDACTED]: No?

4 [REDACTED]: Huh-uh. Well, you know what?

5 I was. I remember one of the officers say,

6 "Oh, he had this in the cell and they took it

7 out." Yeah.

8 [REDACTED]: What did he have?

9 [REDACTED]: I think it was an extra blanket
10 or something like that. They took it out.

11 [REDACTED]: All right. And we he
12 authorized to have like pills and things like
13 that in there? Medication?

14 [REDACTED]: Yes. They are authorized -
15 Medical comes up and gives them medication.

16 [REDACTED]: Are you aware of any of
17 the staff when you weren't present not
18 conducting counts and rounds -.

19 [REDACTED]: Naw. Huh-uh.

20 [REDACTED]: No?

21 [REDACTED]: Not on my watch. What?

22 [REDACTED]: Should we - so.

23 [REDACTED]: Passing over to you.

24 Sorry, do you have a question?

25 [REDACTED]: Okay. Yeah. Let's say you

1 were at work on the 9th. You're not, but let's
2 just say you were at work on the 9th. Reyes is
3 taken out sometime between 7:00 a.m., 8:00
4 a.m., he's brought to court.

5 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

6 [REDACTED]: MCC wouldn't know the fact
7 that, "Hey, he's not coming back," but somehow
8 -.

9 [REDACTED]: They would know after the 5
10 o'clock count. Perhaps.

11 [REDACTED]: Let's just say, I'm just
12 saying hypothetically.

13 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh. When the courts
14 return.

15 [REDACTED]: Let's say between 1:00 and
16 2:00 p.m. --

17 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

18 [REDACTED]: -- MCC is notified, "Hey,
19 listen, he's not coming back and he's WAB."

20 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

21 [REDACTED]: Who would have got notified?
22 It would have come through -.

23 [REDACTED]: R&D.

24 [REDACTED]: R&D? And R&D would have
25 notified who?

1 [REDACTED]: They should have notified the
2 AW or notified their supervisor.

3 [REDACTED]: Would they have notified the
4 OIC in the SHU?

5 [REDACTED]: It depends on who's the
6 officer, I don't know.

7 [REDACTED]: Okay.

8 [REDACTED]: But they wouldn't be
9 required to let the housing unit

10 [REDACTED]: They would -.

11 [REDACTED]: -- where they came from?
12 No?

13 [REDACTED]: After the court list comes out,
14 or whatever, the count changes on the E1. If
15 they get - if the courts kept them, or
16 whatever, so whoever that R&D staff is, I don't
17 know what their protocols are, whatever, but -
18 because it's a whole different department but
19 we all work together. As a Lieutenant, only
20 way I would catch it on - probably on morning
21 watch or on - if I'm evening watch, when I'm
22 doing my log and I run the 38, the daily change
23 log, and depending on what I'm looking at, I'm
24 going to see who's off my base count. The
25 morning watch Lieutenant is going to write down

1 everybody who left the institution the prior
2 day.

3 [REDACTED]: I know. But I'm asking,
4 let's say the notification did come between
5 1:00 and 2:00.

6 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

7 [REDACTED]: You are - let's say you were
8 at work --

9 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

10 [REDACTED]: -- and that notification came
11 down to the SHU and they were notified.

12 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

13 [REDACTED]: If you were at work, what
14 steps would you have taken?

15 [REDACTED]: I would have called the Captain
16 and, like, well, you know, his bunkie, you
17 know, has left and I would have let the Captain
18 know that we have to find him a new bunkie --

19 [REDACTED]: Okay.

20 [REDACTED]: -- and if they would, you know,
21 have somebody.

22 [REDACTED]: You were not at work that
23 day, so --

24 [REDACTED]: No.

25 [REDACTED]: -- who would have been in

1 charge? Which Lieutenant would have been in
2 charge? Would that be [REDACTED]?

3 [REDACTED]: If it's between -.

4 [REDACTED]: Would it be the
5 Operations Lieutenant?

6 [REDACTED]: If it was between one and two,
7 depends on - yeah.

8 [REDACTED]: If [REDACTED] was aware of it,
9 what should he have done?

10 [REDACTED]: He should have called Special
11 Housing, "Hey, this guy need a bunkie."

12 [REDACTED]: Okay. And -.

13 [REDACTED]: But if Epstein was downstairs,
14 nobody wouldn't have known because he's with
15 his attorneys.

16 [REDACTED]: But wouldn't have they
17 known the Special Housing Unit was informed
18 that Epstein's bunkie was being removed,
19 wouldn't that queue them in on that when
20 Epstein returns he's not going to have a
21 bunkie?

22 [REDACTED]: That could have - that's
23 possible.

24 [REDACTED]: Okay.

25 [REDACTED]: Now let's say there were no

1 notification ever made - let's just go through
2 the who process. When is the first time they
3 would actually catch the fact that Epstein
4 didn't have a bunkie?

5 [REDACTED]: You make rounds, you make a
6 round, "Oh, shit, you're by yourself. Hey, but
7 he need a bunkie."

8 [REDACTED]: So any one of the 30
9 minute rounds.

10 [REDACTED]: Yeah. Uh-huh.

11 [REDACTED]: So basically, if he came
12 back at, let's say, 7:00 p.m., by 7:30 they
13 should have known?

14 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

15 [REDACTED]: And certainly by the
16 10:00 p.m. count?

17 [REDACTED]: Yes. Most definitely, because
18 it depends on - all right, the attorney
19 conference goes from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.,
20 right? Attorneys can start coming in at 8
21 o'clock in the morning. So if he's down there,
22 let's say he went down 10 o'clock. Right?

23 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

24 [REDACTED]: And he's down there from 10:00
25 to 7:30 p.m., whatever that time. Then he has

1 to be escorted back upstairs. Right? So after
2 8 o'clock, there's no more attorney visits that
3 they're, you know, they're gone for the day,
4 inmate goes back, he gets stripped out, he gets
5 placed in the cell. At that time, you see he
6 doesn't have a bunkie.

7 [REDACTED]: Yeah, once he's escorted
8 back into his room, right?

9 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

10 [REDACTED]: Into the cell.

11 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

12 [REDACTED]: As soon as whoever
13 escorted him --

14 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

15 [REDACTED]: -- back to the cell
16 should have known, "Hey, I'm putting him back
17 in a --

18 [REDACTED]: He don't have a bunkie.

19 [REDACTED]: -- I'm putting this guy
20 back in a cell without anybody in here."

21 [REDACTED]: Yeah. He doesn't have a
22 bunkie.

23 [REDACTED]: And when you escort --

24 [REDACTED]: So --

25 [REDACTED]: -- somebody in the cell,

1 you always verify who is in there.

2 [REDACTED]: Yeah. Because you have to open
3 - you have to look and make sure somebody in
4 there because the inmates have to be cuffed.

5 [REDACTED]: Okay.

6 [REDACTED]: So he had to be cuffed or he
7 should have been cuffed, placed on the range
8 and when they crack that door, before they
9 crack that door to make sure somebody is in
10 there. If nobody was in there, somebody should
11 have got the horn and, "Hey, he don't have a
12 bunkie."

13 [REDACTED]: So, at -.

14 [REDACTED]: By the 10 o'clock count, it
15 should - yes.

16 [REDACTED]: And at that point if,
17 somewhere between when he was escorted back and
18 10:00 p.m. --

19 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

20 [REDACTED]: -- could have a new
21 bunkie been put in there with him?

22 [REDACTED]: Perhaps, yeah.

23 [REDACTED]: Just perhaps? Not -.

24 [REDACTED]: Or he could have been placed in
25 a hard cell --

1 [REDACTED]: Okay.

2 [REDACTED]: -- by his self.

3 [REDACTED]: But one or the other
4 should have happened?

5 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

6 [REDACTED]: He shouldn't have -.

7 [REDACTED]: If I can't find a bunkie, he's
8 going in a hard cell until the morning.

9 [REDACTED]: And should have the SHU
10 staff -.

11 [REDACTED]: That's just me.

12 [REDACTED]: But should have the SHU
13 staff known that?

14 [REDACTED]: No, because I don't know if the
15 SHU was full at that time. I don't recall, you
16 know, because I didn't do a kick out list, so.

17 [REDACTED]: Okay. So if there's 72
18 inmates in the SHU, is that full?

19 [REDACTED]: Yes.

20 [REDACTED]: That's pretty full?

21 [REDACTED]: Yeah, it's full. And we have
22 down cells, so.

23 [REDACTED]: But earlier that day it
24 was like 76 or --

25 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

1 [REDACTED]: -- or something?

2 [REDACTED]: Yeah, we were full. So, we had
3 the two hard cells, well, three, because we
4 have a suicide cell and they probably had a
5 housing rec alone, that's on J Tier and then
6 you got the two hard cells on H Tier.

7 [REDACTED]: But regardless --

8 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

9 [REDACTED]: -- the SHU people from
10 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., that would have been,
11 it looks like [REDACTED], he was on from 4:00 p.m.
12 to midnight.

13 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

14 [REDACTED]: Somebody should have
15 notified [REDACTED] or at least [REDACTED]?

16 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh, that he was by his
17 self.

18 [REDACTED]: And would it be one or
19 the other, [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]?

20 [REDACTED]: Well, the Activities
21 Lieutenant, if they went to SHU to make rounds,
22 or whatever, one of them - somebody should have
23 known.

24 [REDACTED]: Okay. They should have
25 notified those people.

1 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

2 [REDACTED]: What about the next
3 shift? So Noel and Thomas are on from midnight
4 to 8:00 a.m. When they know during their shift
5 that he is without a cell mate, should have
6 they notified someone?

7 [REDACTED]: Yeah. Notified our Ops
8 Lieutenant, one of them.

9 [REDACTED]: So they should notified,
10 in their case, [REDACTED] who was the Ops
11 Lieutenant at that time.

12 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

13 [REDACTED]: Okay. And -.

14 [REDACTED]: Say, "Hey, this dude is by his
15 self."

16 [REDACTED]: Okay. And how serious do
17 you believe that to be that they're not making
18 notifications?

19 [REDACTED]: What do you mean?

20 [REDACTED]: So, I mean, obviously
21 someone died in this instance. Correct?

22 [REDACTED]: Yes.

23 [REDACTED]: Let's take that out of
24 it.

25 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

1 [REDACTED]: If they're in a different
2 situation, if they weren't making that
3 notification, is that serious? Is that a
4 serious infraction of policy or of, you know,
5 the correctional --

6 [REDACTED]: I mean -.

7 [REDACTED]: -- duty assignments?

8 [REDACTED]: Yeah, I mean, because, to me, I
9 had people that tried to hang themselves and I
10 work morning watch and I work evening watch.
11 I'm going to check on that individual and I'm
12 making sure they good.

13 [REDACTED]: Sure.

14 [REDACTED]: And I'm telling everybody, "Yo,
15 make sure you all are doing rounds because, you
16 know, not on my watch," and anybody will tell
17 you, I'm known for making big rounds, what you
18 doing? We doing big rounds, right? Rounds,
19 rounds, rounds, and we checking on inmates in
20 the Special Housing Unit. That's what I'm
21 known for. I can't account for anybody else,
22 but I know me, I'm checking on the individual.

23 [REDACTED]: The last time you saw
24 Epstein --

25 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

1 [REDACTED]: -- what did you think of
2 his state of mind? Did he seem all right?
3 [REDACTED]: He was a little nervous.
4 [REDACTED]: Okay.
5 [REDACTED]: He was a little nervous. But,
6 you know, he was just like, I was like, "You
7 all right?" "Yeah." And he looked at me, you
8 know. And he wanted to go to rec. Again, that
9 morning, he took a shower on Thursday and then
10 he went to attorney conference.
11 [REDACTED]: Did he seem like - did he
12 give you any kind of indication that he might
13 be wanting to take his own life?
14 [REDACTED]: Nuh-uh.
15 [REDACTED]: No?
16 [REDACTED]: He just was just, you know,
17 people have like a nervous feeling or whatever.
18 [REDACTED]: Now, with a nervous, do
19 you have any reason to believe that he did not
20 take his own life?
21 [REDACTED]: What do you mean?
22 [REDACTED]: Someone else -
23 [REDACTED]: No, nobody killed that man. He
24 did it himself. Nobody killed him.
25 [REDACTED]: So you feel very

1 confident about that?

2 [REDACTED]: Yeah. Nobody killed that man.

3 [REDACTED]: The question has got to
4 be asked.

5 [REDACTED]: Yeah. Nobody killed him.

6 Listen, all the conspiracy theories, out the
7 window, okay? The man killed his self. Okay?
8 It's unfortunate that he did this and now, here
9 we are. But, you know, that's what cowards do,
10 you know? But I can't speak for him. He knows
11 why he did what he did.

12 [REDACTED]: Sure.

13 [REDACTED]: But, nobody killed the man.

14 [REDACTED]: Could the officers that
15 were in the SHU see into Epstein's cell from
16 where they were seated?

17 [REDACTED]: If he's standing at the window.

18 [REDACTED]: No, no, I'm sorry, from
19 their desk area.

20 [REDACTED]: Yeah, if he's standing at the
21 window, you can -.

22 [REDACTED]: Oh, oh, oh, you mean if
23 Epstein is standing at the window.

24 [REDACTED]: If Epstein is standing at the
25 window, you can -.

1 [REDACTED]: But otherwise, unless you
2 go up to the door, you can't see.

3 [REDACTED]: Unless you go up to the door,
4 Nuh-uh. You can see if a light is on. But,
5 let me put this on record. The SHU is broken,
6 it needs to be fixed. Okay? Inmates control
7 the lights from the inside. Officers, they
8 just started now putting the lights on the
9 outside. Okay? We should be able to control
10 the lights. We should be able to flick the
11 lights on and look inside the cell. No inmate
12 should be able to press a button and look
13 inside the cell or disfigure the lights.

14 [REDACTED]: So you don't have - you
15 didn't have the ability to actually turn the
16 lights on inside --

17 [REDACTED]: No.

18 [REDACTED]: -- of their cells?

19 [REDACTED]: No, there was a switch, but you
20 still couldn't - the inmate can press the
21 button and only one of the lights would come on
22 and if that light wasn't working, they you
23 can't see inside the cell unless you tell him
24 to get up out of their bed and put that light
25 on. Or if you have a flashlight, you know,

1 you're flashing it in there. But, you know,
2 the cells are broken, man. They were supposed
3 to been change the cells. You know, they had
4 wooden doors for years, but not in SHU. You
5 know, they just - the range, our range, they
6 just did a couple of those doors. And some of
7 them was even falling off the hinges.

8 [REDACTED]: Was there any
9 conversation that you recall when Epstein was
10 there of placing him into 10 South?

11 [REDACTED]: Not that I recall.

12 [REDACTED]: Do you believe he should
13 have been placed in 10 South versus the SHU?

14 [REDACTED]: I mean, he's high-profile like
15 they said he was. Everybody else went up
16 there. So, you know, it was to me that he
17 would have been more closely monitored, but
18 that's not my call.

19 [REDACTED]: And whose call is it to
20 place someone in 10 South?

21 [REDACTED]: It's the Warden and the
22 Captain.

23 [REDACTED]: And have you ever heard
24 that it's actually even over their head for 10
25 South?

1 [REDACTED]: No. Yes. That they said all
2 the inmates in 10 South are SAMS inmates.

3 [REDACTED]: Right. And can you
4 explain what SAMS is?

5 [REDACTED]: Special Security Measures,
6 something, you know, there's - you know, their
7 mail is handed - everything is by SIS and Unit
8 Team. A SHU Lieutenant. Anything that they get
9 comes from the SHU Lieutenant because we have
10 to keep - that's like, you know, they are - you
11 got to just make sure that they're ready to
12 stand trial. Like, I was there, you know, for
13 Juan Guzman, I was the SHU Lieutenant, and
14 nothing happened to him.

15 [REDACTED]: What happened to him?

16 [REDACTED]: Nothing.

17 [REDACTED]: Oh.

18 [REDACTED]: You know, he stood trial and he
19 was gone.

20 [REDACTED]: Was he in 10 South?

21 [REDACTED]: Yes. And all the other inmates
22 that was in 10 South under my watch.

23 [REDACTED]: So Monday morning
24 quarterbacking, do you believe that Epstein
25 should have been in 10 South then?

1 [REDACTED]: Or on G Tier.

2 [REDACTED]: That's 10 South lower?

3 [REDACTED]: Yes.

4 [REDACTED]: Okay. Because they

5 basically accomplish the same mission.

6 [REDACTED]: Those - yeah, because those

7 cells are hard because they're, you know, they

8 got plastic over the windows and everything, so

9 if you're going to try to do anything, you

10 know, it's really difficult. The shower

11 curtains that break away or whatever. Where

12 they can hang the towels, break away.

13 [REDACTED]: Did you ever make that

14 suggestion to anyone?

15 [REDACTED]: Did I make the suggestion?

16 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

17 [REDACTED]: That's not my call.

18 [REDACTED]: Yeah, yeah, I know, I

19 just didn't know if -.

20 [REDACTED]: Naw, that's not my call.

21 [REDACTED]: Sure.

22 [REDACTED]: I only do what I'm told.

23 [REDACTED]: Absolutely.

24 [REDACTED]: You all want some water or

25 something, you got to use the bathroom?

1 [REDACTED]: No, no, no, I'm good,
2 thank you.

3 [REDACTED]: You sure?

4 [REDACTED]: Positive, thank you.

5 [REDACTED]: What else we got?

6 [REDACTED]: I just one other question.

7 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

8 [REDACTED]: I'm just going to show you
9 the midnight count --

10 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

11 [REDACTED]: -- from August 10th.

12 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

13 [REDACTED]: You just take a look at that.

14 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

15 [REDACTED]: That front page is called the
16 E1?

17 [REDACTED]: Yep.

18 [REDACTED]: What's the SHU count on that?

19 [REDACTED]: 72.

20 [REDACTED]: Can you take a look at the
21 count slip on the back page.

22 [REDACTED]: The last page.

23 [REDACTED]: You see the one for ZA?
24 What's the count on there?

25 [REDACTED]: 73.

1 [REDACTED]: If you were the Lieutenant,
2 right, and that count slip came up, what would
3 you have done?
4 [REDACTED]: I wouldn't have took it.
5 [REDACTED]: Why? Because the -.
6 [REDACTED]: The count is wrong.
7 [REDACTED]: And what would you have done?
8 [REDACTED]: Count again.
9 [REDACTED]: You told them to count it
10 again?
11 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.
12 [REDACTED]: Is there -.
13 [REDACTED]: First, I would have - whatever
14 count that they called in, right? If I'm
15 taking the count, right? I'm the official
16 count person, okay?
17 [REDACTED]: There should be like the
18 Ops Lieutenant I'm assuming?
19 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh. You could take - but
20 they don't have to take the 12 o'clock count.
21 They could - he could take the 3:00 or the
22 5:00.
23 [REDACTED]: Okay.
24 [REDACTED]: But they have to take a count.
25 I'm different. I want to - there's times I'm

1 even watch operations, right? I'm taking the
2 10 o'clock count, I'm taking the 12 o'clock
3 count. After the 12 o'clock count, I don't
4 have to worry about the count no more. I mean,
5 I have to worry about the count, but I'm making
6 rounds, I'm making sure everything is good.
7 Right? But I want to know what I got. This
8 number right here, is the number that I'm
9 concerned about.

10 [REDACTED]: So if the Ops -

11 [REDACTED]: 758 inmates. So if the ops,
12 what?

13 [REDACTED]: So if the Ops Lieutenant
14 took that count at midnight --

15 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

16 [REDACTED]: -- should have they gone
17 down to the SHU and witnessed the new count?

18 [REDACTED]: Naw, so it's only if it's a
19 double bad.

20 [REDACTED]: Just a double bad.

21 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

22 [REDACTED]: One bad is not -.

23 [REDACTED]: If it's a double bad.

24 [REDACTED]: They don't need to get
25 eyes on?

1 [REDACTED]: Yeah. If it's the double bad
2 count, we got to go up with a roster, a bed
3 book roster and we, you know, we tell our
4 inmates, "Stand." At night, it's different
5 because you're supposed to see living,
6 breathing flesh. So we're not required to make
7 everybody stand. But I'm going, I'm looking,
8 we counting. That's just me.

9 [REDACTED]: Okay. But there was no
10 requirement based on one bad count.

11 [REDACTED]: Naw. If it's a double bad, you
12 have to go up - because sometimes they call in
13 the wrong number.

14 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

15 [REDACTED]: But that's --

16 [REDACTED]: Have you ever heard of -
17 have you -.

18 [REDACTED]: -- crazy. I've never heard.

19 [REDACTED]: The (Indiscernible
20 *01:55:26) so -.

21 [REDACTED]: You don't have to never worry
22 about me repeating jack.

23 [REDACTED]: No.

24 [REDACTED]: But this is crazy.

25 [REDACTED]: Now, what if the person

1 who called count into Control said that, "Hey,
2 I wrote down 73 on the slip, but one of our
3 guys is out of the unit, he's in another place,
4 but I still counted him." Does that make any
5 sense to you? What if they got -

6 [REDACTED]: Yes, it makes sense to me, but
7 me as a Control Center officer, no, it's wrong.

8 [REDACTED]: Right. And should have a
9 person - so say like --

10 [REDACTED]: So -.

11 [REDACTED]: -- should have Noel or
12 Thomas known -.

13 [REDACTED]: You want to know what I - damn,
14 I should not, oh my God.

15 [REDACTED]: But should Noel or Thomas
16 known they shouldn't have written 73 if they
17 knew the number was 72 and one guy was
18 somewhere else? Should have they known that
19 the number was 72?

20 [REDACTED]: You only - I'm going to put it
21 to you this way. You only write the number of
22 number of people that you have on the housing
23 unit.

24 [REDACTED]: Okay.

25 [REDACTED]: If you have more than the

1 number that you have in the housing unit, that
2 means somebody is not where they're supposed to
3 be. If you have less than you have on the
4 housing unit, this tells me two things.

5 [REDACTED]: What's that?

6 [REDACTED]: Either -.

7 [REDACTED]: Say it.

8 [REDACTED]: There's nothing you can
9 surprise us with.

10 [REDACTED]: Okay. Originally, it was 73
11 and that's the count that they called in.
12 Somebody realized, "Hey, this guy is not here.
13 Holy shit. Oh, he has - did we key him out?
14 Holy shit. We didn't key him out. Oh, key
15 that guy out." If that guy was keyed out,
16 let's say, I don't know, after 10 o'clock, 11
17 o'clock, when this was printed - this was
18 printed at 12:35, the computers don't come back
19 up until 12:30. After 12:30 you can log on the
20 computer and print if you want.

21 [REDACTED]: Does this tell you that
22 they didn't conduct the count and they just
23 used the number that -.

24 [REDACTED]: That says a lot of things.

25 [REDACTED]: What does it say to you?

1 [REDACTED]: That says a lot of things.
2 That says a lot of things. But me, as the Ops
3 Lieutenant, I would have never accepted that.
4 [REDACTED]: Now, if the Ops
5 Lieutenant said, "Create a new count slip and
6 send it in," would it make any sense that that
7 was still attached to this?
8 [REDACTED]: What do you mean.
9 [REDACTED]: So if the Ops Lieutenant
10 said, "Create a new count," --
11 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.
12 [REDACTED]: -- and they did a new
13 count and did one that said 72, would it make
14 any sense why this one that says 73 is still
15 attached?
16 [REDACTED]: No. That one that says 73
17 shouldn't have been there --
18 [REDACTED]: And --
19 [REDACTED]: -- because that's wrong.
20 [REDACTED]: -- do you agree that the
21 people that are written there appears to be an
22 M. Thomas and a Noel?
23 [REDACTED]: That's what it says.
24 [REDACTED]: Just so we don't --
25 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

1 [REDACTED]: -- want to ever have the
2 opportunity for someone to say we showed you --
3 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.
4 [REDACTED]: -- different things, so
5 can you just initial and date the top of these
6 packets so that --
7 [REDACTED]: Yeah.
8 [REDACTED]: -- it's just to show --
9 [REDACTED]: Yeah.
10 [REDACTED]: -- what it is you looked
11 at?
12 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.
13 [REDACTED]: Did he look at any of
14 this stuff?
15 [REDACTED]: No, I was going to --
16 [REDACTED]: Yeah. I looked at this.
17 [REDACTED]: -- ask something, one more
18 thing too.
19 [REDACTED]: I'll do it. You know.
20 [REDACTED]: Is there a reason an inmate
21 will be moved to R&D that late at night?
22 [REDACTED]: Nope.
23 [REDACTED]: Is it -.
24 [REDACTED]: When is typically the
25 latest somebody be moved to R&D?

1 [REDACTED]: Only way that they're going to
2 R&D, right, if they're going on the bus, the
3 bus is coming.

4 [REDACTED]: Right.

5 [REDACTED]: And that's normally on
6 Wednesdays.

7 [REDACTED]: And what time would they be
8 moved to R&D?

9 [REDACTED]: After the count and --

10 [REDACTED]: Which count?

11 [REDACTED]: -- nobody is moving. If
12 they're leaving at 3:00, after the 12 o'clock
13 count.

14 [REDACTED]: But buses are almost
15 always around Wednesdays, correct?

16 [REDACTED]: Typically, yeah.

17 [REDACTED]: You would have no - want
18 to know what happened on a Friday night,
19 Saturday morning.

20 [REDACTED]: Nope, no. Only people that
21 leave the institution on a Saturday morning,
22 and that's like they come at 8 o'clock, you
23 know, the special guys that go out in the, you
24 know, they're going to Saturday court.

25 [REDACTED]: Okay. So that - there's

1 really no excuse for that one right there.

2 [REDACTED]: No.

3 [REDACTED]: On this (Indiscernible
4 *02:00:20)? Okay.

5 [REDACTED]: No.

6 [REDACTED]: Just had one more.

7 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

8 [REDACTED]: This is the 5:00 p.m. count,
9 I mean the 4:00 p.m. count. Can you just
10 verify that for August 9th?

11 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

12 [REDACTED]: If the call came in between
13 1:00 and 2:00 stating that Reyes - if you
14 notice under the SHU, ZA, you see the one out
15 count?

16 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

17 [REDACTED]: If between 1:00 and 2:00 the
18 call came in stating that Reyes is no longer
19 going to be in the institution, if it did,
20 should that have reflected still as one out
21 count?

22 [REDACTED]: Yeah, because he's out.

23 [REDACTED]: But if they said that he's
24 not coming back and he's WAB.

25 [REDACTED]: That's R&D.

1 [REDACTED]: Explain that.

2 [REDACTED]: R&D is Receiving and Discharge.

3 We don't get notified. The courts notify R&D.

4 The Marshals notify R&D. R&D has a supervisor,

5 right? On shift, they have officers that are

6 on shift, so any movement, they know - would

7 know before I would know and so they have to

8 make the proper notifications and key in in the

9 system.

10 [REDACTED]: That's what I was going to

11 ask you.

12 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

13 [REDACTED]: If R&D did make that

14 notification to the SHU and who else should

15 they have notified to get that correct?

16 [REDACTED]: The CMC would - if the CMC is

17 there, you know -.

18 [REDACTED]: What's the CMC?

19 [REDACTED]: The Case Manager Coordinator.

20 Yeah. Case Manager Coordinator.

21 [REDACTED]: Who would that be on - do we

22 have the schedule?

23 [REDACTED]: Oh, I don't know who was the --

24 [REDACTED]: Okay. This is -.

25 [REDACTED]: -- CMC at that time.

1 [REDACTED]: Office (Indiscernible
2 *02:02:07) if the notification was made.
3 [REDACTED]: No, they won't be on that
4 roster.
5 [REDACTED]: Okay.
6 [REDACTED]: That roster is a custody
7 roster.
8 [REDACTED]: Okay.
9 [REDACTED]: So, like I said, R&D is a whole
10 total different department. The court speaks
11 to them.
12 [REDACTED]: Okay.
13 [REDACTED]: So when the courts talk to
14 them, then they talk to us. Normally R&D, you
15 know, if they're WAB or something like that, we
16 wouldn't know until you run the 38.
17 [REDACTED]: What do you mean 38, meaning?
18 [REDACTED]: The daily change log. Uh-huh.
19 [REDACTED]: Do mind just --
20 [REDACTED]: Yeah.
21 [REDACTED]: -- with these just --
22 [REDACTED]: Yeah.
23 [REDACTED]: -- putting it the 6/15/21
24 --
25 [REDACTED]: Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah,

1 yeah.

2 [REDACTED]: -- and that's just so we

3 know that --

4 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

5 [REDACTED]: -- not only you initialed

6 but the date of this.

7 [REDACTED]: Yeah, yeah, yeah. No problem.

8 [REDACTED]: And then on this last

9 one, 4:00 p.m. --

10 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

11 [REDACTED]: -- if you don't mind just

12 initialing it and dating as well. Thank you,

13 sir.

14 [REDACTED]: 6/15/21.

15 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

16 [REDACTED]: Is there anything else

17 you wanted -.

18 [REDACTED]: That's it.

19 [REDACTED]: All right. So that's all

20 we have for you. We just wanted to know what

21 you knew with the SHU and hopefully it wasn't

22 too painful.

23 [REDACTED]: Naw, it wasn't.

24 [REDACTED]: Anything else you want to

25 add for the record?

1 [REDACTED]: No. I'm just - I wasn't there.
2 So unfortunately, what happened, happened.
3 Everybody works different. I know there's an
4 investigation, but through all the conspiracy
5 stuff, everybody, the staff that was there when
6 they found him, they worked hard to try to
7 revive him and save his life. But,
8 unfortunately, you know, it turned to a sad
9 event. But we are very well understaffed. Had
10 we had more officers - I know everybody want to
11 point the finger, but it's an unfortunate thing
12 to happen, you know? You know, a lot of things
13 have to change in the BOP, you know, but, you
14 know, I only can be as truthful and honest with
15 you as I can, you know?

16 [REDACTED]: On that note, you just
17 made me think of one more small question. You
18 said that they did work hard on saving his
19 life. Was it okay that Thomas immediately went
20 into the cell upon seeing Epstein in the state
21 that he was in or should have he waited?

22 [REDACTED]: He made a decision.

23 [REDACTED]: All right so was it - do
24 you -.

25 [REDACTED]: I would have made the same

1 decision.

2 [REDACTED]: Okay.

3 [REDACTED]: You know, policy states that
4 you can enter a cell if you have, you know,
5 more staff, two or more staff. You don't need
6 an immediate supervisor if it's an emergency
7 situation.

8 [REDACTED]: All right. So if
9 somebody is telling us that, "No," they needed
10 to wait for a Lieutenant to come down there,
11 that's not correct?

12 [REDACTED]: No. It's in the policy.

13 [REDACTED]: Okay.

14 [REDACTED]: I know the policy.

15 [REDACTED]: So you believe that it
16 was fine for Thomas to enter.

17 [REDACTED]: Yeah, because I would have did
18 the same thing.

19 [REDACTED]: Okay.

20 [REDACTED]: Yes, there's plenty of times
21 where I've seen something, we had enough staff,
22 "Let's go in there," you know, and --

23 [REDACTED]: And they argued --

24 [REDACTED]: -- safe a life.

25 [REDACTED]: -- that it was like a

1 ruse in order to overthrow, you know, that
2 guard or something like that.

3 [REDACTED]: No. That's bullshit.

4 [REDACTED]: You just said that. You've
5 seen the situation but you've said that there's
6 enough staff, let's go in there. You never --

7 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

8 [REDACTED]: -- went in there by yourself?

9 [REDACTED]: No.

10 [REDACTED]: That's what he was --.

11 [REDACTED]: Yeah, so I'm -- Thomas
12 went in by himself if Noel is down range, he's
13 by himself.

14 [REDACTED]: They both on the same range?

15 [REDACTED]: Yeah, so if she's down,
16 not with him, he goes in by himself, is that
17 okay?

18 [REDACTED]: It's one for one. And if he
19 says it's an emergency situation, he made a
20 decision.

21 [REDACTED]: Right.

22 [REDACTED]: I probably would have -- if I
23 see somebody hanging, I'm making a decision.

24 [REDACTED]: Sure.

25 [REDACTED]: I'm trying to save a life.

1 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

2 [REDACTED]: You understand?

3 [REDACTED]: Yeah. No, I'm only
4 asking - yeah.

5 [REDACTED]: No, the policy states, you
6 know, it's two to one, you know, two officers
7 to one inmate. Then they came and they said,
8 "One to one ratio," but they never really
9 changed it, that's word of mouth. But it's
10 always two to one, right? If you down range
11 with me, it's two to one. So if it's an
12 emergency situation and I've activated my body
13 alarm, I'm a go get you. Okay? Now, who
14 knows, he could have been faking a funk. Come
15 in there, he came in his cell and try to
16 escape. Now you got the keys, now your SHU is
17 compromised. So it's a judgment call. But at
18 the end of the day, I've been in situations
19 where two people in my career tried to commit
20 suicide. I saved both of them. Okay? One was
21 early, I think early this year, January or
22 something or late last year. Inmate tried to
23 kill himself. I was called upstairs. I didn't
24 wait. They said, "Operations to the Special
25 Housing Unit -" I mean, Special Housing. I

1 didn't wait. I came upstairs ASAP. They let
2 me in and the dude was hanging. I did my 583,
3 I did my notification to the Warden, right?
4 Did they thank me? No, she sent me a personal
5 email like three days later. You know who did
6 it, I did, but it's okay. I'm there for
7 officers. I'm there to save lives. I did my
8 job. Prior to that, I still had a guy, a young
9 man who was in the newspaper, gang member.
10 Okay? I saved his lift. He was hanging on J
11 Tier in a suicide cell, tried to hang himself.
12 We went in there, grabbed him with enough staff
13 and we lowered him down. After that, there was
14 a young boy. Always had a bunkie. Who was the
15 SHU Lieutenant? Me. Okay? So do I - from
16 experience, yes, I know. Do I talk to my crew?
17 Yes. Was it documented? Yes. That's all I
18 can say.

19 [REDACTED]: So yeah, you agree with
20 his decision, it was okay?

21 [REDACTED]: He made a decision.

22 [REDACTED]: Absolutely.

23 [REDACTED]: You know?

24 [REDACTED]: Okay.

25 [REDACTED]: All right?

1 [REDACTED]: Anything else you want to
2 add before we turn this thing off?

3 [REDACTED]: Naw.

4 [REDACTED]: All right. It is
5 currently 8:06 p.m. on Tuesday, June 15, 2021.
6 This is Senior Special Agent [REDACTED]
7 and I am turning off the recorder.

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