

MEMORANDUM OF INVESTIGATION

Case Number:	Reporting Office:
2019-010614	Boston Area Office

Interview of Michael Thomas

On June 17, 2021, Senior Special Agent [REDACTED] and Special Agent [REDACTED], U.S. Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General (OIG), conducted a voluntary interview of Material Handler Specialist Michael Thomas, Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP), Metropolitan Correctional Center (MCC) New York, New York, within the Law Offices of Montel Figgins located at [REDACTED], Newark, New Jersey. Attorney [REDACTED], from the Law Offices of Montel Figgins, and Correctional Systems Officer [REDACTED], BOP, MCC New York, who identified himself as Thomas's Union Representative and the President of Local 3148, were also present for the interview and served as Thomas's legal and BOP representatives. Attorney Montel Figgins was present via telephone for a portion of the interview and also served as Thomas's legal representative. The interview was conducted in reference to an official OIG investigation surrounding the death of BOP inmate Jeffrey Epstein, Register Number 76318-054, who was previously housed at the MCC New York. Thomas was an MCC New York staff member assigned to the MCC New York Special Housing Unit on August 10, 2019, the day Epstein was found unresponsive within his cell at the MCC New York. The interview was recorded, and the recording has been transcribed. The interview transcript and documents discussed with Thomas during the interview are attached to this report. The audio recorded interview has been saved separately to the case file due to its large file size.

Attachments:

1. Transcribed interview of the recorded interview of Thomas conducted on June 17, 2021
2. OIG Warnings and Assurances Form signed by Thomas dated June 17, 2021
3. OIG Advisory to Union Representative Form dated June 17, 2021
4. Michael Thomas Training History
5. MCC New York FY 2019 Annual Training Schedule
6. MCC New York FY 2019 Annual Training Sign-In Sheet
7. Michael Thomas Daily Assignments
8. Email from [REDACTED] dated July 30, 2019
9. MCC New York Daily Assignment Roster from August 9, 2019
10. MCC New York Daily Assignment Roster from August 10, 2019
11. MCC New York SHU 30 Minute Round Sheet from August 10, 2019
12. MCC New York Count documentation from August 10, 2019, at 12 a.m.
13. MCC New York Count documentation from August 10, 2019, at 3 a.m.

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14. MCC New York Count documentation from August 10, 2019, at 5 a.m.
15. MCC New York SHU Map
16. Pictures of Epstein's MCC New York cell
17. MCC New York Post Orders