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APPEARANCES:

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

BY: [REDACTED]

BY: [REDACTED]

WITNESS:

[REDACTED]

OTHER APPEARANCES:

NONE

1 [REDACTED]: This is Special Agent [REDACTED]  
2 [REDACTED]. The recorder is now on. My name is  
3 [REDACTED]. I'm a Special Agent with the  
4 U.S. Department of Justice Office of the  
5 Inspector General New York Field Office and  
6 these are my credentials. I don't know if you  
7 can see it, [REDACTED].

8 [REDACTED]: I could see.

9 [REDACTED]: Okay. This interview with  
10 former Federal Bureau of Prisons employee  
11 [REDACTED] is being conducted as part of an  
12 official U.S. Department of Justice Office of  
13 the Inspector General investigation. Today's  
14 date is March 21, 2022. The time is 11:08 a.m.  
15 This interview is being conducted via Zoom  
16 videoconferencing as, [REDACTED], you're  
17 currently in Kentucky; is that accurate?

18 [REDACTED]: Correct.

19 [REDACTED]: Also present is DOJ/OIG  
20 Assistant Special Agent in Charge [REDACTED]  
21 [REDACTED]. This interview will be recorded by  
22 me, Special Agent [REDACTED]. Could  
23 everyone please identify themselves for the  
24 record and spell your last name? To start  
25 again, I am DOJ/OIG Special Agent [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED]. That's [REDACTED].

2 [REDACTED]: I am Assistant Special  
3 Agent in Charge [REDACTED] with the  
4 DOJ/OIG, [REDACTED], and these are my  
5 credentials.

6 [REDACTED]: Received.

7 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], can you please  
8 identify yourself and spell your last name for  
9 the record?

10 [REDACTED]: Yeah, my name is [REDACTED]  
11 [REDACTED], [REDACTED]. I am a Junior on some  
12 documents, and I am a former employee of the  
13 DOJ Federal Bureau of Prisons and particular to  
14 this matter MCC New York.

15 [REDACTED]: Thank you. This is an  
16 official DOJ/OIG investigation into the events  
17 surrounding the death of Inmate Jeffrey Epstein  
18 and you're being asked to voluntarily provide  
19 answers to our questions. Will you agree to a  
20 voluntary interview with the DOJ/OIG?

21 [REDACTED]: Yes.

22 [REDACTED]: Just for the record I did  
23 email you two forms prior to this interview,  
24 one was OIG Form 3-226-2, that is the Warnings  
25 and Assurances. And the other form is OIG Form

1           3-226/10A, which would be the Non-Disclosure  
2           Agreement, and you signed - you read both of  
3           them, signed them, but for the record I'm going  
4           to read them to you and let's start off with  
5           the Warnings and Assurances form.

6                   The United - the form states: The United  
7           States Department of Justice Office of  
8           Inspector General Warnings and Assurances to  
9           Employee Requested to Provide Information on a  
10          Voluntary Basis. You are being asked to  
11          provide information as part of an investigation  
12          being conducted by the Office of the Inspector  
13          General.

14                   This investigation is being conducted  
15          pursuant to the Inspector General Act of 1978  
16          as amended. This investigation pertains to job  
17          performance failure and security failure. This  
18          is a voluntary interview. Accordingly, you do  
19          not have to answer questions. No disciplinary  
20          action will be taken against you if you choose  
21          not to answer questions. Any statement you  
22          wish to - you furnish may be used as evidence  
23          in any future criminal proceedings or agency  
24          disciplinary proceeding or both.

25                   The waiver states I understand the

1 warnings and assurances stated above and I am  
2 willing to make a statement and answer  
3 questions. No promises or threats have been  
4 made to and no pressure or coercion of any kind  
5 has been used against me.

6 [REDACTED], you've read the form?

7 [REDACTED]: Yes, I have.

8 [REDACTED]: You understand the form and  
9 you agree to move forward with the interview?

10 [REDACTED]: Yes, I do.

11 [REDACTED]: And you've already signed the  
12 form and you sent it back to me and myself and  
13 --

14 [REDACTED]: (Indiscernible \*00:03:43).

15 [REDACTED]: -- ASAC [REDACTED] will sign  
16 the document after the interview. The second  
17 form states: Department of Justice Office of  
18 Inspector General Non-Disclosure Agreement. I,  
19 Jeff [REDACTED], understand that the Department of  
20 Justice Office of Inspector General OIG will  
21 allow me to review certain documents in  
22 connection with my remote interview with the  
23 OIG on March 21, 2022, in order to facilitate  
24 that remote interview. A copy of the documents  
25 shown to me during my interview with the OIG

1           labeled OIG Documents will be made part of the  
2           OIG record of that interview.

3           As a condition of being granted access to  
4           review the OIG interview documents, I agree not  
5           to make an audio or video recording of the  
6           interview, excuse me, and I also agree that  
7           until the OIG's final report or a summary of  
8           the final report is released to the public I  
9           will not copy, photograph, discuss, or disclose  
10          any information from or about the OIG interview  
11          documents I review to anyone other than the  
12          OIG, my attorney if I have legal counsel who  
13          also executes a non-disclosure agreement with  
14          terms similar to this agreement, or other  
15          specifically authorized by the OIG after any  
16          such person executes a non-disclosure agreement  
17          with terms similar to this agreement.

18          I further agree that even after the OIG's  
19          final report or a summary of the final report  
20          is released to the public I will not discuss or  
21          disclose any information from or about the OIG  
22          interview documents that are not contained in  
23          or that are redacted from the publicly released  
24          final report or summary of the final report.

25          These provisions are consistent with and

1 do not supersede, conflict with, or otherwise  
2 alter the employee obligations, rights, or  
3 liabilities created by existing statute or  
4 Executive order relating to (1) classified  
5 information, (2) communications to Congress,  
6 (3) the reporting to an Inspector General or  
7 the Office of Special Counsel of a violation of  
8 any law, rule, or regulation, or mismanagement,  
9 a gross waste of funds, an abuse of authority,  
10 or a substantial and specific danger to public  
11 health or safety, or (4) any other  
12 whistleblower protection. The definitions,  
13 requirements, obligations, rights, sanctions,  
14 and liabilities created by controlling  
15 Executive order and statutory provisions are  
16 incorporate into this agreement and are  
17 controlling.

18 [REDACTED], do you understand that non-  
19 disclosure order?

20 [REDACTED]: I do.

21 [REDACTED]: And you already read the  
22 document, you signed it, and you've dated it.  
23 Thank you for that.

24 [REDACTED]: You're welcome.

25 [REDACTED]: Before I start the interview

1 I would like to place you under oath. Mr.  
2 [REDACTED], can you please raise your right hand?  
3 Do you swear to tell the truth and nothing but  
4 the truth during this interview?

5 [REDACTED]: I do.

6 [REDACTED]: Thank you. You can put your  
7 hand down. Please let me know if you do not -  
8 if you don't understand any questions and I'll  
9 try to repeat it or rephrase it for you.

10 [REDACTED]: Sure.

11 [REDACTED]: So we'll start with your  
12 background. What is your current home address?

13 [REDACTED]: My current home address is  
14 [REDACTED] and that's in  
15 [REDACTED], Kentucky [REDACTED]

16 [REDACTED]: What is your date of birth?

17 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED].

18 [REDACTED]: And what's your Social  
19 Security Number?

20 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED].

21 [REDACTED]: Thank you. What is your  
22 current cellphone number?

23 [REDACTED]: Area code [REDACTED].

24 [REDACTED]: Okay. What's your current -  
25 what's your highest level of education?

1 [REDACTED]: Currently in college still  
2 pursuing a bachelor's degree.

3 [REDACTED]: Which college?

4 [REDACTED]: Probably about a semester ago  
5 I was in Champlain College all online out of  
6 Burlington, Vermont, and I just recently  
7 transferred Gateway Community Technical College  
8 right here in my hometown of Kentucky.

9 [REDACTED]: And what are you pursuing  
10 your bachelor's degree in?

11 [REDACTED]: (Indiscernible \*00:07:52),  
12 yeah.

13 [REDACTED]: Do you have an associate's  
14 degree?

15 [REDACTED]: Credit wise, yes, but  
16 formerly, no.

17 [REDACTED]: And what did you do prior to  
18 working for the BOP?

19 [REDACTED]: Prior to the BOP I was a  
20 truck driver delivering fuel, oil, and stuff  
21 like that. And prior to that I was down in  
22 North Carolina where I was a correctional  
23 officer for the State of North Carolina, which  
24 is what got me my job into the BOP, my  
25 experience.

1           ██████████: Okay. So from - since high  
2 school - from high school you started working  
3 for the North Carolina BOP or did you do other  
4 jobs before that?

5           ██████████: Oh, from high school I --.

6           ██████████: Various jobs?

7           ██████████: Man of many - I - man of many  
8 trades. I can't even count how many jobs I've  
9 had, but my main career out of everything was  
10 truck driving. I was pretty much a truck  
11 driver. I drove all kinds of trucks and stuff  
12 like that. Then when I met my current wife  
13 back in '08 we had moved to North Carolina to  
14 be by her family and that's when I acquired a  
15 job with the North Carolina Department of  
16 Corrections, and then I was down there for two  
17 years and did that.

18                   We moved back to New York, which is where  
19 I went back to driving truck again while I was  
20 in the hiring process for the Bureau of  
21 Prisons. And then I ended up getting hired  
22 with the Bureau of Prisons in November of 2011,  
23 and I started at MDC Brooklyn.

24           ██████████: How long were you at MDC  
25 Brooklyn for?

1 [REDACTED]: Right around two years and  
2 then I transferred down to FCI Estill in South  
3 Carolina, and I was there for about two years  
4 or so, got promoted to General Foreman and  
5 transferred out to FCC Hazelton, which is a  
6 complex out in West Virginia, Bruceton Mills,  
7 and I did a little over a year there and came  
8 out to MCC New York in December of 2016 is when  
9 I got to New York.

10 [REDACTED]: Was that your first --?

11 [REDACTED]: Basically, worked - what's  
12 that?

13 [REDACTED]: Sorry. Was that your first  
14 time at MCC?

15 [REDACTED]: Yes. Yep.

16 [REDACTED]: Okay. Go ahead.

17 [REDACTED]: I worked at all three - the  
18 worst three prisons in the Bureau of Prisons.

19 [REDACTED]: So with the BOP, once you got  
20 to MCC in 2016 is that where you spent the rest  
21 of your career with BOP at MCC?

22 [REDACTED]: It was. I was there - I got  
23 there in December of 2016, I think it was right  
24 before Christmas and my last day on the job was  
25 Valentine's Day of 2019.

1 [REDACTED]: Okay.

2 [REDACTED]: And I was there for that  
3 amount of time as a General Foreman.

4 [REDACTED]: You --.

5 [REDACTED]: (Indiscernible \*00:10:58)  
6 was that February 14, 2019?

7 [REDACTED]: That's correct.

8 [REDACTED]: Okay. Thank you.

9 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

10 [REDACTED]: Do you recall your EOD date  
11 with the BOP, exact date by any chance?

12 [REDACTED]: Yeah, November 6, 2011.

13 [REDACTED]: Okay. And when did you  
14 graduate from BOP training?

15 [REDACTED]: I would have to look that up.

16 [REDACTED]: It's okay. If you don't  
17 remember it, don't worry about that. We just -  
18 it's generic question we ask.

19 [REDACTED]: I was there for Super Bowl,  
20 so if I got hired in November and I was in  
21 Glynco for Super Bowl, I would say it had to  
22 have been February of '20. No, I'm sorry, '12,  
23 2012, yeah.

24 [REDACTED]: So when you started with the  
25 MCC you said you were a general foreman and

1           that was your position up until when you  
2           separated from the MCC in February 14, 2019?

3           ██████████: Correct.

4           ██████████: Okay. And what is your -  
5           after you left MCC, what is your current title  
6           and what agency do you work for?

7           ██████████: I currently work for the  
8           General Services Administration Public Building  
9           Services, and I am a Building Manager.

10          ██████████: Okay. While you were at the  
11          MCC as a general foreman, was that your title  
12          in 2018 and 2019?

13          ██████████: General foreman was the  
14          internal kind of phrase. I think the position  
15          title officially OPM was Maintenance Mechanic  
16          Supervisor.

17          ██████████: Hold on, let me write that.

18          ██████████: And I was WS-4749, Grade 14,  
19          Step Five.

20          ██████████: So official title is  
21          Maintenance Mechanic Supervisor?

22          ██████████: Correct.

23          ██████████: And who did you report to?

24          ██████████: The facility manager.

25          ██████████: Who was the facility manager

1 at that point?

2 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

3 [REDACTED]: And when did Mr. [REDACTED] - my  
4 understanding is Mr. [REDACTED] retired from MCC.  
5 When did he - according to your recollection,  
6 when did he retire from the MCC?

7 [REDACTED]: I would probably have to say  
8 - I don't know the exact dates because his exit  
9 was kind of unique. He didn't actually  
10 initially retire; he went out on some kind of  
11 other type of leave and eventually it's to my  
12 understanding he ended up retiring. But when  
13 he had went out all communication stopped with  
14 everybody with him. Nobody - he never kept in  
15 touch with anybody. He never reached out. But  
16 --

17 [REDACTED]: When was that?

18 [REDACTED]: -- I really don't know what -  
19 hey, I don't know his exact date, but I would  
20 probably want to say that I was there for  
21 almost maybe just under or right around or  
22 another year after he had left. I don't think  
23 it was that much because there was several  
24 other people locally that had filled in  
25 including me for his position.

1           ██████████: So you recall that other  
2 people filled in his position while he was gone  
3 while you were still there?

4           ██████████: Correct.

5           ██████████: Okay. So do you believe he  
6 left in 2019 or 2018?

7           ██████████: I really honestly couldn't  
8 tell you. I do remember --.

9           ██████████: I think what ██████████ is  
10 trying to ask is not his official retirement  
11 date but around when did he leave the MCC and  
12 communication with him stopped. I think you  
13 said --

14          ██████████: Yes.

15          ██████████: -- it was approximately a  
16 year before you left?

17          ██████████: Yeah. The only thing I can  
18 tell you - I don't really know the dates. The  
19 only thing I know from what I recall is Mr.  
20 ██████████ had just went to Denver, Colorado, for  
21 some kind of facilities manager conference  
22 training and he had never returned back to the  
23 institution once he went to that training or  
24 conference or whatever it was. It had  
25 something to do with facility managers all

1           going out there. And all I know is that when  
2           he went out there, he went there for a week or  
3           so, and he never returned to the institution  
4           after that.

5           ██████████: Okay.

6           ██████████: It was (Indiscernible  
7           \*00:15:24) --.

8           ██████████: Do you know why he left,  
9           what happened?

10          ██████████: I have no idea. I have no  
11          idea. I couldn't tell you. I mean, there was  
12          a lot of rumors, but I just know that when he  
13          went to that training, it was like he went home  
14          after that. He never came back to the  
15          institution or that conference, whatever.

16          ██████████: Now, do you know if it  
17          was personal reasons, medical, or  
18          administrative?

19          ██████████: I have no idea why he didn't  
20          come back although he did make medical issues  
21          known to us on the job, that he had some  
22          medical issues.

23          ██████████: Okay. And you said a few  
24          people filled in the position. So his title  
25          you said was Facility Manager, right? And

1           what, was he your direct supervisor?

2           ██████████: He was, yep.

3           ██████████: Okay. And who does the  
4 facility manager report to?

5           ██████████: The Associate Warden of  
6 Operations.

7           ██████████: And who was Associate Warden  
8 of Operations in end of 2018 if you recall?

9           ██████████: So we had three in the time  
10 that I was there, and I believe ██████████ worked  
11 under all three of them. So there was ██████████  
12 ██████████, ██████████, and then the last  
13 one that was there prior to me leaving was  
14 ██████████ or ██████████. They called him ██████████,  
15 but I believe his real name was ██████████.

16          ██████████: ██████████, okay.

17          ██████████: All three of them had  
18 performed - they were the AWO they call it, AW  
19 of Operations, which oversaw the Facilities  
20 Department, and that's who the facility manager  
21 directly reported to.

22          ██████████: Okay. And when Mr. ██████████  
23 left the MCC and that's not when he retired  
24 (Indiscernible \*00:17:19) this is when he  
25 stepped away for leave purposes, do you recall

1 who took over for him initially?

2 [REDACTED]: Yeah. So the warden at the  
3 time which I can't remember which one it was  
4 because there was so much staff that came and  
5 went throughout this whole thing, that one time  
6 it was the executive assistant who was told to  
7 oversee the department, and then at another  
8 time the AW oversaw the department.

9 [REDACTED]: When you say "executive  
10 assistant" --

11 [REDACTED]: (Indiscernible \*00:17:56).

12 [REDACTED]: -- who was that?

13 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED] (Phonetic Sp.  
14 \*00:17:59).

15 [REDACTED]: So he oversaw it for a little  
16 bit?

17 [REDACTED]: He did, yes.

18 [REDACTED]: Okay. And then who was the  
19 next person?

20 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], [REDACTED] "[REDACTED]"  
21 [REDACTED]. He was told to oversee it. And then  
22 there was a little bit of a stint where, you  
23 know, I could just informally absorbed a lot of  
24 his job duties just to get the department  
25 functioning, but I was never actually promoted

1 or paid or anything like that that actually - I  
2 was never formally designated as acting or  
3 anything like that, I just had to do some of  
4 the facility manager functions in order to have  
5 the department operational.

6 So I would get my go-ahead for - to do  
7 those functions. They would - they oversaw it  
8 or approved by either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]  
9 at the time.

10 [REDACTED]: So they gave you the go-ahead  
11 and you went ahead and completed the functions.  
12 Do you recall when exactly this time period was  
13 when you acted?

14 [REDACTED]: I wasn't really designate -  
15 I wasn't really acting, I was just - if I had  
16 to do - if I had to get something done that a  
17 facility manager would normally have to do, I  
18 would just go to the - whatever time period it  
19 was, if [REDACTED] was over the department or if  
20 [REDACTED] was over the department, I would  
21 have to go to them and say, "Hey, listen, can I  
22 go ahead and do this? Can you give me the  
23 approval, sign off on it?" and then I would  
24 actually do the act.

25 [REDACTED]: Okay. Bear with me a second.

1           Let's see. Maybe this might help -- I have a  
2           SigNet contract here, right? And it's multiple  
3           questions will be on the SigNet contract --

4           ██████████: Yeah.

5           ██████████: -- and bear with me. I'm  
6           going to see if I can share my screen here.  
7           This document that I'm showing you, can you see  
8           it?

9           ██████████: No.

10          ██████████: Why is this - how about now?

11          ██████████: I got something coming up.

12          Yep, I could see it.

13          ██████████: Okay. So this document that  
14          I'm showing you is - it says, "MCC New York."  
15          It says, "Solicitation Contract Order for  
16          Commercial Items Offered to Complete Blocks 12,  
17          17, 23, 24, and 30."

18          ██████████: Yep.

19          ██████████: And it says, "Requisition  
20          Number 1064-18."

21          ██████████: Yep.

22          ██████████: This is just for the record.  
23          I'm just reading it, just the top part, so we  
24          know which document this is. The Contract  
25          Number states GS-07F as in Frank-0322T, and the

1 Award Effective Date is 09/21/2018. Do you  
2 recall --

3 [REDACTED]: Okay.

4 [REDACTED]: -- this document at all?

5 [REDACTED]: I don't see that document,  
6 no.

7 [REDACTED]: See over here.

8 [REDACTED]: But it's not under the  
9 facility manager one. I don't recall ever  
10 putting my eyes on the document.

11 [REDACTED]: This is part - Section 15.  
12 You see over here?

13 [REDACTED]: Correct.

14 [REDACTED]: And it's - it's says  
15 "Delivered to Federal Bureau of Prisons MCC New  
16 York" and lists you as a point of contact.

17 [REDACTED]: Correct.

18 [REDACTED]: Now, if we scroll down a bit.

19 [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

20 [REDACTED]: We're going to scroll down to  
21 Page 6 on this document.

22 [REDACTED]: Correct.

23 [REDACTED]: It lists you as the  
24 facilities manager. Does this jog your memory  
25 at all?

1 [REDACTED]: I do. I was always - when  
2 [REDACTED] had left, I was pretty much assumed the  
3 facilities manager. Like I said, I was never  
4 formally promoted or even temporarily entered  
5 that position, nor was I ever designated as  
6 acting. So the fact that that says facility  
7 manager, I don't know why or who put that there  
8 because I was always a general foreman. I was  
9 never, ever in the role of a facility or with  
10 (Indiscernible \*00:22:26) title, whether  
11 temporary or permanent, was never a facility  
12 manager.

13 [REDACTED]: Okay.

14 [REDACTED]:

15 [REDACTED]:

16 [REDACTED]: I was never even formally  
17 designated as acting, they just pretty much  
18 said, "There's no facility manager, Jeff is  
19 next in the chain of command," so they just  
20 referred to me as it. That's what I'm assuming  
21 whoever typed this up.

22 [REDACTED]: I know it's been about three,  
23 four years. I know it's kind of tough  
24 remembering some of this stuff, that's why we  
25 trying to pull - we try to pull documents where

1 we believe it could help you.

2 [REDACTED]: Right.

3 [REDACTED]: I know we have an email. I  
4 don't know if this will help a little bit too.  
5 This email right here, it says "Regarding  
6 forward cameras from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]  
7 [REDACTED] (Phonetic Sp. \*00:23:06)." Who is that?

8 [REDACTED]: He was, I believe, the  
9 supervisor of the SIS Department at the time.

10 [REDACTED]: And was --.

11 [REDACTED]: He was like the lead SIS  
12 investigator.

13 [REDACTED]: Okay. And then we have  
14 [REDACTED], who is that?

15 [REDACTED]: He was a communications  
16 technician that I supervised in the Facilities  
17 Department.

18 [REDACTED]: And we have [REDACTED]. Was  
19 that the executive assistant that you mentioned  
20 before?

21 [REDACTED]: Oh, correct, yep.

22 [REDACTED]: And this is dated January 4,  
23 2019.

24 [REDACTED]: Correct, yep.

25 [REDACTED]: And we'll go through the

1 email, but it says on the bottom, it says Jeff  
2 [REDACTED]. Is that - that's your signature, CESCO  
3 General Foreman-Acting Facility Manager?

4 [REDACTED]: Correct.

5 [REDACTED]: So I know this is in January  
6 4<sup>th</sup>. I know you mentioned you were always under  
7 the title of General Foreman, but you were also  
8 not officially acting, but you were still doing  
9 the job. Does that help at all jog your  
10 memory?

11 [REDACTED]: Right. So an email went out  
12 by the AW telling all the department heads that  
13 when [REDACTED] had left that I would be running  
14 the Facilities Department until a replacement  
15 was found, hence why I would assume the acting  
16 part went into my signature line.

17 [REDACTED]: Got it. And do you know when  
18 this email went out?

19 [REDACTED]: That looks like a month  
20 before I left according to the date.

21 [REDACTED]: No, no, I meant - you said  
22 there was an email that went out saying - from  
23 the AW saying that you would be acting --.

24 [REDACTED]: Oh. Oh, yeah, I don't - I  
25 couldn't - it'd have to have been - it was

1           shortly after - it might have even been from  
2           the warden if I'm not mistaken, which was  
3           ██████████, because I remember whatever happened  
4           with ██████████ down in Colorado and why he didn't  
5           come back I remember that the Warden ██████████  
6           was very, very upset with whatever was going  
7           on, and I just remember somebody, I can't  
8           recall exactly who - ██████████ came down to the  
9           office, to my office, and spoke to me  
10          personally and told me that he would like me to  
11          just hold things down until they figure out  
12          things, what was going to happen with ██████████,  
13          and see what was going to happen.

14                 And then I remember an email going out  
15          telling all department heads that I would be -  
16          to see me for any facilities-related issues --

17          ██████████: Okay.

18          ██████████: -- because ██████████ was no  
19          longer there.

20          ██████████: Okay. So according to this  
21          you were acting facility manager, but you were  
22          general foreman, but you were acting at this  
23          point. And so, on record is it possible from  
24          the time that when Warden assigned you the  
25          title to when you left were you the acting

1 facilities manager - facility manager?

2 [REDACTED]: So I don't - I would -  
3 definitely not up until the time I left because  
4 there was some butting of heads between me and  
5 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] at times where they  
6 overrode a lot of decisions that I made that  
7 I'm normally supposed to make underneath my  
8 title. So --

9 [REDACTED]: Can you give us an example?

10 [REDACTED]: -- at the very, very end I  
11 believe [REDACTED] at the time was running the  
12 department for the most part at the time that I  
13 left. So it wasn't the whole entire time, it  
14 was very sporadic. It was just constant change  
15 of roles and responsibilities and - but I was  
16 definitely at one point - like I said, it was  
17 like a - it was just like an informal internal,  
18 "Hey, this is Jeff. He's going to be the  
19 facility manager until we figure out what's  
20 going on," and they fill the position, which  
21 they had not since I walked out the door.

22 [REDACTED]: So basically - my  
23 understanding from what you're saying is on --.

24 [REDACTED]: But I guess what you would  
25 say is during this time period I would be the

1           guy who would have - if anybody had any  
2           questions or concerns involving this contract,  
3           they would had to have I guess come to me,  
4           yeah.

5           ██████████: Okay. Now, do you remember -  
6           I know you mentioned that the (Indiscernible  
7           \*00:27:37). Tell me, do you recall if there  
8           was an update or upgrade of the camera system  
9           going on in - at the MCC in 2018 or '19?

10          ██████████: Prior to this right here?

11          ██████████: Well, (Indiscernible  
12          \*00:27:53) this document for a second. Give me  
13          - hold on, let me see. We'll come back to that  
14          document. Do you recall in general was there  
15          an upgrade happening at the MCC for the camera  
16          system?

17          ██████████: There was an upgrade that  
18          started with ██████████ ██████████.

19          ██████████: Okay.

20          ██████████: There was - from what I  
21          understand there was camera issues well - going  
22          way back well before I even got there, long  
23          before ██████████ even got there. They had  
24          recorder and decoder issues. There was a whole  
25          slew of things and I would assume - I would

1           imagine it was probably due to the age of the  
2           institution and there was very little  
3           infrastructure upgrades and updating and stuff  
4           like that. But I remember prior to, you know,  
5           me inheriting what [REDACTED] started, there was  
6           all kind of issues with the cameras from what I  
7           heard from internal communications and stuff  
8           like that.

9           So [REDACTED] started this program, this  
10          project, at the request of higherups. I don't  
11          really know the backdrop on that, that was in  
12          between them. And then I really did not get  
13          involved with it at all until he never came  
14          back to work. He dropped off and then I just  
15          picked up after him.

16          [REDACTED]: I kind of missed a key point  
17          I wanted to ask. So as a - can you  
18          differentiate the job duties between a facility  
19          manager and the general foreman?

20          [REDACTED]: So basically, the facility  
21          manager they keep track of the budget. They  
22          authorize expenditures. They obviously  
23          supervise me, and then I in turn supervise the  
24          subordinate staff, the wage grade trade guys.  
25          But basically, he handled the approval of

1 projects, you know, submitted approvals for  
2 projects. He did, like, the five- and 10-year  
3 plans for the facility, authorized all the  
4 expenditures. He went ahead and sat in on all  
5 the department head meetings to give executive  
6 staff briefings on what's going on in the  
7 department, progress reports, stuff like that.  
8 Listen to any concerns that they would have and  
9 then he brings it back to us.

10 And in my job, my main job by title is  
11 literally - I was in charge of supervising,  
12 monitoring, and then the wage grade guys that  
13 were below me because I was also wage grade.  
14 The facility manager is a GS employee. I was a  
15 WS employee just like the rest of the trade  
16 guys. And my job was basically to supervise  
17 them guys, assign them work, make sure they  
18 were coming and going in the facility with the  
19 inmates, make sure that they were handling  
20 their tools and all that other stuff. I did  
21 their performance evaluations and all that  
22 other stuff. And the facility manager pretty  
23 much did all that on me.

24 So he was my supervisor. He would  
25 evaluate me, you know, keep track of my time

1           and all that other stuff. And that's pretty  
2           much it.

3           ██████████: Who were some of the  
4           employees that reported to you? You said the  
5           wage employees. Who were the employees that  
6           reported to you?

7           ██████████: In the Facility Department it  
8           was the trade specific wage guys, so you had  
9           the communications technicians, engineering  
10          technicians, carpenters, plumbers,  
11          electricians, HVAC guys. And then each one of  
12          those tradesmen have a (Indiscernible  
13          \*00:31:39) of inmates that work for them, so I  
14          would go ahead - work orders would come in from  
15          all departments, you know, requests, "Hey, can  
16          you change a light bulb? Can you unclog the  
17          toilet here?" I would give that work order to  
18          the appropriate trade guy and then he would  
19          take his group of inmates and go out into the  
20          institution and fix it and close out the work  
21          order, report back to me.

22          ██████████: Okay. Agent ██████████, any  
23          questions on that before I move forward with  
24          the contracts?

25          ██████████: Yes, I'm just writing

1 down some follow-up questions. So just - can  
2 you just clarify again, when were you actually  
3 the acting facilities manager?

4 [REDACTED]: It was whenever they wanted  
5 me to be basically. It was sporadic and on and  
6 off, so --.

7 [REDACTED]: Yeah. I got it. You  
8 said, like, when [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] departed  
9 they put out an email and then we saw an email  
10 that was from January of 2019 that said that  
11 you were acting facilities manager but then you  
12 said you weren't.

13 [REDACTED]: Well, it was in my signature  
14 line the acting facility manager, so I think it  
15 was just never - I think I rolled with that  
16 since [REDACTED] left. I think that acting part  
17 just stayed in the signature line. But there  
18 was --.

19 [REDACTED]: After they made the  
20 notification that you were the acting facility  
21 manager, did they ever tell you that you were  
22 not the acting facility manager?

23 [REDACTED]: Yeah, that's why I was saying  
24 it was - I bumped heads with executive staff  
25 sometimes because I thought a lot of the

1 decisions that they were making weren't in the  
2 best interest of the facility at the time. And  
3 when I say that I mean, like, infrastructure  
4 stuff, you know. And I kind of like - they  
5 didn't like the way I prioritized certain  
6 things within the department.

7 So there was some conflicts every now and  
8 again and that's why the warden would go ahead  
9 and say, "Okay. Hey, [REDACTED], you know what,  
10 you're overseeing the Facilities Department  
11 now. Have Jeff report to you." And then they  
12 also did the same thing with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] at one  
13 point where he came in, which was right around  
14 the [REDACTED] thing and where he was told that he  
15 was going to go ahead and - so they were like  
16 dual role. They were pretty much - your  
17 executive assistant and the facility manager  
18 and then your AWO and the facility manager.

19 [REDACTED]: So were you still the  
20 acting facility manager and they were just  
21 overseeing what you were doing to make sure  
22 that in your acting capacity you're doing it  
23 right? Or they --.

24 [REDACTED]: That's up to interpretation.  
25 I didn't have any decision-making power. It

1 had to all go through them --

2 [REDACTED]: But --.

3 [REDACTED]: -- while (Indiscernible  
4 \*00:34:33).

5 [REDACTED]: But at least in your  
6 signature line you maintained the acting  
7 facility manager?

8 [REDACTED]: I guess. I guess I just  
9 never took it out, yeah. But --.

10 [REDACTED]: But was there ever  
11 anything official that went out, like there was  
12 an official email saying you're the acting  
13 facility manager. Was there ever anything that  
14 said you're no longer the acting facility  
15 manager or - you know what I'm saying, like --?

16 [REDACTED]: Yeah, no, not to my knowledge  
17 there was - because there was talks because  
18 they were dragging on the hiring of a  
19 replacement facility manager because [REDACTED]  
20 case, whatever he had going on on his personal  
21 side with the Bureau they couldn't fill the job  
22 until they finalized what was happening with  
23 him. They needed like, I guess, an end date or  
24 something like that. They needed to know when  
25 [REDACTED] was falling off the books in order for

1           them to re-post the job.

2           So there was never - it went on for so  
3 long. Like I said, it was from the point that  
4 I had walked out the door there in February of  
5 '19 there was still no facility manager there.  
6 And I also know at the time that I walked out I  
7 may have not took the word "acting" out of my  
8 signature line, but I know I wasn't acting at  
9 that time that I had left per se.

10           And I don't recall ever an official email  
11 going out saying where I was acting. I  
12 remember an email going out saying to all  
13 department heads that [REDACTED] was no longer  
14 around and if anybody needed anything from the  
15 facilities department to see me.

16           [REDACTED]: Now, were you --.

17           [REDACTED]: (Indiscernible \*00:36:07).

18           [REDACTED]: Through the whole time  
19 were you a part of these meetings that you said  
20 that the facility manager would be a part of?

21           [REDACTED]: Some of them, yes, I was.

22           Yep.

23           [REDACTED]: So until the time you  
24 left you still were sitting in the meeting the  
25 facility manager would sit in then?

1           ██████████: I was even in those meetings  
2 when the facility manager was there. We all  
3 sat in together.

4           ██████████: Now, would you have been  
5 sitting in those meetings if you were just the  
6 general foreman?

7           ██████████: At his request if he wanted  
8 me to or even if one of the executive staff  
9 wanted me there. It all depends on what they  
10 would have discussed at that time.

11          ██████████: Did you (Indiscernible  
12 \*00:36:44) --?

13          ██████████: He could choose. So the --

14          ██████████: (Indiscernible  
15 \*00:36:45).

16          ██████████: -- facility manager could  
17 choose to have me there, or he could say, "I  
18 got this. Don't worry about, you don't got to  
19 come."

20          ██████████: So when you were - at  
21 least, you know, from the time ██████████ left  
22 until February, were you automatically assumed  
23 to be in those meetings or you'd have to be  
24 invited to each individual one?

25          ██████████: It's kind of like both. I

1 expected myself to be there because somebody  
2 had to represent the department in there, but  
3 they also put out a roll call sheet prior to  
4 those meetings and if I saw my name on it, I  
5 went.

6 [REDACTED]: And was your name  
7 (Indiscernible \*00:37:21)?

8 [REDACTED]: Not always, no.

9 [REDACTED]: Okay. No, I'm just  
10 trying to get behind were you acting and then  
11 you just had someone overseeing you or - yeah,  
12 I'm just trying to figure out how because we're  
13 --.

14 [REDACTED]: I always had somebody  
15 overseeing me, always.

16 [REDACTED]: Right.

17 [REDACTED]: Because even the facility  
18 manager had somebody overseeing him, so  
19 (Indiscernible \*00:37:39).

20 [REDACTED]: But if you were going to  
21 write your resume would you say that you were  
22 acting a facility manager for that time?

23 [REDACTED]: No, because it wasn't  
24 official.

25 [REDACTED]: (Indiscernible

1           \*00:37:49).

2           ██████████: Well, I --.

3           ██████████: I'd say that was  
4           official.

5           ██████████: I don't know what an official  
6           is really.

7           ██████████: Yeah.

8           ██████████: I couldn't be honest with  
9           you.

10          ██████████: No, if you're acting, if  
11          they sent out an email, I would say that's  
12          pretty official saying that you're the acting  
13          facility manager and you could put it in your  
14          signature line. I mean, there's not like --.

15          ██████████: I would normally and I  
16          thought so, but I also found out also that if  
17          you're, like, you know, not temporarily  
18          promoted into it and stuff like that and you're  
19          not getting paid to do the job - but like I  
20          said, I do remember emails going out, I just  
21          cannot recall if the word "acting" was put into  
22          it or not and if the word "acting" was in it,  
23          but I don't know if I ever recall that or not.

24                 I mean, there was several times where it  
25          would go out because ██████████ called in sick or

1 he went on vacation. I just don't recall if it  
2 was ever done when he went off permanently. I  
3 don't know if that was ever --.

4 [REDACTED]: Would it be a fair  
5 statement for us to say that you were acting  
6 facility manager with oversight? Would that be  
7 a fair --?

8 [REDACTED]: I --.

9 [REDACTED]: Or just tell --.

10 [REDACTED]: I guess so.

11 [REDACTED]: We just have to document  
12 it in our reports of, like, you know, what this  
13 person's role was from this time to this time.  
14 So in order for us to be clear, I want to make  
15 sure that we're not writing something that's  
16 inaccurate. It's nothing --

17 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

18 [REDACTED]: -- to do with, like,  
19 you're, you know - you know, this is just for  
20 our report writing purposes we can say, you  
21 know, "[REDACTED] went out, you were the acting  
22 facility manager from this date until, you  
23 know, February 2019, and then, you know, you  
24 clarify that you had oversight from the  
25 executive staff in your position and were

1           limited with your facility manager decision  
2           making ability." Would that be fair?

3           ██████████: Right, because if regardless  
4           of whether I was acting or not and whether I  
5           had oversight or not, the mere fact that  
6           ██████████ was not there, I still had to do a lot  
7           of his duties to keep the department  
8           functioning whether somebody deemed me  
9           officially acting or not. I was still doing  
10          his functions because he was not there.

11          ██████████: Okay.

12          ██████████: Under oversight from  
13          executive staff.

14          ██████████: Yeah, that sounds like  
15          acting to me, so I just want to make sure that  
16          we are clear there. Like you're just saying  
17          you're not acting because you weren't official  
18          - you know, you weren't temporarily promoted,  
19          but you were performing those duties with  
20          oversight.

21          ██████████: They would - like I said, he  
22          would call in sick and not come into work for a  
23          couple days or go on vacation, so he would put  
24          out an email to everybody in the institution  
25          saying, "██████████ is acting facility manager

1 for the time that I'm out."

2 [REDACTED]: And would you --?

3 [REDACTED]: And [REDACTED] himself, the  
4 facility manager.

5 [REDACTED]: Oh, prior to [REDACTED]  
6 going out in 2018?

7 [REDACTED]: He would - if he wanted to  
8 take a week off and go somewhere, he would put  
9 out an email letting the institution and the  
10 executive staff know that "[REDACTED] [REDACTED] will be  
11 acting in my capacity while I'm out." Happened  
12 all the time. Same thing like me, I would do  
13 the same thing and I would designate one of my  
14 subordinates as acting for me if I went out.

15 But I do believe that at some point some  
16 kind of email went out by one of the executive  
17 staff after [REDACTED] left that everybody should  
18 come and see me for all facility-related issues  
19 till further notice. And like I said, [REDACTED]  
20 came to my office right after we had found out  
21 that [REDACTED] wasn't coming back shortly after  
22 that Denver trip and he told me that I would  
23 have to run the department until they figure  
24 out what was going on with him, which was top  
25 secret and nobody knew anything. They didn't

1 know nothing, couldn't tell you.

2 [REDACTED]: All right. Go ahead,

3 [REDACTED].

4 [REDACTED]: Just to clarify. After you  
5 had that meeting with [REDACTED], is that when he  
6 sent out that email?

7 [REDACTED]: I don't think - I don't know  
8 if he was the one that sent it out, I can't  
9 recall. I just know some kind of email went  
10 out for the department heads and it was also  
11 brought up in one of the meetings reminding  
12 people that [REDACTED] was no longer there and  
13 that if they had any facility-related issues I  
14 was the one - I was the POC.

15 [REDACTED]: Okay. Now, is it okay - I'm  
16 going to move forward in the topic. Now,  
17 during that time period do you recall during  
18 your tenure after [REDACTED] left and before  
19 [REDACTED] left, was there a camera project that  
20 was started at the MCC?

21 [REDACTED]: It was there. It was already  
22 started. I believe when I had gotten there,  
23 they were still doing market research and stuff  
24 like that.

25 [REDACTED]: Is it in 2016?

1 [REDACTED]: What's that?

2 [REDACTED]: You said when you started,  
3 you're talking about 2016?

4 [REDACTED]: There was talks of - there  
5 was already camera issues I guess had going on  
6 when I had gotten there.

7 [REDACTED]: Okay.

8 [REDACTED]: And I believe - well, it was  
9 December of 2016, so nothing happened in '16.  
10 I think, you know, because I was - I got there,  
11 like, the week of Christmas. So going into  
12 '17, I know that there was talks about - it  
13 wasn't so much on the cameras, it was on the  
14 recorders. There was always constant internal  
15 chatter between the comm techs and SIS and  
16 everything else on how - I guess they had an  
17 older system that was analog and everybody else  
18 had digital, but their main gripe was, I guess  
19 - and I'm not too familiar with the security  
20 side of stuff, I'll be honest with you, I  
21 always refer to them when I needed a question  
22 answered, but from what I gather, what I  
23 understand, they weren't able to go back in  
24 time on the recorders as far as they  
25 experienced, I guess, with other institutions.

1           So there was no secret that there was  
2           cameras that were not working throughout the  
3           facility. Like I said, that was a dead horse  
4           from what I understand. They were dealing with  
5           broken cameras long before I had even gotten  
6           back there. And this recorder issue for  
7           whatever reason evolved and turned into camera  
8           issues, you know, and exposed the entire  
9           infrastructure eventually.

10           ██████████: So you mentioned there's two  
11           issues. There is one the - there were actual  
12           cameras that weren't recording, I mean, cameras  
13           that weren't working.

14           ██████████: Right.

15           ██████████: That means there was no live  
16           feed, there's nothing recording either because  
17           the cameras itself were broken?

18           ██████████: Right. So the - from what I  
19           understand you had a combination of two  
20           problems there. You had some cameras that  
21           legitimately were not working. They just -  
22           there was no communication. There was no  
23           nothing. And then you had other cameras which  
24           were in certain cells up in the Special Housing  
25           Unit where whether they were working or not, it

1           was to my understanding that there was a lot of  
2           damage being done to them by the inmates that  
3           were in those cells. So they were either  
4           scratching the lenses on the cameras, covering  
5           up with wet toilet paper or whatever the case  
6           may be.

7                     I, myself, I couldn't even tell you if  
8           those cameras were ever working. I only knew  
9           of one camera in the Special Housing Unit that  
10          worked for the cells for the ranges and that  
11          was, like, one suicide cell that they had there  
12          on J-Range. But I don't - it started out with  
13          me, the recorders were the issue, and then they  
14          were like, "Oh, okay, we're going to go ahead  
15          and spend this money and fix these recorders  
16          and get these - this conversion from analog to  
17          digital, let's suck in the cameras too that  
18          don't work."

19                    But I can tell you that I know that SIS  
20          was constantly going to the comm techs all the  
21          time because they were doing investigations and  
22          had no camera footage. It almost seemed like  
23          (Indiscernible \*00:45:47). And obviously this  
24          was long before the Jeffrey Epstein thing  
25          because, you know, I had even left the

1 institution before Jeffrey Epstein got there.  
2 This was just for, like, smaller internal  
3 investigations that they were doing where they  
4 were constantly going to Daniels for the camera  
5 footage issues.

6 And the determination was made by [REDACTED]  
7 and the higherups, I guess, and they said,  
8 well, if we're going to go ahead and change  
9 this recorder why don't we just go ahead and  
10 try to upgrade everything, get some new cameras  
11 inside and out. And they even wanted to add  
12 cameras to the existing complement because they  
13 had a lot of blind spots and then obviously the  
14 infrastructure itself, like the wiring and the  
15 conduit was all part of that deal.

16 [REDACTED]: In your knowledge in 2018 and  
17 in '19, how many cameras were there inside the  
18 MCC?

19 [REDACTED]: I couldn't tell you honestly.  
20 There was a lot, but there was also a lot that  
21 should have been there. But I do remember  
22 [REDACTED] had a map of where every single - pre-  
23 existing camera was in the institution and I  
24 believe the comm techs also had an inventory  
25 tracking sheet, because each one of those

1 cameras had an asset number assigned to it --

2 [REDACTED]: Okay.

3 [REDACTED]: -- that was in the MTMMS

4 Maintenance Management System.

5 [REDACTED]: What was that --?

6 [REDACTED]: So - it's on the Maintenance  
7 Management System, the --.

8 [REDACTED]: MTMS?

9 [REDACTED]: TMS, yep, Total Maintenance  
10 System. So, you know, all that equipment was  
11 in there, so you should be able to pull the  
12 report out of there. That would list all those  
13 cameras including any asset numbers assigned to  
14 the associated components that's maintainable.  
15 If it's something that's maintainable and could  
16 be repaired and it's not like a throwaway. We  
17 call it run-to-die. If it's maintainable,  
18 reparable, it's worth putting money into it,  
19 it's in that system.

20 [REDACTED]: Okay. So in the SHU, do you  
21 know how many cameras were in the SHU offhand?

22 [REDACTED]: No, because it was very  
23 inconsistent because it was to my understanding  
24 certain cameras were added throughout the years  
25 for certain specific reasons. They would

1 designate certain cells for certain purposes  
2 and then they would cancel that purpose and  
3 convert it back to a regular cell. I mean, it  
4 was just the constant changing of the  
5 operations that changed the cameras, and that  
6 was just obvious without even knowing the  
7 backdrop because you could tell just by the  
8 cameras there were so many different makes and  
9 models. They weren't all consistent. They  
10 weren't all consistent. They weren't the same  
11 for the most part depending on what area you  
12 were in.

13 [REDACTED]: And so, this is --

14 [REDACTED]: So SHU --.

15 [REDACTED]: -- in the SHU you're talking  
16 about? You're not talking about 10-South?  
17 We're talking about between G, [REDACTED], J, K, L, M, T  
18 that's inside the SHU?

19 [REDACTED]: Yes, those for the SHU, as  
20 far as I know those were all there pre-existing  
21 before me. There was never no camerawork done  
22 up there, whether they were working or not.

23 [REDACTED]: But you just mentioned they  
24 were adding cameras and taking them out.

25 [REDACTED]: Yeah, but I was talking

1 institution wide --

2 [REDACTED]: Okay.

3 [REDACTED]: -- not just - yeah, not just  
4 SHU, you know. It was institution wide.

5 [REDACTED]: So let's get back on track.  
6 We talked about the fact that [REDACTED] started a  
7 project and the project - what did that project  
8 for the cameras entail?

9 [REDACTED]: So I really - for the project  
10 the way it was designed, the way we wanted it  
11 done was [REDACTED] had put this package together.  
12 We were going to get - he had the map of the  
13 cameras I was telling you about. So we were  
14 going to upgrade the existing cameras, add new  
15 cameras because [REDACTED] took this map, brought  
16 it to the executive staff and to SIS and they  
17 said, "Hey, listen, this is what we have now.  
18 We're going to go ahead and try to get this  
19 project. Where do you need cameras?"

20 So they did a tour around the institution  
21 and they went ahead and they asked to have  
22 other cameras placed, like on certain ranges  
23 that didn't have any coverages. There was,  
24 like, a little mini TV rec room in the housing  
25 units that had no camera coverage in them.

1           There was a lot of blind spots in certain areas  
2           throughout the institution. So they went ahead  
3           and they added what they wanted to add.

4           But then also because the recorder was  
5           getting upgraded, the infrastructure that was  
6           in place because it was analog, obviously it  
7           was going to go to digital, they had to run new  
8           wiring, new conduit. All that had to be done.

9           So under that contract, last I remember  
10          walking out that door, what happened was it  
11          came in over a million dollars originally and  
12          somebody came back and said, "Listen, we need  
13          to get this to 800,000 or lower." Somebody  
14          threw out a number there, I don't remember who  
15          it was. It came through [REDACTED] and somebody  
16          up top said that because of some kind of  
17          procurement avenue or regulation or something,  
18          they would've had to go through a whole  
19          different procurement avenue because of that  
20          amount. They said to make it easier and to try  
21          and increase our chances of getting this money  
22          and getting it done, we had to bring the number  
23          down to like 800,000 or something. I don't  
24          remember the exact number.

25          So then the decision was made because

1 originally we did this contract, whoever we  
2 were purchasing the cameras from, they were  
3 also supposed to install those cameras. We  
4 paid for the labor for them to do the entire  
5 project initially. My guys weren't going to  
6 touch anything, they were just going to provide  
7 support. So the initial \$1 million number was  
8 to have the contract SigNet, I guess it was in  
9 that contract, whoever we were getting those  
10 cameras from, they were going to go ahead and  
11 do the install and we would supervise them,  
12 escort them, and give support when they came.

13 So when they came back and told us that  
14 that number needed to get down below 800 or  
15 whatever, that's when the decision was made to  
16 where they said, "Okay. We can do this. We  
17 can just have the contractor install the  
18 cameras and we can use the trade guys, the  
19 electrician and the comm techs to run the cable  
20 and the wiring to save on the labor, to bring  
21 the labor costs down to try and get into that  
22 number."

23 And that was the last - that's how I left  
24 off. That's how the project was supposed to be  
25 done, because when I was there, my last year

1           that I was there for the better - for the  
2           second half of '19, well, '18 into '19, the  
3           electrician and the comm techs had already  
4           started running conduit in the housing units  
5           and stuff like that. They had already begun to  
6           hang conduit. But I could tell you from the -  
7           right up till I walked out that door there were  
8           never no cameras or even wiring for that matter  
9           in that institution. They were never there.

10           ██████████: So we'll come to that. So  
11           that's some of the questions I have. I'm going  
12           to share --

13           ██████████: Okay.

14           ██████████: -- back my screen. Do you  
15           recall if this was the contract that was  
16           awarded? It looks like it states on Line 17A.  
17           It's the same document I showed before.

18           ██████████: Yeah.

19           ██████████: This says SigNet Technologies  
20           and it's to Federal Bureau of Prisons. And if  
21           you scroll down to page - looks like it's Page  
22           4, it lists the schedule of supplies.

23           ██████████: Yep.

24           ██████████: What was - were these the  
25           items the contract listed and does the contract

1 through SigNet all the purchase of all the  
2 items for the upgrades inside MTC?

3 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], can you scroll  
4 back up there because I want to make sure it's  
5 the right institution on this?

6 [REDACTED]: So this one - yeah, don't  
7 look at - this - what you see FCI Fort Dix  
8 (Indiscernible \*00:54:15). I must clarify.  
9 FCI Fort Dix handles all the payments on the  
10 East Coast.

11 [REDACTED]: Oh, okay.

12 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

13 [REDACTED]: Sorry about that.

14 [REDACTED]: They do all - they did all  
15 the contracting for MCC New York and MDC  
16 Brooklyn because they didn't have in-house  
17 contractors at the facility institutions.

18 [REDACTED]: So --.

19 [REDACTED]: And I see below it says,  
20 "Delivery Date September 28, 2018, MCC New York  
21 Camera System."

22 [REDACTED]: Yeah. So that's --.

23 [REDACTED]: Okay.

24 [REDACTED]: I'm going to come back to  
25 that part too. So over here, this is all the -

1           these are all the technology, well, the pieces.  
2           Let's go through it, just - we'll go through it  
3           quickly. It says for this license, the single  
4           license for Nice Vision Enterprise package  
5           audio channel, it looks like Vision Smart Hub  
6           Recorder. This might be the recording system  
7           that you're talking about, [REDACTED]?

8           [REDACTED]: I would - I guess so. I'm  
9           going to guess. I'm not a comm tech. For now,  
10          I'll say yes.

11          [REDACTED]: No problem. And there's a  
12          recorder (Indiscernible \*00:55:04) licenses and  
13          then it looks like a package major version,  
14          then we got the decoders. We got the AMS and  
15          Nice Vision supporting 16 cameras, the IP  
16          cameras. Now, you mentioned that this - if  
17          this is the contract that was awarded, was the  
18          plan to replace every camera inside the MCC or  
19          replace only certain cameras?

20          [REDACTED]: I was under the impression it  
21          was every camera we purchased for them, so if  
22          you're looking at that Line Number 9 where it  
23          says SigNet labor for a quarter of a million  
24          dollars --

25          [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

1 [REDACTED]: -- they better have installed  
2 every damn camera because that was my  
3 intention. That's what I was - thought I was  
4 paying for was --

5 [REDACTED]: So they're replacing --

6 [REDACTED]: -- you know, for them to --.

7 [REDACTED]: -- every camera - current  
8 camera in the MCC plus adding additional  
9 cameras?

10 [REDACTED]: Correct, yep.

11 [REDACTED]: And the total here says  
12 698,108, and what you mentioned a little while  
13 before was initially the contract was over a  
14 million dollars and your understanding was this  
15 part right here, this SigNet labor was much  
16 higher and the idea, the proposal that came  
17 around was to get rid of the SigNet labor in  
18 terms of the conduit, wiring, the wiring, to be  
19 done by in-house comm techs and electricians so  
20 that this labor --

21 [REDACTED]: Right.

22 [REDACTED]: -- cost of whatever the total  
23 was would come down and would be below the  
24 \$800,000 mark in total?

25 [REDACTED]: That was my - I don't know

1           what the numbers exactly were but that was my  
2           understanding was that in order to drop that  
3           quote down, we had to cut back on - they just  
4           said, you know, "Let's go ahead and cut back on  
5           the labor on the wiring side," which is why the  
6           guys started running conduit in-house on their  
7           own because it was to my understanding that's  
8           what got cut from the contract.

9           ██████████: Okay. And you wouldn't  
10          happen to recall offhand what the initial  
11          SigNet labor proposal was, right?

12          ██████████: I just remember the original  
13          first estimate that went out came back when  
14          ██████████ was still here was like over a million  
15          dollars.

16          ██████████: Okay, the total. Okay.

17          ██████████: The total, yeah, uh-huh.

18          ██████████: And based on this, it looks  
19          like Line 8 it shows IP cameras. It looks like  
20          the quantity is 135. Then it says the Corner  
21          VEN cam. That looks like there's 75 pieces.  
22          So you're looking at over 200 cameras in total  
23          that was ordered.

24          ██████████: Yeah, I would say so. Yeah.

25          ██████████: One thing I don't see in here

1           - well, maybe you can explain it since I don't  
2           see. Do you see the order for the conduits in  
3           here, the wiring?

4           ██████████: No.

5           ██████████: But if that was part of the -  
6           -

7           ██████████: (Indiscernible \*00:58:01).

8           ██████████: Who was supposed to provide  
9           that?

10          ██████████: You have - so I believe - we  
11          had a lot of conduit left over at Building 4.  
12          It was a warehouse that we had in Brooklyn that  
13          belongs to MCC New York. It's like their food  
14          service warehouse and facilities had a storage  
15          and I guess they had a whole bunch of conduit  
16          there from a surplus from another project, so  
17          they started bringing that stuff over to the  
18          institution and using that. The wiring I  
19          believe was purchased separately through - I  
20          don't remember the company's name. The comm  
21          tech would know because he did the order, but  
22          we purchased that through - what is the website  
23          where you buy stuff from GSA?

24          ██████████: I'm not sure. I'm not  
25          familiar with the purchasing department. But

1           it was purchased through GSA according to your  
2           memory?

3           ██████████: Well, it's a website GSA has.

4           ██████████: GSA Advantage or  
5           something?

6           ██████████: That's it. Yeah, so all  
7           these companies sell their stuff on this GSA  
8           website, GSA Advantage, and I know all of the  
9           quotes for that wiring and stuff came from  
10          vendors off that website. That's where were -  
11          it was eventually purchased through a separate  
12          procurement I believe, if it wasn't part of  
13          this, I can't even recall. But I do remember  
14          the shopping for the wiring being done on GSA  
15          Advantage through a vendor there.

16          ██████████: Okay. This might sound like  
17          a --.

18          ██████████: I just don't remember.

19          ██████████: Sorry. This might sound like  
20          a dumb question.

21          ██████████: I just don't remember.

22          ██████████: What's the difference between  
23          a conduit and a wiring?

24          ██████████: So the conduit is the metal  
25          pipe that you see running across or up and down

1 a wall that runs into little junction boxes and  
2 the wiring just runs into it.

3 [REDACTED]: So --.

4 [REDACTED]: Runs through it.

5 [REDACTED]: So that's a protection, the  
6 conduit, it's an actual protection over the --.

7 [REDACTED]: Yeah, yeah, it's metal or it  
8 could be PVC, but obviously in the institution  
9 it was metal and you run the conduit and you  
10 run the junction boxes and everything and then  
11 you pull your cable through it and it's  
12 basically a protective housing to protect the  
13 wiring and keep it from being exposed.

14 [REDACTED]: And according to your memory,  
15 do you recall whose decision it was to have the  
16 in-house staff do the conduits and the wiring?

17 [REDACTED]: It came down from the  
18 executive staff, but that was discussed, jeez,  
19 I can't even remember. That was back when the  
20 numbers started flying in and they were trying  
21 to find out ways to bring the numbers down and  
22 everything, but it was somebody higherup that  
23 made the decision to try and cut there on the -  
24 when they saw how much the labor was, they were  
25 like, "Well, maybe we could cut back on the

1 labor," because it was my goal that if they  
2 were going to spend this kind of money, you  
3 might as well have the contractor do  
4 everything.

5 [REDACTED]: Okay.

6 [REDACTED]: And all my hopes and dreams  
7 got killed because they saw the number and  
8 wanted to cut some fat and - but --.

9 [REDACTED]: No problem. See on the  
10 bottom, it says - it was - the document  
11 "Signature Offer [REDACTED] Smith." It looks like  
12 you signed on 09/21/2018 and that's - he works  
13 for SigNet Technologies. And Line 31A that's -  
14 looks like U.S. Government, that's [REDACTED]  
15 [REDACTED] (Phonetic Sp. \*1:01:38), and that was  
16 signed on 09/21/2018, and he's a Section Chief  
17 FAO.

18 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

19 [REDACTED]: And the delivery date on Line  
20 up here, it says, "Estimate" - well, I don't  
21 know if it's estimate, but it says, "Delivery  
22 date is on 09/28/2018." It says, "MCC New York  
23 camera system: provide services in accordance  
24 with SFS, SOW, and technical proposal." And it  
25 looks like GSA, GS07F-0322T. It looks like the

1 contract number's in here too. It looks like  
2 based - looking at this, the contract, the  
3 estimate was - I mean, the contract states that  
4 the delivery for all that equipment and  
5 everything that was ordered was scheduled to be  
6 delivered at the MCC on September 28, 2018.

7 According to your recollection, do you  
8 recall if all these items were delivered to the  
9 MCC in September 2018?

10 [REDACTED]: Can we go back to when this  
11 contract was drafted? Okay. So you see here  
12 where the award was 09/21?

13 [REDACTED]: Yes.

14 [REDACTED]: And then the delivery date is  
15 09/28, that's a week. There is no way, no way  
16 - I'm not even going to - I shouldn't have to  
17 go any further, but I'm going to do it anyway.  
18 There's no way you could deliver a product like  
19 that - the install alone if the contractor  
20 would have did it would have taken well over a  
21 year. Just the install alone for that kind of  
22 equipment if they were to do everything soup to  
23 nuts on their own, conduit and everything,  
24 would have took a year.

25 [REDACTED]: But is it --?

1 [REDACTED]: So --

2 [REDACTED]: Where is the equipment coming  
3 from?

4 [REDACTED]: -- I'm thinking that that  
5 delivery date is the date they delivered the  
6 contract to the contractor because there's no  
7 way you can award a contract and expect to have  
8 everything that's in that contract in seven  
9 days get done. Delivery date I think is when  
10 they delivered the contract to the contractor.  
11 But to answer your question, as of February 14<sup>th</sup>  
12 of 2019, my last day there, there was not a  
13 single camera on-site there --

14 [REDACTED]: Is it possible --

15 [REDACTED]: -- because --

16 [REDACTED]: -- the cameras --

17 [REDACTED]: What's that?

18 [REDACTED]: -- were delivered without  
19 your knowledge? Is it possible the cameras  
20 would have been delivered without your  
21 knowledge?

22 [REDACTED]: That place, absolutely. But  
23 I could tell you this much, two things wrong  
24 with that. Number one, it was my impression  
25 that the contractor when they received all the

1 cameras and got all the cameras in stock and  
2 everything was on-site and they had all the  
3 equipment on-site and everything was in stock,  
4 they were bringing it with them. I didn't - I  
5 don't know if they were going to dropship that  
6 or not and have the stuff delivered directly to  
7 the institution and then come afterwards. But  
8 even if that was the case, somebody would have  
9 to had gone to the rear loading dock where that  
10 stuff comes in and there's a logbook back there  
11 and they would've had to sign for that delivery  
12 and it would've had to been somebody in the  
13 facilities department.

14 [REDACTED]: So you're under the  
15 impression that - when you say "contractor,"  
16 you're talking about SigNet?

17 [REDACTED]: Yes.

18 [REDACTED]: So you're under the  
19 impression that SigNet was supposed to bring  
20 all that equipment with them when they come in  
21 to install?

22 [REDACTED]: Correct.

23 [REDACTED]: So you're not sure --.

24 [REDACTED]: We paid them to install it,  
25 so to me contractually wise there would have

1           been too much liability there to have the stuff  
2           shipped directly to the institution and then  
3           call the contractor up and say, "Hey, come in,  
4           all the stuff is here," because if something  
5           was missing or broken, because the contractor  
6           didn't have chain of custody of that equipment  
7           the whole entire time, they could blame us. We  
8           had a lot of liability on our hands and we  
9           would still have to pay the contractor  
10          regardless. We wouldn't be able to hold them  
11          liable for any damages as far as that goes.

12                        So my impression was when we did this  
13          everything was going to go to SigNet or SigNet  
14          was purchasing it and when everything was in-  
15          house they would come and bring everything with  
16          them and install it.

17                        ██████████: I have an email here. I'm  
18          going to show this to you. This email is from  
19          ██████████. He's a program manager for  
20          SigNet Technologies and --

21                        ██████████: Yeah.

22                        ██████████: -- this is addressed to me.  
23          It says, "I wanted to send this to you in  
24          regards to the questions you asked." This is  
25          dated October 1<sup>st</sup>, Friday, 2021, and this is --

1 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

2 [REDACTED]: -- from [REDACTED] to  
3 myself. And he states, "Hey, [REDACTED]. I wanted  
4 to send this to you in regards to the question  
5 you asked regarding if they had new gear on-  
6 site. Attached is the PO that we received on  
7 09/21/2018. The gear was delivered around 30  
8 days after that and on 11/01/2018 I sent over  
9 the paperwork for the site to submit for the IP  
10 addresses needed to install the system. I will  
11 forward the email traffic as well."

12 It looks like based on what he stated -  
13 let me see if I can get this. Actually, this  
14 is the contract itself. It looks like he's  
15 stating that by 09/21/2018 that's - the  
16 contract was signed, and it looks like within  
17 30 days all the gear was delivered. But you're  
18 stating you don't believe the gear was  
19 delivered?

20 [REDACTED]: Nope, not at all.

21 [REDACTED]: Is it possible that he was -  
22 now you - based on what your statement, you  
23 believe the gear might have been delivered to  
24 them.

25 [REDACTED]: Well, that's my problem is he

1           doesn't clarify what gear means. I don't know  
2           what gear means. Does gear mean just the  
3           cameras? Does it mean just the wire? Does it  
4           mean the entire contents? I don't know what he  
5           - does it mean just the recorder. He's not  
6           clarifying what gear means.

7           ██████████: Okay.

8           ██████████: Going back to what I said, I  
9           could tell you that unless somebody signed for  
10          something without my knowledge and didn't tell  
11          me about it, there was no cameras on that.  
12          There was no gear. They were just hanging  
13          conduit when I leave there and that was conduit  
14          that we owned that we didn't even purchase. It  
15          was already there. So --.

16          ██████████: If gear was delivered, where  
17          would it have been delivered to at the MCC if  
18          the items - all these items were delivered?

19          ██████████: So it would've had to gone to  
20          the rear dock. The rear gate they called it.  
21          And then there's a Shipping and Receiving  
22          personnel there, staff, and they have a big  
23          cage that's in that loading area, so all the  
24          deliveries go in there and then they would  
25          write down who had deliveries, call those

1 departments and say, "Hey, you need to send  
2 somebody to come pick up your stuff. You got  
3 stuff here." So whoever that person was to go  
4 there to pick up the stuff would have to sign  
5 the logbook saying that they picked up the  
6 stuff.

7 But you're talking about a truck loading  
8 stuff that wouldn't even have fit in that cage.  
9 It would've been like pallets and stuff like -  
10 it would have been huge to store that stuff.  
11 It would've had to have, you know - and then,  
12 you know, it's all electronic stuff. That's  
13 why I don't recall that stuff being delivered  
14 prior to the - but I was under the impression  
15 the contractor was coming with that stuff. I  
16 was not under the impression that that was  
17 going to get delivered separately, and if did  
18 it wasn't to my knowledge.

19 I never saw a single new camera while I  
20 was there or recorder or anything like that and  
21 somebody would've had to have signed for that.  
22 And then we would have had to have - there  
23 would have had to have been inventory taken to  
24 put that in storage and somewhere in the  
25 Facilities Department.

1           So like I said, going back to the  
2           contract, they awarded it on the 21<sup>st</sup> and wanted  
3           it done by the 28<sup>th</sup>, that's just totally  
4           unrealistic and irrational. I don't --

5           ██████████: Now --

6           ██████████: -- see that.

7           ██████████: -- if the things that you  
8           purchased from them, would have that been the  
9           material as well that your staff members would  
10          have been using to run the conduit and wiring  
11          and things? Is that part of that purchase  
12          order or is that something you were going to be  
13          receiving yourself and --?

14          ██████████: So I was under the impression  
15          that SigNet was going to wait until they had  
16          all their equipment, wherever they get it from  
17          or whoever they're buying it from or who their  
18          supply is, when they have everything they need  
19          to do the job that's within the scope of work  
20          of the contract, they were going to come on-  
21          site with everything and begin doing the work  
22          themselves. The only that --

23          ██████████: (Indiscernible \*1:10:19)

24          --.

25          ██████████: -- my guys --.

1 [REDACTED]: I'm sorry, go ahead.

2 [REDACTED]: The only thing my guys -  
3 yeah. The only thing my guys were going to do  
4 was install the conduit. The wiring if I  
5 remember correctly was purchased separately  
6 through that GSA Advantage website and it was  
7 through - I remember it was through a vendor  
8 that they had purchased from previously in the  
9 past, the comm shop, for regular supplies and  
10 stuff. It was just like a regular  
11 cabling/wiring company that had a GSA schedule  
12 on that site. And that would have been  
13 delivered directly to the institution.

14 [REDACTED]: I apologize. I have one more  
15 email. I'm going to share this with you too.

16 [REDACTED]: Okay.

17 [REDACTED]: This is Anixter TP-120, 240  
18 and SigNet Tech. This is from [REDACTED]  
19 (Phonetic Sp. \*1:11:04) to [REDACTED] - there's  
20 a whole bunch of names: [REDACTED] Cowell  
21 (Phonetic Sp. \*1:11:09), [REDACTED],  
22 [REDACTED], the people listed. It's dated  
23 on April 1, 2019. Subject is Anixter TP-120,  
24 240, and SigNet Tech. It says, "Good  
25 afternoon, Ms. [REDACTED]. After reviewing my CORS

1 Report for the Central Office supplies samples,  
2 I went ahead and asked [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] our comm tech  
3 on the status of these particular PO's and he  
4 advised me that they haven't been able to  
5 receive the fiber cable and without the cable  
6 they cannot - they can't proceed with the  
7 camera systems. He mentioned that the  
8 company's requiring some sort of documentation  
9 and he would be - he should be able to provide  
10 you with the details. Sincerely, [REDACTED],  
11 Financial Program Specialist, U.S. Department  
12 of Justice, BOP."

13 Now, does that help clarify anything?

14 [REDACTED]: Yeah --

15 [REDACTED]: I know this is --.

16 [REDACTED]: -- it just tells me that - it  
17 verifies what I said, that there was no cameras  
18 or wiring or anything on-site there at the time  
19 that I left. It was just not there. But it  
20 also makes sense that if these - the wiring  
21 isn't there, they can't hook up the cameras.  
22 But what got me - where I'm concerned, I guess,  
23 with this is who were they talking to here  
24 because this would have to be a problem with  
25 SigNet. If SigNet's installing - connecting

1 the wires to the cameras and everything like  
2 that, I don't know who they're really  
3 addressing in that email.

4 [REDACTED]: It looks like it's more  
5 internal email, right? And they're trying to  
6 figure out what exactly - why the camera  
7 systems have not been installed yet. It looks  
8 like [REDACTED] told them that the status  
9 of the fiber cable is not in, like the fiber  
10 cable or cables have not been delivered, right?  
11 I'm sorry. And without the cables they can't  
12 proceed with the camera systems.

13 [REDACTED]: Well, yeah, that's cause and  
14 effect. Yeah, so that's accurate as I read it.  
15 The fact that it's three years since I left  
16 there and there's still no wiring there is kind  
17 of intriguing in itself.

18 [REDACTED]: Well, this is 2019. This is  
19 like a couple months after you left, April 1,  
20 2019.

21 [REDACTED]: Oh, I got you. Okay. Yeah.

22 [REDACTED]: So that Anixster, would that  
23 be the company? Would that be one of those  
24 companies that provides wiring?

25 [REDACTED]: Possibly, yeah. I guess so.

1 I'm not --.

2 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], I just sent you  
3 an email. Can you just share your - or scroll  
4 down to the second email and just - so that  
5 maybe this will help --

6 [REDACTED]: Bear with me.

7 [REDACTED]: -- clarify what was  
8 received and what wasn't.

9 [REDACTED]: Okay. Share your screen. Is  
10 this the - you want me to scroll all the way  
11 down?

12 [REDACTED]: No. It would be the one  
13 that says - what I sent you was the - did you  
14 receive what I sent you --

15 [REDACTED]: Sorry.

16 [REDACTED]: -- the email from Steve  
17 Smith? It was from [REDACTED] --

18 [REDACTED]: Oh, it's on the bottom, okay.

19 [REDACTED]: -- to [REDACTED] --

20 [REDACTED]: Yeah, it's on the bottom of  
21 that.

22 [REDACTED]: -- that --.

23 [REDACTED]: Right here.

24 [REDACTED]: That's it. Not on the  
25 bottom. It's middle.

1 [REDACTED]: Right here. It's in the  
2 middle. So this is an email documentation from  
3 [REDACTED], that's [REDACTED]  
4 dated --

5 [REDACTED]: Share your screen.

6 [REDACTED]: Oh, I apologize. I thought  
7 it was shared. Sorry, go ahead. Can you see  
8 that?

9 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

10 [REDACTED]: We're talking about this part  
11 right here.

12 [REDACTED]: Correct.

13 [REDACTED]: It says, "[REDACTED], I didn't  
14 want to leave you hanging, so this is what we  
15 know so far. It appears that FedEx might -  
16 must recycle tracking numbers. The order was  
17 placed on 09/27/2018 from SigNet to Qognify.  
18 Nice and (Indiscernible \*1:15:24) PO shows it  
19 was shipped directly to the site, MCC New York.  
20 It shows that it was scheduled to ship on  
21 09/30/2018 from Qognify. We currently don't  
22 have the tracking that shows when you exactly  
23 received it but best guess is seven to 14 days,  
24 which would put it on your dock around October  
25 14, 2018, and it was installed the week of

1 August 16, 2019. We will try to continue - we  
2 will continue to try and find the tracking  
3 information for when it actually hit your dock.  
4 Let me know if you need anything else."

5 [REDACTED]: Yeah. So that was going to  
6 be my next question is: Where is any tracking  
7 information on this? And then if FedEx does  
8 recycle tracking numbers, that's definitely  
9 news to me. But also, when this email - what  
10 are they saying they shipped?

11 [REDACTED]: It looks like it was a  
12 question about the camera system that was on-  
13 site at MCC. They're talking about  
14 specifically the camera system that was sent  
15 from SigNet --

16 [REDACTED]: It doesn't say that. It  
17 doesn't say that. It doesn't tell them what  
18 they're - it doesn't even - forget about the  
19 fact they don't have no tracking - it doesn't  
20 even say what they're talking about other than  
21 if we could identify what the - I don't even  
22 know what that Qognify stuff is. That doesn't  
23 even look familiar to me.

24 [REDACTED]: So Qognify is the company,  
25 the parent - the company that they deal with

1 for the Nice video system.

2 [REDACTED]: Right.

3 [REDACTED]: So they are the ones who  
4 handle --.

5 [REDACTED]: So that would tell me then  
6 that's only going to be that component that was  
7 delivered, which still if it was delivered, I  
8 had no knowledge of it while I was there.

9 [REDACTED]: And you're saying if it comes  
10 in that pallet - let's just say the MCC  
11 received a truckload of something like that and  
12 it can't be housed inside the MCC at that  
13 location, where else could it be housed?

14 [REDACTED]: Well, I don't think - it  
15 could be housed there, it just wouldn't be in  
16 that warehouse there. It would have to be in  
17 some other secure location within the facility,  
18 like somewhere in the Facilities Department.  
19 Most likely probably, like, in the comm shop or  
20 something like that someplace.

21 [REDACTED]: But if this --.

22 [REDACTED]: I wouldn't necessarily say  
23 that it would be stored offsite.

24 [REDACTED]: Hey, [REDACTED], just scroll  
25 above to the email that I sent. It's

1 specifically with regard to [REDACTED]. He said  
2 that it's the camera system that was installed  
3 on the 19th. I mean, and if you don't know,  
4 [REDACTED] was the acting facilities manager from  
5 February through March of - or May of 2019 and  
6 then became the permanent facilities manager or  
7 facility manager.

8 [REDACTED]: Yeah, I believe he walked in  
9 right as I walked out or right after or  
10 something like that. It was very close.

11 [REDACTED]: So he's telling us that  
12 the camera system - you know, everything that  
13 they installed was already on-site and that's  
14 what he had told us. So he's saying it was on-  
15 site by the time he got there, so we're just  
16 getting confused when you're saying that it  
17 wasn't there because he said it was already  
18 there when he got there.

19 [REDACTED]: I never laid eyes on it, and  
20 I was never made aware that those cameras were  
21 on-site in my whole entire time that I was  
22 there. Somebody would have had to sign for  
23 them. There's got to be some kind of tracking  
24 information, and then like I said --

25 [REDACTED]: (Indiscernible \*1:18:40).

1 [REDACTED]: -- going back --

2 [REDACTED]: No.

3 [REDACTED]: -- I was under the impression  
4 the contractor was bringing the cameras, not  
5 being delivered separately without the  
6 contractor.

7 [REDACTED]: So according to his  
8 email, you know, they're claiming that  
9 beginning of October 2018 is when they would  
10 have arrived, so is that - were you acting at  
11 that point or was [REDACTED] still there?

12 [REDACTED]: Like I don't know, I can't -  
13 I would need to know the date that [REDACTED]  
14 acted his last day on the job. And the only  
15 milestone I can give you for that is, like I  
16 said, when he went on that Colorado training  
17 trip, he just never came back from that.

18 [REDACTED]: Well, last time we spoke -  
19 last time - my understanding is when [REDACTED]  
20 left is August of 2018 was the last time he  
21 stepped foot inside MCC. Does that help?

22 [REDACTED]: Yeah, it does, but like I  
23 said, I'm just - I never saw anything outside  
24 of conduit regarding this project on-site there  
25 at that institution. I was never made aware of

1 any of that being there from my - since the day  
2 the contract was awarded up until the time, I  
3 walked out the door there was no cameras in  
4 that building --

5 [REDACTED]: And --.

6 [REDACTED]: -- at least to my knowledge.  
7 I never was made - I was never told, made  
8 aware, never signed for them, never was -  
9 nothing.

10 [REDACTED]: And if it did come, it says -  
11 according to - it looks like this is the  
12 contract. If it was delivered, it should have  
13 been delivered attention to you according to  
14 the contract, right?

15 [REDACTED]: That's - should have -  
16 exactly that's how that should have been done  
17 if things are done the way they're supposed to  
18 be done, but I never was made aware of any of  
19 that stuff. I mean, like I said, it's been a  
20 long time, but I never - I don't think there  
21 was any - there's no way.

22 [REDACTED]: And before - just on a  
23 side note, as far as the conduit that needed to  
24 be run, how long should've that taken your  
25 people to run?

1           ██████████: It would have taken a very  
2 long time because the department was severely  
3 understaffed, and the institution came first.  
4 The daily operations of the institution came  
5 first. So if you had lights out, you had  
6 phones down, you know, stuff like that the  
7 tradesmen had to go ahead and take care of work  
8 orders and stuff to maintain the institution  
9 first and then they would come back and on  
10 their downtime and stuff and do work pertaining  
11 to this.

12           ██████████: Okay. About how many man  
13 hours do you think it takes though, I mean, if  
14 they actually had worked on it?

15           ██████████: It's kind of hard to tell  
16 because I don't know the total picture of the  
17 routing of where all the cameras were going in  
18 addition to the ones that are existing there,  
19 but I can tell you that when this whole thing  
20 was going on every - we were all short-staffed.  
21 There was a constant flip over of staff, and  
22 then you had augmentation going on.

23           My guys were working housing units more  
24 than they were in the department and working  
25 mandated overtime. So they were covering -

1 augmentation was like you would act as a CO and  
2 go up in the housing unit for the shift, and  
3 then some of them would get stuck doing  
4 overtime for another shift. And then depending  
5 on how that fell, they went up there all day  
6 working the housing unit, got told they had to  
7 work all night, then they were banging on me in  
8 the morning because they worked a double before  
9 that.

10 So - but I mean, man hours' wise, I really  
11 couldn't tell you. I know there's a book out  
12 there, electrical code book out there that  
13 tells you the standard amount of feet of  
14 conduit that can be installed within an eight-  
15 hour period, but I mean, it just - that stuff  
16 doesn't apply to a prison, especially MCC New  
17 York. There are just too much operational  
18 changes and stuff on a daily basis that  
19 prevented these guys from dedicating 100  
20 percent of their work to something like that.  
21 Especially being that they already had  
22 something in place that was semi-functional.

23 [REDACTED]: Just to clarify, I know you  
24 mentioned it, said you never received anything,  
25 you never signed for anything. If the

1 receiving - if the delivery area received it,  
2 right, you said the back - the rear door  
3 received it, would they have some kind of log  
4 they kept?

5 [REDACTED]: Yep, uh-huh.

6 [REDACTED]: Where would I find that?

7 [REDACTED]: So that log was kept in the  
8 cage where the packages were - be delivered at.  
9 So inside that - they had one officer dedicated  
10 that had one key for that cage back there and  
11 that was their job. ■ & D it was called, they  
12 were part of that crew, and they would just go  
13 ahead and you get delivery, UPS, FedEx, they  
14 would all come in, put all that stuff in a  
15 cage, and they would write in the book who it  
16 was addressed to, what department, and then  
17 they would call you and let you know you had  
18 something or send you an email, however the  
19 officer chose to do it, and you would go there  
20 and sign for it and pick it up.

21 [REDACTED]: And no one notified you.

22 This - the book that they keep, is it labeled  
23 anything specific as you recall?

24 [REDACTED]: If I recall correctly, I saw  
25 two different versions of the book. One was a

1 binder, a three-ring binder type with a pre-  
2 filled out form, and then also there was a -  
3 have you ever seen those little green  
4 government logbooks that are just plain? You  
5 know, there was one of those back there at one  
6 point.

7 [REDACTED]: Okay. And that should tell  
8 us when - if and when it was delivered?

9 [REDACTED]: Yep.

10 [REDACTED]: Okay.

11 [REDACTED]: And in addition to the  
12 tracking information, of course, you know,  
13 because I believe the three-ring binder part of  
14 that - because that's the other thing is if  
15 something is getting delivered to me, if I  
16 ordered something out of the department, I  
17 don't care what it was, a case of light bulbs  
18 or, you know, a truckload of conduit or  
19 whatever, when that stuff ships this way, the  
20 vendor's sending me an email with tracking  
21 information letting me know when to accept it  
22 because they know it's coming to a secure  
23 institution where the truck and the driver are  
24 subject to screening and there's only certain  
25 hours that they can deliver during the day.

1           So it's not like a wide open 24/7  
2           warehouse obviously. They can only deliver  
3           during certain hours. So I would make sure and  
4           let everybody know you need to give me the  
5           tracking information and I need to know what  
6           day that this stuff is coming to me because I  
7           need to make sure that I have the arrangements  
8           in place to get this delivery accepted and not  
9           turned away.

10           ██████████: Were you - back then were you  
11           in constant communication with SigNet or was  
12           there somebody else on your staff that was in  
13           communication with SigNet?

14           ██████████: The comm techs. We had two  
15           comm techs that started with this thing and  
16           initialed. I inherited two comm techs when I  
17           came there, which both were involved with the  
18           project with ██████████ when he started it. One  
19           of them had retired and then one of them stayed  
20           behind. He was still there. He was a younger  
21           guy, which is that ██████████ guy on the email.

22           ██████████: And who is the one that  
23           retired?

24           ██████████: ██████████ (Phonetic Sp.  
25           \*1:27:11).

1 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED]. Do you know when he  
2 retired?

3 [REDACTED]: While I was there. I  
4 couldn't give you an exact date. I really  
5 couldn't tell you. I'm --.

6 [REDACTED]: Was this toward the end of --

7 [REDACTED]: What (Indiscernible  
8 \*1:27:26).

9 [REDACTED]: -- 2018, beginning of 2019,  
10 or was it earlier?

11 [REDACTED]: What's that?

12 [REDACTED]: Was it towards the end of  
13 2018, beginning of 2019 or earlier?

14 [REDACTED]: I honestly really couldn't  
15 tell you.

16 [REDACTED]: Is it possible that SigNet  
17 sent the tracking information to [REDACTED]?

18 [REDACTED]: Very possible. They did a  
19 lot of communication from what I understand  
20 back and forth that I was not looped in on, but  
21 that was during the pre-contract, pre-planning  
22 phases or pre-ordering phase I should say. But  
23 yeah, very possible that it could have went to  
24 him.

25 [REDACTED]: Okay.

1           ██████████: And it's also very possible  
2           it could have went to the contracting officer.  
3           Sometimes they do do that. So - and I noticed  
4           if you go back to that contract there was that  
5           guy ██████████ (Phonetic Sp. \*1:28:18) on there.

6           ██████████: This is up top.

7           ██████████: Do you see his name ██████████?

8           ██████████: This is up here, right here,  
9           you're talking about ██████████ ██████████.

10          ██████████: Yep. So he is what we call -  
11          I think he was in the Budgeting Department, but  
12          he was what we called the "paper pusher" for  
13          Fort Dix.

14          ██████████: That would be here?

15          ██████████: So basically, he did all the  
16          financial stuff for MCC New York. He was the  
17          guy that was on-site in the budget office and  
18          then all that paperwork, he was technically,  
19          like, an employee of Fort Dix. He was working  
20          with them in the contracting and budgeting  
21          office of Financial Services.

22          ██████████: You're talking about Line 7A  
23          where it states ██████████ ██████████, █. ██████████  
24          (Indiscernible \*1:29:05)?

25          ██████████: Yeah. So any time I want to

1 purchase anything, it doesn't matter what it  
2 is, he would get the paperwork and then the  
3 rest of it's between him and the contracting  
4 staff at Fort Dix, the CO at Fort Dix, whoever  
5 that CO is.

6 So sometimes with stuff like this, I have  
7 seen in other instances where people will look  
8 at this contract and they don't - they just see  
9 a name and they just put it on there and send  
10 them stuff. But I would also like to think  
11 that if [REDACTED] [REDACTED] or even [REDACTED], the  
12 comm tech, or somebody got a tracking number  
13 that they would have had the decency or the  
14 common sense or whatever you want to call it to  
15 to forward it to me, you know, to send it to  
16 me.

17 [REDACTED]: Okay. As far as you recall  
18 you left in February 14, 2019, and when you  
19 left --

20 [REDACTED]: Sure.

21 [REDACTED]: -- as far as you recall --

22 [REDACTED]: (Indiscernible \*1:30:06).

23 [REDACTED]: -- MCC never received the  
24 cameras or anything on this order, which would  
25 be that - everything that's listed on Page 4 of

1           this contract order, you don't recall them  
2           receiving it. And you believe that --.

3           ██████████: I don't at all. When I left  
4           there, they were still hanging conduit when  
5           they could --

6           ██████████: And the conduit was --

7           ██████████: -- at times (Indiscernible  
8           \*1:30:27).

9           ██████████: -- items that was already in-  
10          house that MCC from a previous project?

11          ██████████: I don't - yeah, because I  
12          know they had plans to purchase more just in  
13          case. But I remember going over to Building 4  
14          and there was just racks and racks and racks of  
15          conduit that they had over there. The  
16          electrician knew - was there, that was part of  
17          his overstock for his shop --

18          ██████████: Where was Building 4?

19          ██████████: -- that he hung. It's just  
20          over the bridge in Brooklyn, an old Navy  
21          shipyard.

22          ██████████: The Brooklyn Navy Shipping  
23          Yard.

24          ██████████: Yes.

25          ██████████: So MCC kept --

1 [REDACTED]: It's right on --

2 [REDACTED]: MCC had a building inside the  
3 yard?

4 [REDACTED]: Yeah. It's kind of like  
5 separated. It was - used to be part of the  
6 yard, but it's totally fenced in by itself and  
7 there's a big huge warehouse there. And at the  
8 time that I had left there, food service, staff  
9 from food service ran that operation because  
10 they had big giant walk-in freezers and coolers  
11 there, which is where they kept a lot of their  
12 overstock.

13 But also, every single department in the  
14 institution, didn't matter who you was, human  
15 resources, trust fund, facilities, everybody  
16 had their own separate cages in that warehouse  
17 as well to keep overstock supplies for their  
18 departments as well. And has its own loading  
19 dock, trucks go in and out of there every day,  
20 all day with deliveries and all kinds of stuff,  
21 and if it's something that they can't fit at  
22 the institution, it goes to Building 4. You  
23 can have the driver take it to Building 4.

24 But in this case, I would have never  
25 allowed that because I - the supervision and

1 the oversight, there is none out there. At  
2 least there wasn't at the time that I was  
3 there. There was just one guy running the  
4 whole show over there with a handful of  
5 inmates.

6 [REDACTED]: Okay. Agent [REDACTED], any  
7 questions on that?

8 [REDACTED]: No. I'm just looking  
9 through all the emails from Hughwon right now.

10 [REDACTED]: I don't have much more in  
11 terms of questions in terms of follow-up  
12 because we covered a lot of details. Bear with  
13 me one minute.

14 [REDACTED]: Sure. You guys owe me lunch,  
15 I could tell you that.

16 [REDACTED]: You just threw us for a  
17 total loop because we've been proceeding this  
18 whole time with the knowledge that these have -  
19 were on-site, so that's where we - you've kind  
20 of blown our minds here not knowing about it.

21 [REDACTED]: Yeah, I just - I told - I -  
22 when Agent Daniels gave me the initial phone  
23 call, I was like, wow, 2018. That was like - I  
24 just had no - we were still waiting on  
25 everything. And even if - I would have

1 expected the contractor to be with them. But I  
2 know there was delays with the wiring. The  
3 wiring was crazy. They had some crazy delays  
4 with wiring.

5 And to be honest with you, something like  
6 this just the way that institution was ran,  
7 there was just way too many hands in the pot.  
8 It was just - two wardens, two AW's, two comm  
9 techs, two facility managers it sounds like.  
10 There's just too much stuff going on, too many  
11 people involved.

12 [REDACTED]: You mentioned that Executive  
13 Assistant [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] "[REDACTED]" [REDACTED],  
14 they possibly - you know, I know you were  
15 acting facility manager, but at the same time,  
16 you know, they instructed you, gave  
17 instructions too. Any chance that they had  
18 communications with SigNet over this?

19 [REDACTED]: I don't see how or why, but I  
20 wouldn't say no. I would say that if that did  
21 happen, it would have probably been more with  
22 [REDACTED] than the AW because he had more  
23 interaction with the warden as far as, you  
24 know, keeping him abreast of things and stuff  
25 like that, so.

1 [REDACTED]: And just for the record, the  
2 last name [REDACTED], [REDACTED]?  
3 [REDACTED]: Correct.  
4 [REDACTED]: And you mentioned there was  
5 other AW's too, [REDACTED], [REDACTED]?  
6 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED].  
7 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED]. And then you  
8 mentioned there was another [REDACTED], [REDACTED]-  
9 [REDACTED]?  
10 [REDACTED]: That's [REDACTED] last name.  
11 [REDACTED]: Oh, I apologize.  
12 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED].  
13 [REDACTED]: Okay. [REDACTED].  
14 [REDACTED]: Don't ask me how to spell it,  
15 I don't know. He was an Egyptian.  
16 [REDACTED]: Okay.  
17 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED]. I --.  
18 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED].  
19 [REDACTED]: You would have saw his name  
20 on the earlier stages of the project back when  
21 [REDACTED] was still managing it because he was  
22 the AW with at that time.  
23 [REDACTED]: Okay. And you said the comm  
24 techs would usually fix the issues that came up  
25 in - prior to this camera system being - new

1 camera system being ordered, the comm techs  
2 would fix the issues that came up with the  
3 recorder and the decoder. What's a decoder?

4 [REDACTED]: A decoder?

5 [REDACTED]: Yeah.

6 [REDACTED]: I have no idea. I just heard  
7 it being used all the time. But see, I had a  
8 personal issue. You got to realize in my  
9 tenure with the Bureau, I worked at four  
10 different institutions, three of them high  
11 profile. All right. MCC New York, me and  
12 [REDACTED] used to - I had a problem with that  
13 equipment being in the same office as my comm  
14 tech. You go to any other institution, that  
15 equipment is under SIS control and if they need  
16 a comm tech to look at it, SIS calls for the  
17 comm tech and then SIS stays there and provides  
18 oversight, an escort the whole time that  
19 they're working on that equipment.

20 Here at MCC New York, and I'm only  
21 assuming because MCC New York's the oldest  
22 building I've ever worked in - I think it was  
23 built in the late '60s early '70s. But I just  
24 was not used to that equipment being in the  
25 office of the comm tech. Everywhere I've ever

1           been that was always in SIS, but these were all  
2           newer buildings. I think every other  
3           institution I worked in was much newer, but I  
4           just wasn't accustomed to that equipment being  
5           in - it was just unreal to me. I just, you  
6           know --.

7           ██████████: Can you explain that to me  
8           one more time? So my - our understanding is  
9           there's a SIS office, then there's a video --

10          ██████████: Yeah.

11          ██████████: -- monitoring room, right,  
12          where they can see --

13          ██████████: Right.

14          ██████████: -- everything on the cameras.  
15          That's where the SIS - an SIS officer sits.  
16          They watch everything on the video monitor.  
17          And isn't the access for the camera system  
18          inside a room that's inside the video  
19          monitoring room?

20          ██████████: Are you talking where?

21          ██████████: At MCC.

22          ██████████: Yeah, but where, downstairs  
23          in the comm tech's office, or up in someplace  
24          else?

25          ██████████: So - wait, wait. So I'm

1            talking about on the third floor where the SIS  
2            office is.

3            ██████████: Okay.

4            ██████████: Isn't there a video  
5            monitoring room?

6            ██████████: I've never - I don't know. I  
7            never put eyes on it. I know that there was  
8            equipment in ██████████ office and ██████████  
9            office, the two comm techs in that same office,  
10           and there was equipment that was in that room  
11           that was part of that system.

12           ██████████: What equipment was in that  
13           room?

14           ██████████: I have no idea, I just know  
15           it was, like, in a locked cabinet.

16           ██████████: So you're saying the comm  
17           techs had equipment, the live equipment for the  
18           recorder, everything in their room that they  
19           could access?

20           ██████████: There was some kind - yeah,  
21           there was something related to the camera  
22           system that was in a cabinet in their office  
23           that was related to that and that's why in that  
24           office they also had a secured cabinet for shop  
25           stock and supplies. And if any of that stuff

1           would have got delivered and I knew about it,  
2           that's exactly where I would have put it was in  
3           that cage.

4           ██████████: The comm techs in their  
5           office, did they have live monitoring, monitors  
6           set up for the cameras?

7           ██████████: What do you mean by that?

8           ██████████: Like for the video. You know  
9           how the SIS shop has - you can watch the live  
10          videos throughout the institution? They have a  
11          few of them that are up live feed.

12          ██████████: That's what I was trying to  
13          say. I don't know what equipment's involved  
14          behind that, but they had the ability to watch  
15          video from the cameras in their office.

16          ██████████: And --.

17          ██████████: And like I said, I've never  
18          seen that at any of the other institutions I  
19          was at. It was always the comm tech goes to  
20          SIS, puts their hands on the equipment and  
21          fixes it, does whatever they've got to do.

22          ██████████: When --?

23          ██████████: MCC New York, I don't know if  
24          it's because of the age of the institution or  
25          not, but they did - I don't know what the

1 equipment is, but they --

2 [REDACTED]: Excuse me.

3 [REDACTED]: -- have the ability to see  
4 footage from their office.

5 [REDACTED]: Did they have TVs set up on  
6 their wall or was it just on their computer  
7 screen?

8 [REDACTED]: No, they had TVs on a wall.

9 [REDACTED]: And do you --?

10 [REDACTED]: I don't know how - they had -  
11 yeah, they had - I don't know how they monitor  
12 it, but they did have TVs on the wall, at least  
13 one that I can remember.

14 [REDACTED]: And you recall being in the  
15 comm techs' office and you could see the live  
16 feeds on their wall?

17 [REDACTED]: No. I remember seeing a TV.  
18 I never witnessed any live footage, but I know  
19 that it was discussed through just variable  
20 internal things where they had that capability  
21 in there.

22 [REDACTED]: And you believe in that  
23 little - the cabinet that was locked up in  
24 their office they had - those were the actual  
25 DVRs, the recorders, were inside the office?

1           ██████████: I don't know what the  
2           equipment was, I just know that they had the  
3           ability to monitor cameras in their office.

4           ██████████: Okay.

5           ██████████: Yeah. I don't know what was  
6           in there, but I am assuming that if they had  
7           the ability to monitor the cameras, they have  
8           some sort of equipment in there, unless for  
9           some reason or another somebody ran --

10          ██████████: Is it possible --

11          ██████████: -- wires from it.

12          ██████████: -- for like the night  
13          supervision, like if they had supervision  
14          access, they could log in and view cameras off  
15          their computer system?

16          ██████████: I don't know. If they had  
17          any kind of access like that, I wasn't aware of  
18          it.

19          ██████████: Okay.

20          ██████████: I always - I just had a hard  
21          time - I just never seen that before. They  
22          shouldn't - you know, the only time a comm tech  
23          is dealing with camera stuff is when there is  
24          there's a repair or maintenance involved. You  
25          know, they shouldn't be able to, at least in my

1 opinion and from what I've seen at other  
2 institutions, be able to just hit a power  
3 button and turn on a monitor and see footage,  
4 whether live or recorded.

5 And then the fact that that was in their  
6 office, you know, was just astonishing to me.  
7 It was new to me, and the only thing that kept  
8 me somewhat at bay was that it was - the comm  
9 techs were the only trade in the whole entire  
10 department who didn't have inmates working for  
11 them because of this - the equipment they had  
12 access to. Which is also a reason they can't  
13 get a lot of work done so quick is because they  
14 don't have inmate (Indiscernible \*1:42:19).  
15 They're the only people in the entire  
16 Facilities Department who doesn't get any  
17 inmate labor help because of the equipment and  
18 stuff that they have access to.

19 [REDACTED]: Where was the office located,  
20 the comm techs' office?

21 [REDACTED]: It was over - it was  
22 downstairs in the basement and it was between  
23 the Safety Office and Food Service.

24 [REDACTED]: Okay. That's all I have.

25 Agent [REDACTED], do you have anything else?

1 [REDACTED]: No, I don't think so.

2 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], I know it's been  
3 - I told you it's going to be a short interview  
4 and it's been almost two hours now. Thank you  
5 for being patient. I know we went back and  
6 forth. As [REDACTED] mentioned, you know, a couple  
7 things threw us for a loop because our idea of  
8 what transpired, how things transpired,  
9 complete changed at this point, but we might  
10 have questions, follow-up questions for you in  
11 the future, and is it okay if we reach back out  
12 to you if we have more questions?

13 [REDACTED]: We'll probably do it via  
14 email just so that we're not taking more of  
15 your time and then you can have a moment to  
16 actually review it and then just send us  
17 something back, so we're not going probably  
18 interview you again or anything like that.

19 [REDACTED]: Yeah, that's fine. I just -  
20 like I said, the - you're saying I threw you  
21 guys for a loop. You guys threw me for a loop.  
22 I mean, some of that stuff on that paperwork is  
23 just - I mean, reading it as it is, it just - I  
24 don't know, but yeah, I guess if you need me  
25 again just give me a shout, send me an email,

1           or whatever the case may be, and I'll send you  
2           the bill for lunch.

3           ██████████: If you think about anything,  
4           if you feel like you thought about something  
5           that popped in, your memory got refreshed while  
6           you're sitting there, you want - send me an  
7           email.

8           ██████████: I got you.

9           ██████████: Thank you again for taking  
10          the time to talk with us, and this is Special  
11          Agent ██████████. The time is 12:50 p.m.  
12          and we are turning off the recorder.

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