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APPEARANCES:

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WITNESS:



OTHER APPEARANCES:

NONE

1 MR. [REDACTED] The recorder is on. My  
2 name is [REDACTED], and I'm a senior  
3 special agent with the U.S. Department of  
4 Justice, Office of the Inspector General, New  
5 York Field Office, and these are my  
6 credentials.

7 [REDACTED] Okay.

8 [REDACTED] And this interview with  
9 Federal Bureau of Prisons employee [REDACTED]  
10 [REDACTED] is being conducted as part of an  
11 official U.S. Department of Justice, Office of  
12 the Inspector General investigation. Today's  
13 date is August 5, 2021, and the time is 1:49  
14 p.m. This interview is being conducted at the  
15 Metropolitan Correctional Center, located in  
16 New York, New York. Also present is DOJ/OIG  
17 Special Agent [REDACTED] This interview  
18 will be recorded by me, Special Agent - or  
19 Senior Special Agent - [REDACTED]  
20 Could everyone please identify themselves for  
21 the record, and spell their last name? To  
22 start, again, I am DOJ/OIG Senior Special Agent

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24 MR. [REDACTED] This is DOJ/OIG Special  
25 Agent, [REDACTED] The last name is [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED] Here is my credentials.

2 MS. [REDACTED]: Okay. My name is officer

3 [REDACTED] with the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

4 Last name [REDACTED] And these are  
5 my credentials.

6 MR. [REDACTED] You got your credentials  
7 this time. Wow. Fancy. All right.

8 MR. [REDACTED] Thank you.

9 MR. [REDACTED]: Thank you. I am looking  
10 at a picture, which it does match the person  
11 sitting in front of me. This is an official  
12 DOJ investigation into the death of inmate  
13 Jeffrey Epstein and the surrounding  
14 circumstances, and you are being asked to  
15 voluntarily provide answers to our questions.  
16 Will you agree to a voluntary interview with  
17 the DOJ/OIG?

18 MS. [REDACTED] Sure.

19 MR. [REDACTED] All right. And there's a  
20 form that we - and we just interviewed you,  
21 just shortly, you know, a short time ago - but  
22 it's the same form. It says, United States  
23 Department of Justice, Office of the Inspector  
24 General, Warnings and Assurances to Employee  
25 Requested to Provide Information on a Voluntary

1 Basis. "You are being asked to provide  
2 information as part of an investigation being  
3 conducted by the Office of the Inspector  
4 General. This investigation is being conducted  
5 pursuant to the Inspector General Act of 1978,  
6 as amended. This investigation pertains to job  
7 performance failure and security failure. This  
8 is a voluntary interview. Accordingly, you do  
9 not have to answer questions. No disciplinary  
10 action will be taken against you if you choose  
11 not to answer questions. Any statements you  
12 furnish may be used as evidence in any future  
13 criminal proceedings, or agency disciplinary  
14 proceedings, or both." And there's a waiver  
15 section. It says, "I understand the Warnings  
16 and Assurances stated above and I am willing to  
17 make a statement and answer questions. No  
18 promises or threats have been made to me, and  
19 no pressure or coercion of any kind has been  
20 used against me." You want to take a look?  
21 Again, it's the same form from before, but if  
22 you agree, there's an employee signature, and  
23 an employee's name, where you print.

24 MS. [REDACTED] Mm-hmm. Okay.

25 MR. [REDACTED] Thank you very much for

1 signing and printing your name. Today's date  
2 is - again - 8/5/21, and the time is --

3 MR. [REDACTED] 1:52 p.m.

4 MR. [REDACTED] -- 1:52 p.m. We are at  
5 the MCC, New York. And I'm signing my name.

6 Again, this is [REDACTED] And I'm  
7 printing. Here you go, Special Agent [REDACTED]

8 MR. [REDACTED] This is [REDACTED] I'm  
9 signing on the signature of witness.

10 MR. [REDACTED] Did you understand the  
11 OIG form?

12 MS. [REDACTED] Yes.

13 MR. [REDACTED] Thank you. Before  
14 starting the interview, I'd like to place you  
15 under oath. Ms. [REDACTED] can you please raise  
16 your right hand? Do you swear to tell the truth  
17 and nothing but the truth during this  
18 interview?

19 MS. [REDACTED]: Yes, I do.

20 MR. [REDACTED]: Great. Were you  
21 previously interviewed by the OIG in August of  
22 2019, and then again, by myself and [REDACTED]  
23 this past month, in July of 2021?

24 MS. [REDACTED] Yes. I was.

25 MR. [REDACTED]: All right. And you

1           already showed me your credentials, so I don't  
2           need to ask you this background stuff. Are you  
3           currently employed by the BOP?

4           MS. [REDACTED] Yes.

5           MR. [REDACTED] And what is your current  
6           position with the BOP?

7           MS. [REDACTED] Receiving and Discharge.  
8           Correctional Systems Officer.

9           MR. [REDACTED] Is there any change since  
10          the last time we spoke to you?

11          MS. [REDACTED] No.

12          MR. [REDACTED]: Great. All right. So,  
13          this is just a supplemental interview. When we  
14          spoke last, you talked about some different  
15          documentation that we could potentially obtain  
16          in order to clear up some of the things we were  
17          looking at. Specifically, we were looking into  
18          Efrain Reyes. And when he was released, and  
19          what would have been put on the court list.  
20          The court transfer. So, when we last spoke, we  
21          talked about this daily log. This, I'm going  
22          to show you. It's from 8/9/2019. And on the  
23          third page, where I've highlighted, it says  
24          Reyes was pre-removed at 0838, when you had  
25          mentioned, during our interview, that you can't

1 tell exactly why he was removed at that point,  
2 just that, if he's listed as pre-removed, it  
3 was highly unlikely that he would have been  
4 returned, and it was assumed that he was  
5 leaving the MCC, for good. Is that correct?

6 MS. [REDACTED]: That is correct.

7 MR. [REDACTED]: All right. Great. So,  
8 there is that, in case you wanted to look at  
9 it. So, we went back, and we found these  
10 emails. And so, this is just the first email  
11 that we found was, this was from a [REDACTED]  
12 [REDACTED] from the U.S. Marshal Service.

13 MS. [REDACTED]: Okay.

14 MR. [REDACTED]: And this was to, it looks  
15 like - I'm assuming all of R&D, as well as  
16 yourself.

17 MS. [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm.

18 MR. [REDACTED]: And then, it says, the  
19 subject, "Transfer of Prisoners from NYM to  
20 GEO." What is GEO?

21 MS. [REDACTED]: It's like a private prison  
22 that the Marshals transfer the inmates to when  
23 they can't be housed in the BOP.

24 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. And it says, date,  
25 Thursday, August 8, 2019 --

1 MS. [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm.

2 MR. MATULEWICZ: -- at 10:33 a.m. And the  
3 body of the email, it says, "The following  
4 prisoners are to be transferred."

5 MS. [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm.

6 MR. [REDACTED]: And it's two people's  
7 name, and the second one says Efrain Reyes.  
8 "Please schedule the transfer for Friday,  
9 8/9/2019."

10 MS. [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm.

11 MR. [REDACTED]: So, there's that one.

12 MS. [REDACTED]: Okay.

13 MR. [REDACTED]: And then, there's another  
14 email that came out the same day, that says  
15 it's from another person with the U.S. Marshal  
16 Service, with the last name [REDACTED]  
17 [REDACTED] And this one was subject, "Prisoner  
18 Production On 8/9/2019," and the date was  
19 Thursday, August 8th, 2019 at 3:36 p.m., was  
20 the email. And one of the attachments was NYM.  
21 Is that MCC?

22 MS. [REDACTED]: Yes.

23 MR. [REDACTED]: All right. Great. And  
24 the second, the first two people are the same  
25 two people that were listed on this other

1 email. And the second person, as you'll see, is  
2 Efrain Reyes. It says, "Transfer within," and  
3 then, right underneath, it says Judge, MCC,  
4 TOT, and then GEO.

5 MS. [REDACTED] Mm-hmm.

6 MR. MATULEWICZ: What is TOT?

7 MS. [REDACTED] Like, when they transfer them  
8 out of the prison.

9 MR. [REDACTED] Okay. So, by looking at  
10 this stuff, does this now let you know what was  
11 entered pre-removed and why?

12 MS. [REDACTED] Yes. That he was being  
13 officially removed out of the institution,  
14 going to another destination.

15 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. So, was he ever  
16 going to court, based on that?

17 MS. [REDACTED] No. He was going to be  
18 transferred to another prison.

19 MR. [REDACTED] Okay. So then, we here  
20 at the MCC, then, did know that he was going to  
21 another prison, and not coming back to the MCC?

22 MS. [REDACTED] That is correct.

23 MR. [REDACTED] And would you be the  
24 person -? So, here's your work schedule.

25 MS. [REDACTED] Mm-hmm.

1 MR. [REDACTED]: I think you couldn't  
2 remember at the time. So, on the 8th and the  
3 9th, it shows that you were working regular  
4 time.

5 MS. [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm.

6 MR. [REDACTED]: Eight hours. And would  
7 you be the one that would have created that  
8 court list for the SHU?

9 MS. [REDACTED]: For SHU?

10 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah. We were told by  
11 your supervisor that you would be the person  
12 that would have created that.

13 MS. [REDACTED]: ~~(Indiscernible \*00:07:37)~~ 8/9  
14 [REDACTED] worked 2:00 to 10:00 for Ssmall.  
15 Probably. So, I don't recall, but if that was  
16 my position that day, then I probably would  
17 have created it for the SHU.

18 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

19 MS. [REDACTED]: So, we do it the night  
20 before, and send it out the housing units the  
21 night before, and they take it up to their  
22 units for the next day, for production.

23 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. And then, what is  
24 sent and how is it sent?

25 MS. [REDACTED]: We just type it in the Sentry

1 system. We print out call outs. And the  
2 internal officer will disseminate it, and pass  
3 it around to the unit officers.

4 MR. MATULEWICZ: So, the way that the SHU  
5 would - you would give it to internal, and then  
6 internal would bring it to the SHU?

7 MS. [REDACTED] That is correct.

8 MR. [REDACTED] Okay. And what would the  
9 SHU, what would they receive?

10 MS. [REDACTED] They receive a print-out of  
11 the call out, of whatever this is. This here  
12 is people's report (Indiscernible \*00:08:22),  
13 they print out (Indiscernible \*00:08:23) from  
14 Sentry.

15 MR. [REDACTED] So, they get a print-out  
16 of the actual document?

17 MS. [REDACTED] Not this document. A Sentry  
18 devised document.

19 MR. [REDACTED] Okay.

20 MS. [REDACTED] We put their names in the  
21 Sentry computer system. It prints out a call  
22 out receipt, with all the names, the times, and  
23 the internal officer would then take it to the  
24 housing unit.

25 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. So, based upon

1           this information that I just showed you --

2           MS. [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm.

3           MR. [REDACTED] -- what would have you  
4           created? What would have it said next to Efrain  
5           Reyes' name?

6           MS. [REDACTED] It would say WAB.

7           MR. [REDACTED]: Is that it?

8           MS. [REDACTED] That was it.

9           MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. So --

10          MS. [REDACTED]: It would say WAB.

11          MR. [REDACTED]: -- by it saying WAB, does  
12          that mean that he's leaving and he's not  
13          returning?

14          MS. [REDACTED] That is correct.

15          MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. So, the people  
16          that received this in the SHU, in the housing  
17          unit that Efrain Reyes was staying in, they  
18          would know this guy is leaving and not coming  
19          back?

20          MS. [REDACTED] Yes.

21          MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

22          MS. [REDACTED] Well, let me not say they  
23          would know. They just know it says WAB. I'm  
24          not sure if they know what those acronyms  
25          stands for. They just know that he's on a call

1 out, and that --

2 MR. [REDACTED] If they know it means --

3 MS. [REDACTED] he has to go down to R&D.

4 MR. [REDACTED] -- if the people, let's  
5 say that we know WAB means With All Belongings,  
6 and we're supposed to give them everything that  
7 they have, and send them on their way.

8 MS. [REDACTED] Mm-hmm. That is correct.

9 MR. [REDACTED] Shouldn't they know, at  
10 that point, that they're leaving and not coming  
11 back?

12 MS. [REDACTED] They should know, yes.

13 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. Great. And since  
14 we spoke, were you ever able to find that list  
15 that you would have created to provide to the  
16 SHU?

17 MS. [REDACTED]: We don't keep those.

18 MR. MATULEWICZ: They don't keep them?  
19 Is it ever emailed?

20 MS. [REDACTED] No.

21 MR. [REDACTED]: No. So --

22 MS. [REDACTED] We didn't email those.

23 MR. [REDACTED]: -- it's only --

24 MS. [REDACTED]: No.

25 MR. [REDACTED]: -- created, printed out,

1 and then, you said it's actually created in  
2 Sentry, though?

3 MS. [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm.

4 MR. [REDACTED]: And how long is it  
5 maintained in Sentry?

6 MS. [REDACTED]: I believe 45 days.

7 MR. [REDACTED]: 45 days. So, there is no  
8 -. There would be no way to actually obtain  
9 that court list?

10 MS. [REDACTED]: I'm not sure.

11 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. But it is called  
12 the -.

13 MS. [REDACTED]: I don't want to say yeah, and  
14 I don't want to say no. I'm not sure.

15 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. But there's no  
16 way, that you know of, to obtain that court  
17 list?

18 MS. [REDACTED]: Right.

19 MR. [REDACTED]: And that's what it's  
20 called? A court list? Or is it called --

21 MS. [REDACTED]: A call out.

22 MR. [REDACTED]: -- it's called a call out  
23 list?

24 MS. [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm.

25 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. So, it's not

1           actually called a court list.

2           MS. [REDACTED] Right.

3           MR. [REDACTED] Okay. Call out list.

4           MS. [REDACTED] Because normally, what we do  
5 is, we go back in the night, like, if I have to  
6 do a new call list for the next day, I delete  
7 the previous call list, because then you'll  
8 keep having call lists. So, we go in, we  
9 delete it, and we do the next one for the next  
10 day.

11          MR. [REDACTED] Okay. Gotcha.

12          MS. [REDACTED] So, I don't even know if  
13 they're maintained, how they're maintained in  
14 the system. If they're even stored in the  
15 system.

16          MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

17          MS. [REDACTED] After that. I don't know.

18          MR. [REDACTED] All right. So, they may  
19 only be stored for that 24-hour period, until  
20 you do your next list.

21          MS. [REDACTED] Right.

22          MR. [REDACTED] Okay.

23          MS. [REDACTED]: Because we're supposed to go  
24 in and delete the call out. And then, for the  
25 next day, like say, for example, tonight, I

1 will be deleting today's call out, and I will  
2 be entering tomorrow's call out.

3 MR. [REDACTED] Okay.

4 MS. [REDACTED] So, that's how it's supposed  
5 to be done.

6 MR. [REDACTED] Perfect. All right.  
7 Great. Do you mind just initialing and dating  
8 those --

9 MS. [REDACTED] Mm-hmm.

10 MR. [REDACTED] -- just so we have them?  
11 It's not certifying the accuracy. It's simply  
12 saying that that's what you reviewed.

13 MS. [REDACTED] Mm-hmm.

14 MR. [REDACTED]: And you can go on, and  
15 the date is 8/5/21.

16 MS. [REDACTED] Okay. Okay. Okay.

17 MR. [REDACTED] Thank you.

18 MS. [REDACTED] That's everything. Right?

19 MR. [REDACTED]: Thank you so much. All  
20 right. So, that covers Efrain Reyes. The next  
21 one is going to be with regard to inmate  
22 Fernandez. Do you recall us talking to you  
23 about an inmate Fernandez? I know you worked in  
24 control.

25 MS. [REDACTED] No.

1 MR. [REDACTED] Oh, that's fine.

2 MS. [REDACTED] We probably talked about it.

3 MR. [REDACTED] We talked about a lot.

4 So, this is just to refresh your memory. It  
5 shows that you worked at the MCC on Saturday,  
6 August 10th, 2019. This is the daily  
7 assignment roster.

8 MS. [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm.

9 MR. [REDACTED] It shows that you were  
10 control number one.

11 MS. [REDACTED] Mm-hmm.

12 MR. [REDACTED] Working overtime from  
13 midnight to 8:00 a.m.?

14 MS. [REDACTED] That is correct.

15 MR. [REDACTED] Is that -? Okay. Great.  
16 And then, when you were in control one, are you  
17 the only person in control, at that time?

18 MS. [REDACTED] No.

19 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

20 MS. [REDACTED] I have a control two. Okay.  
21 Wait a minute.

22 MR. [REDACTED]: And I'll -.

23 MS. [REDACTED] I know [REDACTED] was there with  
24 me.

25 MR. [REDACTED]: So, internal would be

1           actually with you?

2           MS. [REDACTED]: That number two was - would  
3           be in control with me.

4           MR. [REDACTED] Okay. So, that's how it  
5           went. Okay.

6           MS. [REDACTED] At that time, the number two.  
7           They normally they didn't have an internal  
8           number two, but that person is the person that  
9           was in there with me because, at that time,  
10          when they would put the internal number two on  
11          the roster, they would be the person that would  
12          assist the control center officer, in the  
13          control. And they would do the counts, and  
14          assignments, and do the - yeah - the counts.  
15          The call outs. If somebody was on suicide  
16          watch, and they had a companion swap out to  
17          come out to a work detail, they would take that  
18          companion off, put that new companion on, while  
19          food service came and they would key in the  
20          food service workers that would be off the  
21          housing unit, but at that time, we only have -.  
22          If we had anybody, it would be him.

23          MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

24          MS. [REDACTED] Yes. Yes.

25          MR. [REDACTED] So - and you probably

1 told me this before, then - so, [REDACTED] would be  
2 the one responsible for doing the counts, as --

3 MS. [REDACTED] Yes.

4 MR. [REDACTED] -- as the second. And  
5 what would your responsibility be?

6 MS. [REDACTED] My responsibility was  
7 ensuring all the equipment was in the control  
8 center, doing a body alarm testing. What else?  
9 Tracking all the equipment. Doing the  
10 paperwork as far as the security forms,  
11 (Indiscernible \*00:13:37) security forms. And  
12 looking up at cameras periodically. Popping  
13 the doors.

14 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. But nothing to do  
15 with counts?

16 MS. [REDACTED] No.

17 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. Then this might  
18 not be too relevant. All right. As far as the  
19 last person we talked about during our last  
20 interview was Fernandez, and we've since  
21 learned, through our reviews, that Fernandez  
22 was gone from the SHU around 1:40 p.m., and  
23 definitely moved to R&D at least by 3:15.

24 MS. [REDACTED] Oh, I recall that.

25 MR. [REDACTED] Yeah.

1 MS. [REDACTED] Okay.

2 MR. [REDACTED] Okay.

3 MS. [REDACTED] I recall. Yes.

4 MR. [REDACTED]: So, were you able to -?

5 MS. [REDACTED] I didn't recall his name.

6 MR. [REDACTED] I think you may have led  
7 us onto this. I can't exactly remember. But  
8 there's the inmate history quarters for inmate  
9 Fernandez.

10 MS. [REDACTED] Mm-hmm.

11 MR. [REDACTED] And it shows that he was  
12 in the SHU, put to the SHU on August 2nd, 2019,  
13 and then, he was not keyed out of the SHU, and  
14 put into his RO1. Does that stand for R&D?

15 MS. [REDACTED] Mm-hmm.

16 MR. [REDACTED] Okay. Until 8/10/2019,  
17 at 12:35 a.m., on August 10th, 2019. Would  
18 that have -. Would you be involved in that at  
19 all?

20 MS. [REDACTED] No.

21 MR. [REDACTED] No? So, not with what you  
22 were doing?

23 MS. [REDACTED] Hmm-mm.

24 MR. [REDACTED] Who has the ability to  
25 key~~up~~ people in and out of the housing units.

1 Does -?

2 MS. [REDACTED]: I mean, the control center  
3 officers have the ability to do it. The  
4 lieutenants, if they know. They have the  
5 ability to do it. The SHU officers have the  
6 ability to do it. And R&D has the ability to  
7 do to it.

8 MR. [REDACTED] Okay. So, there's  
9 actually a number of people that could have  
10 done that.

11 MS. [REDACTED] Yeah.

12 MR. [REDACTED] Okay. But that's not  
13 something you would have done in your role?

14 MS. ANDREA: No. Hmm-mm.

15 MR. MATULEWICZ: And you don't recall  
16 doing that?

17 MS. [REDACTED] No.

18 MR. [REDACTED] Okay. Great. Do you  
19 mind just -. And you're there -. Actually,  
20 just initial and date these (Indiscernible  
21 \*00:15:19).

22 MS. [REDACTED] Mm-hmm.

23 MR. [REDACTED] So, in your expert  
24 opinion, at that time, 12:35 a.m., who would  
25 have been the one, then --

1 MS. [REDACTED] Well --

2 MR. [REDACTED]: -- do you think, who  
3 would have -?

4 MS. [REDACTED] -- that would be the number  
5 two person because he's --

6 MR. [REDACTED]: If they did it from  
7 control.

8 MS. [REDACTED] -- right. Right. But if he  
9 did it from control, because he would be  
10 preparing the counts. Or it could have been  
11 the SHU officer. I don't know.

12 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

13 MS. [REDACTED]: It could have been a number  
14 of people.

15 MR. [REDACTED]: Or it could have ~~b~~ been  
16 the Ops Lieutenant. Correct?

17 MS. [REDACTED] Right.

18 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. But it wasn't you?

19 MS. [REDACTED] But normally, the Ops  
20 Lieutenants, they don't do that. It's normally  
21 the control, or the SHU officer. What is  
22 today? The fifth?

23 MR. [REDACTED]: And that's who would  
24 normally do it? When an inmate is moved, it  
25 would typically be control --

1 MS. [REDACTED] Control.

2 MR. [REDACTED]: -- or the housing unit  
3 officers?

4 MS. [REDACTED] No. Not the housing unit  
5 officer.

6 MR. [REDACTED] Just the SHU?

7 MS. [REDACTED] It would be the control.

8 MR. [REDACTED]: Oh, so, typically, it's  
9 control?

10 MS. [REDACTED] Control.

11 MR. [REDACTED]: So, if -.

12 MS. [REDACTED]: But if he's moving from an  
13 area within SHU, like say one SHU bed to  
14 another SHU bed, the SHU OIC would be making  
15 the changes in the system, but this is one  
16 location to another location. Like, physically  
17 out of that unit. That probably, most likely,  
18 at that time, and it might have been the  
19 control.

20 MR. [REDACTED]: Well, so, in this case,  
21 that's not when he was moved. That's just when  
22 it was caught. So, we believe that actually --

23 MS. [REDACTED] Right.

24 MR. [REDACTED]: -- the Ops Lieutenant did  
25 that, because she's the one who figured it out.

1           However, it sounds like, when he was moved at  
2           approximately 3:00 p.m. the day before, August  
3           9th, 2019, control should have been the one --

4           MS. [REDACTED] Mm-hmm.

5           MR. [REDACTED] -- to do it. Is that  
6           correct?

7           MS. [REDACTED] Wait a minute.

8           MR. [REDACTED]: So, if he --

9           MS. [REDACTED] Repeat that again.

10          MR. [REDACTED] -- if he went from - at  
11          about 3:00 p.m., he was moved from the SHU,  
12          that was his housing unit, and placed into R&D  
13          as his new housing unit --

14          MS. [REDACTED] Right.

15          MR. [REDACTED]: -- and placed on dry  
16          cell, ~~what-with~~ staff assigned to him, who  
17          should have -?

18          MS. [REDACTED] Control should have. The SHU  
19          officer should have notified control, or  
20          whoever was moving him, and put him there,  
21          should have notified control this inmate moved  
22          from so and so place, and is now placed here,  
23          and the control center officer should have been  
24          keying him at that location.

25          MR. [REDACTED]: So, the control should

1 have done it?

2 MS. [REDACTED] Mm-hmm.

3 MR. [REDACTED]: Perfect. Thank you.

4 MR. [REDACTED]: If the officer who actually  
5 moved him actually wrote up a shot, also, for  
6 moving him? Because if --

7 MS. [REDACTED]: Say that again.

8 MR. [REDACTED]: ~~DO~~ DO you know what a shot  
9 is?

10 MS. [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm. An incident report.

11 MR. [REDACTED]: Incident report. Does that  
12 mean that the officer was responsible for - or  
13 to make sure that the control was aware that  
14 inmate was being moved?

15 MS. [REDACTED] Well, whenever an inmate is  
16 leaving your housing unit, going off your unit  
17 completely, you should be notifying control,  
18 and verifying your base count and your unit  
19 count. So, that's what you should be doing.

20 MR. [REDACTED]: Well, what about in this  
21 case? If the person was actually in visiting,  
22 and the reason why he got the shot was because  
23 the person that was visiting him provided him  
24 contraband. From there, they took him -.

25 MS. [REDACTED] Well, the unit officer might

1 | not necessarily know that, because somebody  
2 | would have to tell that unit officer this  
3 | person is being removed, going to SHU, because  
4 | they got drugs on the visiting floor. So, the  
5 | unit officer might not necessarily know that,  
6 | but -.

7 | MR. [REDACTED]: Well, let's say, in this  
8 | case, for instance, it was. It was actually  
9 | the person who found him, was the OIC of the  
10 | SHU, he's the one who saw what happened, and --

11 | MS. [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm.

12 | MR. [REDACTED] -- actually is the one  
13 | who placed him onto the dry cell, and is the  
14 | one that wrote up the shot.

15 | MS. [REDACTED]: Oh, okay. Well then, he  
16 | should have just ben notifying control he's  
17 | going to dry cell. If it was dry cell within  
18 | the SHU, then he doesn't --

19 | MR. [REDACTED] It was dry cell in R&D.

20 | MS. [REDACTED] -- right, but if it was in  
21 | SHU, he wouldn't have to notify nobody because  
22 | it's in SHU.

23 | MR. [REDACTED] Right.

24 | MS. [REDACTED] He would just make the bed  
25 | assignment change, but because he actually

1           physically left the unit, he should have been  
2           notifying the control center, I got one being  
3           moved from SHU down to R&D for dry cell.

4           MR. [REDACTED]    Okay.  So, he should have  
5           notified control and said, key this person into  
6           --

7           MS. [REDACTED]    Mm-hmm.

8           MR. [REDACTED]    :  -- to R&D?  Okay.

9           MS. [REDACTED]    :  Not just physically  
10          specifically him, but anybody that was in the  
11          SHU working that day should have just notified.  
12          It's not, you know, because we all share the  
13          same responsibility.

14          MR. [REDACTED]    :  Okay.  Perfect.  Do you  
15          mind just initialing and dating that --

16          MS. [REDACTED]    Mm-hmm.

17          MR. [REDACTED]    :  -- then, the last --

18          MR. [REDACTED]    :  I'm sorry.  I have a quick  
19          question on the same thing.

20          MR. [REDACTED]    :  Sure.

21          MR. [REDACTED]    How soon after you move an  
22          inmate should that update be done?

23          MS. [REDACTED]    Immediately.

24          MR. [REDACTED]    Why?

25          MS. [REDACTED]    Because if you got to do an

1 emergency count, you've got to account for  
2 where that person is.

3 MR. [REDACTED] Now, let's say, if it wasn't  
4 done immediately, what could happen to the  
5 count?

6 MS. [REDACTED] We have a bad count.

7 MR. [REDACTED]: Here you go. Keep those  
8 together. Keep it in order. And then, the  
9 last thing, I think -. Well, no, because  
10 there's, like, two more. This one was the -  
11 and you just said, [REDACTED] would have been the one  
12 responsible for the --

13 MS. [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm.

14 MR. [REDACTED]: -- the count. Correct?

15 MS. [REDACTED] Mm-hmm.

16 MR. [REDACTED]: So, and I think we talked  
17 about this already.

18 MS. [REDACTED] Mm-hmm.

19 MR. [REDACTED] But if you see, this is  
20 the count from 8/10/2019, it says it was  
21 printed at 12:35, I guess, and then, it shows  
22 [REDACTED] and I think this is [REDACTED]  
23 signature, as well. Right above [REDACTED]. It  
24 says, "Good verbal" at 12:36 a.m. Count  
25 cleared at 12:49 p.m. ZA, it says 72. RA, it

1           says one. However, and again, I think - which  
2           we already discussed in our last one - ~~and~~  
3           according to the ZA count slips, on the very  
4           last page, it says 73.

5           MS. [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm.

6           MR. [REDACTED]: And it shows, M. Thomas  
7           and Noel are the ones that signed it.

8           MS. [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm.

9           MR. [REDACTED]: And it shows they signed  
10          it at 12:01 a.m. And do you have any knowledge  
11          or recollection of this being a bad count?  
12          Being that the E1 says 72, and the count slip  
13          said that, it said 73. And you don't --

14          MS. [REDACTED]: No.

15          MR. [REDACTED]: -- no?

16          MS. [REDACTED]: Because normally, when  
17          they're take - that's, like, the beginning of  
18          the shift. So, normally, while they're taking  
19          count, I'm in there, verifying keys, making  
20          sure equipment is there, radios is there,  
21          checking all - everything else. So, while  
22          they're taking the count. So, I'm not  
23          necessarily sitting right there, alongside  
24          them, listening to what's going on.

25          MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

1 MS. [REDACTED] You know? So, no.

2 MR. [REDACTED]: And if the Ops Lieutenant  
3 was [REDACTED] at this time, I believe  
4 that's her signature on top of Cale. If she's  
5 taking that official count, where would that  
6 count be -? Where would she be taking the  
7 count?

8 MS. [REDACTED] In the control center,  
9 alongside the counting assignment Office,  
10 alongside Cale.

11 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. And do you recall  
12 that taking place that night, by chance?

13 MS. [REDACTED] If the roster said she was  
14 there, then she probably was there, but I don't  
15 recall. I don't.

16 MR. [REDACTED] Okay. But in order for  
17 her to sign it, and for him to --

18 MS. [REDACTED] She would have to be there.

19 MR. [REDACTED]: -- all right. And do you  
20 know - this is pretty nice handwriting - do you  
21 know if that would be [REDACTED] handwriting, or  
22 hers? Can you really tell by that?

23 MS. [REDACTED]: I know this is [REDACTED]. I  
24 don't know whose writing this is.

25 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. But that is

1

[REDACTED]

2

MS. [REDACTED]: This is his right here, yeah.

3

MR. [REDACTED] Okay. Perfect. And you

4

don't -. And do you recall [REDACTED] ever

5

getting on the phone, though, with the SHU,

6

regarding this count?

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MS. [REDACTED] No.

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MR. [REDACTED]: No. That's fine. Do you

9

mind just initialing --

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MS. [REDACTED] Mm-hmm.

11

MR. [REDACTED] -- and dating it.

12

MS. [REDACTED] Now, that, I don't. Are you

13

taking this? Okay.

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MR. [REDACTED]: And then, this. Can you

15

just explain to us what we're looking at here?

16

What is this document?

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MS. [REDACTED] Okay. This is an,

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~~(Indiscernible \*00:22:20)~~ on the evening watch

19

shift, ~~t.~~ The control center, the control

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number one person is responsible for accounting

21

for all the keys. So, you go through every

22

key, count the keys, make sure A1 has 17 keys.

23

And that's what this is. So, each key, you're

24

accounting for the amount of keys on the

25

keyring. So, that's what this is.

1 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. So, when people go  
2 in and out of the institution, they get keys.  
3 Is that what it is?

4 MS. [REDACTED] No. At the end of the night,  
5 at the end of the night, on the evening shift,  
6 you got to account for all the equipment, and  
7 that's the - to make sure those keys are there,  
8 and that those keys have this many -. Let me  
9 not say that, like that. Account for all the  
10 keys on the keyring. The keyring might say A1,  
11 five keys. So, there's a chit on the keyring  
12 that says five. So, you have to make sure five  
13 keys is on that keyring.

14 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. So, it's kind of,  
15 like, it's for equipment, though? Not for  
16 people?

17 MS. [REDACTED] No. That's for equipment.

18 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. And is there also  
19 one, though, for people?

20 MS. [REDACTED] There's one for people. To  
21 make sure who's on duty?

22 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah. So, like, I've  
23 been in other institutions where they have  
24 these, you know, the little rings that, if they  
25 go in or out of the institution, they grab

1           their chip, or they put it back on --

2           MS. [REDACTED] It's a chit board. We have a  
3 chit board here.

4           MR. [REDACTED]: -- okay. So, that's not  
5 this, though?

6           MS. [REDACTED] No.

7           MR. [REDACTED]: This has to do  
8 specifically with equipment, if you take a  
9 piece of equipment, then you take the chip to  
10 go with it?

11          MS. [REDACTED]: No. That has to do  
12 specifically, with accountability for keys.  
13 Meaning, A1 has 18 keys. So, if the chit on  
14 the keyring says 18, you're supposed to have 18  
15 keys. So, if lock shop came and changed the  
16 keys, and took one key off or added a key, that  
17 key count would be different. It would be  
18 another number for that key. So, you're  
19 verifying. That's basically just verification  
20 and accountability that this is how ever many  
21 keys we have on that keyring.

22          MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. So, this is just  
23 showing what keys, and if they're actual keys,  
24 and the accountability of those keys.

25          MS. [REDACTED] Right. And how many keys is

1 on that ring.

2 MR. [REDACTED] All right. That was your  
3 question. Did you want anything more on that?

4 MR. [REDACTED] With this showe-SHU, any keys  
5 belonging to the SHU? And let's say if the  
6 count was off, would it be reflected was off,  
7 would it be reflected in there?

8 MS. [REDACTED] No.

9 MR. [REDACTED] (Indiscernible \*00:24:40)  
10 manner?

11 MR. [REDACTED]: Would this have anything  
12 to do with the count?

13 MS. [REDACTED] This doesn't have anything to  
14 do with the count. This is just equipment.

15 MR. [REDACTED] No, no. I mean, the count  
16 for the keys, the number of keys. And let's  
17 say the number of keys on that ring, and  
18 (Indiscernible \*00:24:51) -.

19 MS. [REDACTED] No, because what the control  
20 center officer does is, on the evening watch  
21 shift, whatever keys is not in the control  
22 center, he'll call up to the unit as he's doing  
23 - as he's testing body alarms, he'll say, what  
24 keys do you have? You'll say, oh, I have  
25 Charlie nine, and with what. And he'll tell

1           you, you'll say, I have Charlie nine with five  
2           or whatever amount of keys you have, and he'll  
3           write that down. And then, the lieutenant will  
4           go over this at night, and verify the key count  
5           is accurate.

6           MR. [REDACTED]: Is there a count in there for  
7           the SHU keys?

8           MR. [REDACTED]: Well, this isn't the  
9           count. It's not 8/10.

10          MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah.

11          MS. [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm.

12          MR. [REDACTED]: I just want to know if there  
13          is specifically address~~ed~~ ~~issue~~ SHU keys,  
14          that's all.

15          MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

16          MS. [REDACTED]: This is the whole  
17          institution's keys. So, yeah. SHU keys would  
18          be here, too. Yes.

19          MR. [REDACTED]: What would they be listed  
20          under?

21          MS. [REDACTED]: The Charlie keys.

22          MR. [REDACTED]: Do you know which Charlies?

23          MS. [REDACTED]: Hmm.

24          MR. [REDACTED]: So, the C's?

25          MS. [REDACTED]: The C keys. So, I think,

1 starting, if I don't -. If I recall. I think  
2 they start at --

3 MR. [REDACTED]: If you don't know --

4 MS. [REDACTED]: -- ~~there's~~ they're Charlie  
5 and the a-Bravos. Because it's - I think it  
6 starts at Charlie. What is it? I don't  
7 remember. I just know the keys when I'm in the  
8 control center.

9 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

10 MS. [REDACTED]: I can't tell you off the top  
11 of my head by looking, but I know it's the  
12 Charlie keys, and the Bravo keys. Because one  
13 is a cuff key, and one is a cell door key.

14 MR. [REDACTED]: Can you initial and date  
15 that?

16 MS. [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm.

17 MR. [REDACTED]: (Indiscernible \*00:26:19)  
18 question (Indiscernible \*00:26:19)?

19 MR. [REDACTED]: No.

20 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

21 MS. [REDACTED]: Yeah. But - yeah - this  
22 doesn't tell you who had the keys. It just  
23 tells you -.

24 MR. [REDACTED]: Is there a way to identify  
25 who signed out the keys, or anything like that?

1 MS. [REDACTED] No, because everybody puts  
2 their chits on it. We don't sign out keys.

3 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

4 MS. [REDACTED] Nobody signs out keys.

5 MR. [REDACTED]: It's a chit. Okay.

6 MS. [REDACTED] It's a chit system. That's  
7 how you know who has what equipment.

8 MR. [REDACTED]: So, when you take a key,  
9 you leave your chit?

10 MS. [REDACTED] Yes.

11 MR. [REDACTED] How do you spell chit?

12 MS. [REDACTED] C-H-I-T.

13 MR. [REDACTED] Okay. Why they don't  
14 just call it a chip. It's so much easier.

15 MS. [REDACTED] Mm-hmm. Yeah. A chit.  
16 Yeah. So, it's like a barter system. Like, I  
17 give you this, you give me that.

18 MR. [REDACTED] Okay.

19 MS. [REDACTED] And then, at the end of the  
20 night, you're giving the keys, you get your  
21 chits back. So, that's what that's for.

22 MR. [REDACTED]: Does everybody have a  
23 certain amount of chits?

24 MS. [REDACTED] Everybody gets six chits. If  
25 you lose a chit, you can always go and get more

1 chits. Or if you don't have chits, and lock  
2 shop is not here, go to the lieutenant's  
3 office, you get some temp chits. And then,  
4 you'll use those chits at -. And then, when  
5 you're done with your shift, you return the  
6 temp chits back to the lieutenant's office, but  
7 everybody -. It depends on if you come from  
8 another institution, you already come with  
9 extra chits on you --

10 MR. [REDACTED] Right.

11 MS. [REDACTED] -- because you got those from  
12 your previous institution. So, everybody  
13 doesn't have the same amount of chits.

14 MR. [REDACTED]: And does it say your name  
15 on it?

16 MS. [REDACTED] Yeah.

17 MR. [REDACTED] Okay.

18 MS. [REDACTED] Mm-hmm.

19 MR. [REDACTED]: So, if you have to borrow  
20 one, what does that say?

21 MS. [REDACTED] If you have to borrow a chit?

22 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah. If you forgot them  
23 or something, and you've got to go and get one  
24 to use.

25 MS. [REDACTED] The temp chit says temp on

1 it.

2 MR. [REDACTED]: Temp. Okay.

3 MS. [REDACTED] It says T-E-M-P. It looks  
4 like this. I'm going to pull it off my ring.  
5 They look like this.

6 MR. MATULEWICZ: Oh, okay. Cool. So, it  
7 says [REDACTED] on there.

8 MS. [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm.

9 MR. [REDACTED]: Perfect.

10 MS. [REDACTED] So, each institution does it  
11 different. But some of them are square, some  
12 of them are circle. Some of them are octagon  
13 shaped. Just depends on however your  
14 institution cuts them out.

15 MR. [REDACTED] Okay. Cool.

16 MS. [REDACTED] But that's --

17 MR. [REDACTED] Thank you.

18 MS. [REDACTED] -- a chit.

19 MR. [REDACTED]: And this count happens only  
20 once a day, on the evening watch?

21 MS. [REDACTED] Mm-hmm. Yup.

22 MR. [REDACTED] At what time?

23 MS. [REDACTED] Normally, they do it when  
24 they come in. On the evening shift, when  
25 they're doing the count. So, like, for, like,

1 at that time, we was on three shifts. So, the  
2 evening shift would do this, anywhere between  
3 4:00, 6:00.

4 MR. [REDACTED]: So, this document you  
5 were looking at, would have been somewhere  
6 between 4:00 and 6:00 on 8/9/2021. The next  
7 one wouldn't be done until --

8 MS. [REDACTED]: Because they have up until --

9 MR. [REDACTED]: -- (Indiscernible  
10 \*00:28:42).

11 MS. [REDACTED]: -- the end of their shift to  
12 turn this in.

13 MR. [REDACTED]: Sure.

14 MS. [REDACTED]: So, most of the times, if you  
15 have officers on the unit, it's feasible to  
16 take the key count when you're doing your body  
17 alarm testing of the unit officers, and  
18 verifying that officers on duty asking who's on  
19 shift, so you can write their name for that  
20 post. So, it's always easy to do it at that  
21 time. So, normally, for the officers, this  
22 would take place during, when their body alarm  
23 is being tested. And that's normally at the  
24 start of your shift, that you test your body  
25 alarm, when you come in the institution.

1 That's --

2 MR. [REDACTED] Cool.

3 MS. [REDACTED]: -- primarily.

4 MR. [REDACTED]: The last question. If there  
5 was --

6 MS. [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm.

7 MR. [REDACTED]: -- happened to be a set of  
8 keys missing, is that recorded anywhere?

9 MS. [REDACTED] A: If you write it in a logbook,  
10 and you notify the lieutenant, but if it's  
11 missing, and it can't be found, then yeah, it  
12 gets written down. But if it's missing and  
13 it's located, and it's returned, then it's not  
14 really missing because it's, oh, I, you know,  
15 if you say - prime example - you'll say inmate  
16 so and so chit is here, but you know so and so  
17 is gone, and those chits should have been back.  
18 You might call them and say, hey, do you have  
19 keys, so and so? And they'll say, oh, yeah, and  
20 then, they'll turn around, because you're  
21 supposed to turn around immediately and bring  
22 the keys back to the institution.

23 MR. [REDACTED] Okay.

24 MS. [REDACTED]: If you happen to go home with  
25 it in your pocket, or on your belt, or

1 something.

2 MR. [REDACTED] Okay.

3 MS. [REDACTED] Or still on your waist. Or  
4 you just forgot to just transfer over the keys  
5 to the relieving officer. That has happened.  
6 If somebody went home, you know, left out the  
7 institution with the keys on, and just didn't  
8 think to give it to the officer, by accident.  
9 And had to come back and bring the keys back.  
10 So, yeah.

11 MR. [REDACTED] But in this case, you  
12 couldn't get, like, the key to, like, actually  
13 get in and out of the SHU. Correct? Because  
14 that inner door, that's not on that board.  
15 Correct?

16 MS. [REDACTED] Hmm-mm. Nobody just pops a  
17 key, uses a key to get in SHU. Nobody -  
18 everything is always by the control center, in  
19 order to get into SHU - nobody can just walk up  
20 to SHU with a key and go in and out.

21 MR. [REDACTED] Right.

22 MS. [REDACTED] No.

23 MR. [REDACTED]: So, would these keys,  
24 when you said there's these keys, there's some  
25 SHU on there, with the Charlie --

1 MS. [REDACTED] Mm-hmm.

2 MR. [REDACTED] -- what are you --

3 MS. [REDACTED] The Charlie keys.

4 MR. [REDACTED] -- what are you referring  
5 to? Is that, like, the cell keys?

6 MS. [REDACTED] These are - yeah, that's what  
7 I had said - these are cell door keys.

8 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

9 MS. [REDACTED] Cell door keys, and handcuff  
10 keys. Restraint keys.

11 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

12 MS. [REDACTED] Yeah.

13 MR. [REDACTED] Cool.

14 MS. [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm. Yeah. No one gets a  
15 door key. The only door key is the inner door.  
16 That's it.

17 MR. [REDACTED] Right. And because the  
18 control has to pop the door, ~~and then out of~~  
19 ~~the room~~ on the outer door?

20 MS. [REDACTED] Yup.

21 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

22 MS. [REDACTED] Mm-hmm.

23 MR. [REDACTED] And do you guys sign in and  
24 out with the inner door keys?

25 MS. [REDACTED] The inner door keys?

1 MR. [REDACTED] Yeah.

2 MS. [REDACTED] The chits.

3 MR. [REDACTED] But not --

4 MS. [REDACTED] You don't sign it.

5 MR. [REDACTED] -- there's no SHU inner

6 door key that you can sign in and out of.

7 MS. [REDACTED] No.

8 MR. [REDACTED] Correct? No?

9 MS. [REDACTED] No.

10 MR. [REDACTED] Okay.

11 MS. [REDACTED] No.

12 MR. [REDACTED] Okay. So, that's not

13 even listed on that document?

14 MS. [REDACTED] No.

15 MR. [REDACTED] Great.

16 MR. [REDACTED] Okay.

17 MS. [REDACTED] No.

18 MR. [REDACTED] Well, thank you very

19 much.

20 MS. [REDACTED] You're welcome.

21 MR. [REDACTED] Anything else?

22 MR. [REDACTED] I'm good. Thank you.

23 MR. [REDACTED] Anything else that you

24 could think of, since the last time we spoke,

25 that we should know about?

1 MS. [REDACTED] Hmm. No. No.

2 MR. [REDACTED] All right. Well, we  
3 can't thank you enough. You're always --

4 MS. [REDACTED] Oh, you're welcome, guys.

5 MR. [REDACTED] -- ~~it's~~ a pleasure.

6 MS. [REDACTED] All the time.

7 MR. MARBLEWICZ. And it is 2:21 p.m. This  
8 is Senior Special Agent, [REDACTED] and  
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