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APPEARANCES:

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

BY: [REDACTED]

BY: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

WITNESS:

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

OTHER APPEARANCES:

NONE

1 MR. [REDACTED]: The recorder is on. My  
2 name is [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] 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 MS. [REDACTED]: Okay.

8 MR. [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 [REDACTED]. 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] [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  
23 [REDACTED]. [REDACTED].

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

1           ██████████. Here is my credentials.

2           MS. ██████████: Okay. My name is officer

3           ██████████ with the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

4           Last name ██████████. ██████████. And these are  
5           my credentials.

6           MR. ██████████: You got your credentials  
7           this time. Wow. Fancy. All right.

8           MR. ██████████: Thank you.

9           MR. ██████████: 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. ██████████: Sure.

19          MR. ██████████: 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 [REDACTED].

4 MR. [REDACTED]: -- 1:52 [REDACTED]. We are at  
5 the MCC, New York. And [REDACTED] signing my name.  
6 Again, this is [REDACTED]. And [REDACTED]  
7 printing. Here you go, Special Agent [REDACTED].

8 MR. [REDACTED]: This is [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]  
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 SA [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          [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. 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, [REDACTED] going  
22          to show you. It's from 8/9/2019. And on the  
23          third page, where I've highlighted, it says  
24          [REDACTED] 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], [REDACTED], from the U.S. Marshal Service.

13 MS. [REDACTED]: Okay.

14 MR. [REDACTED]: And this was to, it looks  
15 like - [REDACTED] assuming all [REDACTED], 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 GO." What is GO?

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. [REDACTED]: -- at 10:33 [REDACTED]. 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 [REDACTED] [REDACTED].  
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], [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 [REDACTED]., 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 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. It says, "Transfer within," and  
3 then, right underneath, it says Judge MCC, TOT,  
4 and then GO.

5 MS. [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm.

6 MR. [REDACTED]: 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)  
14 [REDACTED] worked 2:00 to 10:00 for small.  
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. [REDACTED]: 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 [REDACTED]

5           [REDACTED]' 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 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 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. [REDACTED]

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 [REDACTED].

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. [REDACTED]: They don't keep them. Is  
19 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]: [REDACTED] 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. [REDACTED] 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 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. The next  
21 one is going to be with regard to inmate  
22 [REDACTED]. Do you recall us talking to you  
23 about an inmate [REDACTED]? 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 [REDACTED].?

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 insuring 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 [REDACTED], and we've since  
21 learned, through our reviews, that [REDACTED]  
22 was gone from the SHU around 1:40 [REDACTED]., and  
23 definitely moved to [REDACTED] 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 [REDACTED].

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 [REDACTED]?

15 MS. [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm.

16 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. Until 8/10/2019,  
17 at 12:35 [REDACTED]., 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 keep 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 [REDACTED] 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. [REDACTED]: No. Hmm-mm.

15 MR. [REDACTED]: 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 [REDACTED]., 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 rea within SHU, like say one SHU bed to another  
14 SHU bed, the SHU OIC would be making the  
15 changes in the system, but this is one location  
16 to another location. Like, physically out of  
17 that unit. That probably, most likely, at that  
18 time, and it might have been the control.

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

22 MS. [REDACTED]: Right.

23 MR. [REDACTED]: -- the Ops Lieutenant did  
24 that, because she's the one who figured it out.  
25 However, it sounds like, when he was moved at

1 approximately 3:00 [REDACTED]. the day before, August  
2 9th, 2019, control should have been the one --

3 MS. [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm.

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

6 MS. [REDACTED]: Wait a minute.

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

8 MS. [REDACTED]: Repeat that again.

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

13 MS. [REDACTED]: Right.

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

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

24 MR. [REDACTED]: So, the control should  
25 have done it?

1 MS. [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm.

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

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

6 MS. [REDACTED]: Say that again.

7 MR. [REDACTED]: -- you know what a shot is?

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

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

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

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

23 MS. [REDACTED]: Well, the unit officer might  
24 necessarily know that, because somebody would  
25 have to tell that unit officer this person is

1           being removed, going to SHU, because they got  
2           drugs on the visiting floor. So, the unit  
3           officer might not necessarily know that, but --

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

8           MS. [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm.

9           MR. [REDACTED]: -- actually is the one  
10          who placed him onto the dry cell, and is the  
11          one that wrote up the shot.

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

16          MR. [REDACTED]: It was dry cell in [REDACTED].

17          MS. [REDACTED]: -- right, but if it was in  
18          SHU, he wouldn't have to notify nobody because  
19          it's in SHU.

20          MR. [REDACTED]: Right.

21          MS. [REDACTED]: He would just make the bed  
22          assignment change, but because he actually  
23          physically left the unit, he should have been  
24          notifying the control center, I got one being  
25          moved from SHU down to [REDACTED] for dry cell.

1 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. So, he should have  
2 notified control and said, key this person into  
3 --

4 MS. [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm.

5 MR. [REDACTED]: -- to [REDACTED]? Okay.

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

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

12 MS. [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm.

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

14 MR. [REDACTED]: [REDACTED] sorry. I have a quick  
15 question on the same thing.

16 MR. [REDACTED]: Sure.

17 MR. [REDACTED]: How soon after you move an  
18 inmate should that update be done?

19 MS. [REDACTED]: Immediately.

20 MR. [REDACTED]: Why?

21 MS. [REDACTED]: Because if you got to do an  
22 emergency count, you've got to account for  
23 where that person is.

24 MR. [REDACTED]: Now, let's say, if it wasn't  
25 done immediately, what could happen to the

1 count?

2 MS. [REDACTED]: We have a bad count.

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

9 MS. [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm.

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

11 MS. [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm.

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

14 MS. [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm.

15 MR. [REDACTED]: But if you see, this is  
16 the count from 8/10/2019, it says it was  
17 printed at 12:35, I guess, and then, it shows  
18 [REDACTED], and I think this is [REDACTED]  
19 signature, as well. Right above [REDACTED]. It  
20 says, "Good verbal" at 12:36 [REDACTED]. Count  
21 cleared at 12:49 [REDACTED]. ZA, it says 72. RA, it  
22 says one. However, and again, I think - which  
23 we already discussed in our last one - and  
24 according to the ZA count slips, on the very  
25 last page, it says 73.

1 MS. [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm.

2 MR. [REDACTED]: And it shows, [REDACTED]. Thomas  
3 and Noel are the ones that signed it.

4 MS. [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm.

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

10 MS. [REDACTED]: No.

11 MR. [REDACTED]: -- no?

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

21 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

22 MS. [REDACTED]: You know? So, no.

23 MR. [REDACTED]: And if the Ops Lieutenant  
24 was [REDACTED] at this time, I believe  
25 that's her signature on top of [REDACTED]. If she's

1 taking that official count, where would that  
2 count be -? Where would she be taking the  
3 count?

4 MS. [REDACTED]: In the control center,  
5 alongside the counting assignment Office,  
6 alongside [REDACTED].

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

9 MS. [REDACTED]: If the roster said she was  
10 there, then she probably was there, but I don't  
11 recall. I don't.

12 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. But in order for  
13 her to sign it, and for him to --

14 MS. [REDACTED]: She would have to be there.

15 MR. [REDACTED]: -- all right. And do you  
16 know - this is pretty nice handwriting - do you  
17 know if that would be [REDACTED] handwriting, or  
18 hers? Can you really tell by that?

19 MS. [REDACTED]: I know this is [REDACTED]. I  
20 don't know whose writing this is.

21 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. But that is  
22 [REDACTED]?

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

24 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. Perfect. And you  
25 don't -. And do you recall [REDACTED] ever

1 getting on the phone, though, with the SHU,  
2 regarding this count?

3 MS. [REDACTED]: No.

4 MR. [REDACTED]: No. That's fine. Do you  
5 mind just initialing --

6 MS. [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm.

7 MR. [REDACTED]: -- and dating it.

8 MS. [REDACTED]: Now, that, I don't. Are you  
9 taking this? Okay.

10 MR. [REDACTED]: And then, this. Can you  
11 just explain to us what we're looking at here?  
12 What is this document?

13 MS. [REDACTED]: Okay. This is an  
14 (Indiscernible \*00:22:20) evening watch shift.  
15 The control center, the control number one  
16 person is responsible for accounting for all  
17 the keys. So, you go through every key, count  
18 the keys, make sure A1 has 17 keys. And that's  
19 what this is. So, each key, you're accounting  
20 for the amount of keys on the keyring. So,  
21 that's what this is.

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

25 MS. [REDACTED]: No. At the end of the night,

1 at the end of the night, on the evening shift,  
2 you got to account for all the equipment, and  
3 that's the - to make sure those keys are there,  
4 and that those keys have this many -. Let me  
5 not say that, like that. Account for all the  
6 keys on the keyring. The keyring might say A1,  
7 five keys. So, there's a chit on the keyring  
8 that says five. So, you have to make sure five  
9 keys is on that keyring.

10 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. So, it's kind of,  
11 like, it's for equipment, though? Not for  
12 people?

13 MS. [REDACTED]: No. That's for equipment.

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

16 MS. [REDACTED]: There's one for people. To  
17 make sure who's on duty?

18 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah. So, like, I've  
19 been in other institutions where they have  
20 these, you know, the little rings that, if they  
21 go in or out of the institution, they grab  
22 their chip, or they put it back on --

23 MS. [REDACTED]: It's a chit board. We have a  
24 chit board here.

25 MR. [REDACTED]: -- okay. So, that's not

1           this, though?

2           MS. [REDACTED]: No.

3           MR. [REDACTED]: This has to do  
4 specifically with equipment, if you take a  
5 piece of equipment, then you take the chip to  
6 go with it?

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

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

21          MS. [REDACTED]: Right. And how many keys is  
22 on that ring.

23          MR. [REDACTED]: All right. That was your  
24 question. Did you want anything more on that?

25          MR. [REDACTED]: With the SHU, any keys

1           belonging to the SHU? And let's say if the  
2           count was off, would it be reflected was off,  
3           would it be reflected in there?

4           MS. [REDACTED]: No.

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

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

9           MS. [REDACTED]: This doesn't have anything to  
10          do with the count. This is just equipment.

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

15          MS. [REDACTED]: No, because what the control  
16          center officer does is, on the evening watch  
17          shift, whatever keys is not in the control  
18          center, he'll call up to the unit as he's doing  
19          - as he's testing body alarms, he'll say, what  
20          keys do you have? You'll say, oh, I have  
21          Charlie nine, and with what. And he'll tell  
22          you, you'll say, I have Charlie nine with five  
23          or whatever amount of keys you have, and he'll  
24          write that down. And then, the lieutenant will  
25          go over this at night, and verify the key count

1 is accurate.

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

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

6 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah.

7 MS. [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm.

8 MR. [REDACTED]: I just want to know if there  
9 is specifically addressed issue keys, that's  
10 all.

11 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

12 MS. [REDACTED]: This is the whole  
13 institution's keys. So, yeah. SHU keys would  
14 be here, too. Yes.

15 MR. [REDACTED]: What would they be listed  
16 under?

17 MS. [REDACTED]: The Charlie keys.

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

19 MS. [REDACTED]: Hmm.

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

21 MS. [REDACTED]: The C keys. So, I think,  
22 starting, if I don't -. If I recall. I think  
23 they start at --

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

25 MS. [REDACTED]: -- there's Charlie and a

1 Bravos. Because it's - I think it starts at  
2 Charlie. What is it? I don't remember. I just  
3 know the keys when [REDACTED] in the control center.

4 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

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

9 MR. [REDACTED]: Can you initial and date  
10 that?

11 MS. [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm.

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

14 MR. [REDACTED]: No.

15 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

16 MS. [REDACTED]: Yeah. But - yeah - this  
17 doesn't tell you who had the keys. It just  
18 tells you -.

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

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

23 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

24 MS. [REDACTED]: Nobody signs out keys.

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

1 MS. [REDACTED]: It's a chit system. That's  
2 how you know who has what equipment.

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

5 MS. [REDACTED]: Yes.

6 MR. [REDACTED]: How do you spell chit?

7 MS. [REDACTED]: C-H-I-T.

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

10 MS. [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm. Yeah. A chit.  
11 Yeah. So, it's like a barter system. Like, I  
12 give you this, you give me that.

13 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

14 MS. [REDACTED]: And then, at the end of the  
15 night, you're giving the keys, you get your  
16 chits back. So, that's what that's for.

17 MR. [REDACTED]: Does everybody have a  
18 certain amount of chits?

19 MS. [REDACTED]: Everybody gets six chits. If  
20 you lose a chit, you can always go and get more  
21 chits. Or if you don't have chits, and lock  
22 shop is not here, go to the lieutenant's  
23 office, you get some temp chits. And then,  
24 you'll use those chits at -. And then, when  
25 you're done with your shift, you return the

1 temp chits back to the lieutenant's office, but  
2 everybody -. It depends on if you come from  
3 another institution, you already come with  
4 extra chits on you --

5 MR. [REDACTED]: Right.

6 MS. [REDACTED]: -- because you got those from  
7 your previous institution. So, everybody  
8 doesn't have the same amount of chits.

9 MR. [REDACTED]: And does it say your name  
10 on it?

11 MS. [REDACTED]: Yeah.

12 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

13 MS. [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm.

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

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

17 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah. If you forgot them  
18 or something, and you've got to go and get one  
19 to use.

20 MS. [REDACTED]: The temp chit says temp on  
21 it.

22 MR. [REDACTED]: Temp. Okay.

23 MS. [REDACTED]: It says T-E-[REDACTED]-P. It looks  
24 like this. [REDACTED] going to pull it off my ring.  
25 They look like this.

1 MR. [REDACTED]: Oh, okay. Cool. So, it  
2 says S. [REDACTED] on there.

3 MS. [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm.

4 MR. [REDACTED]: Perfect.

5 MS. [REDACTED]: So, each institution does it  
6 different. But some of them are square, some  
7 of them are circle. Some of them are octagon  
8 shaped. Just depends on however your  
9 institution cuts them out.

10 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. Cool.

11 MS. [REDACTED]: But that's --

12 MR. [REDACTED]: Thank you.

13 MS. [REDACTED]: -- a chit.

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

16 MS. [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm. Yup.

17 MR. [REDACTED]: At what time?

18 MS. [REDACTED]: Normally, they do it when  
19 they come in. On the evening shift, when  
20 they're doing the count. So, like, for, like,  
21 at that time, we was on three shifts. So, the  
22 evening shift would do this, anywhere between  
23 4:00, 6:00.

24 MR. [REDACTED]: So, this document you  
25 were looking at, would have been somewhere

1           between 4:00 and 6:00 on 8/9/2021. The next  
2           one wouldn't be done until --

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

4           MR. [REDACTED]: -- (Indiscernible  
5           \*00:28:42).

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

8           MR. [REDACTED]: Sure.

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

22          MR. [REDACTED]: Cool.

23          MS. [REDACTED]: -- primarily.

24          MR. [REDACTED]: The last question. If there  
25          was --

1 MS. [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm.

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

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

18 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

19 MS. [REDACTED]: If you happen to go home with  
20 it in your pocket, or on your belt, or  
21 something.

22 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

23 MS. [REDACTED]: Or still on your waist. Or  
24 you just forgot to just transfer over the keys  
25 to the relieving officer. That has happened.

1           If somebody went home, you know, left out the  
2           institution with the keys on, and just didn't  
3           think to give it to the officer, by accident.  
4           And had to come back and bring the keys back.  
5           So, yeah.

6           MR. [REDACTED]: But in this case, you  
7           couldn't get, like, the key to, like, actually  
8           get in and out of the SHU. Correct? Because  
9           that inner door, that's not on that board.  
10          Correct?

11          MS. [REDACTED]: Hmm-mm. Nobody just pops a  
12          key, uses a key to get in SHU. Nobody -  
13          everything is always by the control center, in  
14          order to get into SHU - nobody can just walk up  
15          to SHU with a key and go in and out.

16          MR. [REDACTED]: Right.

17          MS. [REDACTED]: No.

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

21          MS. [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm.

22          MR. [REDACTED]: -- what are you --

23          MS. [REDACTED]: The Charlie keys.

24          MR. [REDACTED]: -- what are you referring  
25          to? Is that, like, the cell keys?

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

3 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

4 MS. [REDACTED]: Cell door keys, and handcuff  
5 keys. Restraint keys.

6 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

7 MS. [REDACTED]: Yeah.

8 MR. [REDACTED]: Cool.

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

12 MR. [REDACTED]: Right. And because the  
13 control has to pop the door, and then out of  
14 the room.

15 MS. [REDACTED]: Yup.

16 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

17 MS. [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm.

18 MR. [REDACTED]: And do you guys sign in and  
19 out with the inner door keys?

20 MS. [REDACTED]: The inner door keys?

21 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah.

22 MS. [REDACTED]: The chits.

23 MR. [REDACTED]: But not --

24 MS. [REDACTED]: You don't sign it.

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

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

2 MS. [REDACTED]: No.

3 MR. [REDACTED]: Correct? No?

4 MS. [REDACTED]: No.

5 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

6 MS. [REDACTED]: No.

7 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. So, that's not  
8 even listed on that document?

9 MS. [REDACTED]: No.

10 MR. [REDACTED]: Great.

11 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

12 MS. [REDACTED]: No.

13 MR. [REDACTED]: Well, thank you very  
14 much.

15 MS. [REDACTED]: You're welcome.

16 MR. [REDACTED]: Anything else?

17 MR. [REDACTED]: [REDACTED] good. Thank you.

18 MR. [REDACTED]: Anything else that you  
19 could think of, since the last time we spoke,  
20 that we should know about?

21 MS. [REDACTED]: Hmm. No. No.

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

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

25 MR. [REDACTED]: -- it's a pleasure.

1 MS. [REDACTED]: All the time.

2 MR. [REDACTED]: And it is 2:21 [REDACTED]. This  
3 is Senior Special Agent, [REDACTED], and  
4 [REDACTED] turning off the recorder.

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