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APPEARANCES:

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

BY: [REDACTED]

BY: [REDACTED]

WITNESS:

[REDACTED]

OTHER APPEARANCES:

NONE

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

8 MR. [REDACTED]: I could see.

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

18 MR. [REDACTED]: Correct.

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

1 ██████████. That's ██████████.

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

6 MR. ██████████: Received.

7 MR. ██████████: Mr. ██████████, can you please
8 identify yourself and spell your last name for
9 the record?

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

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

21 MR. ██████████: Yes.

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

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

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

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

25 The waiver states I understand the

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

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

7 MR. [REDACTED]: Yes, I have.

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

10 MR. [REDACTED]: Yes, I do.

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

14 MR. [REDACTED]: Correct.

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

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

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

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

25 These provisions are consistent with and

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

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

20 MR. [REDACTED]: I do.

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

24 MR. [REDACTED]: You're welcome.

25 MR. [REDACTED]: Before I start the interview

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

5 MR. [REDACTED]: I do.

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

10 MR. [REDACTED]: Sure.

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

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

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

17 MR. [REDACTED]: [REDACTED].

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

20 MR. [REDACTED]: [REDACTED].

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

23 MR. [REDACTED]: Area code [REDACTED].

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

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

3 MR. [REDACTED]: Which college?

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

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

11 MR. [REDACTED]: Liberal arts, yeah.

12 MR. [REDACTED]: Do you have an associate's
13 degree?

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

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

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

25 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. So from - since high

1 school - from high school you started working
2 for the North Carolina BOP or did you do other
3 jobs before that?

4 MR. [REDACTED]: Oh, from high school I --.

5 MR. [REDACTED]: Various jobs?

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

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

23 MR. [REDACTED]: How long were you at MDC
24 Brooklyn for?

25 MR. [REDACTED]: Right around two years and

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

9 MR. ██████: Was that your first --?

10 MR. ██████: Basically, worked - what's
11 that?

12 MR. ██████: Sorry. Was that your first
13 time at MCC?

14 MR. ██████: Yes. Yep.

15 MR. ██████: Okay. Go ahead.

16 MR. ██████: I worked at all three - the
17 worst three prisons in the Bureau of Prisons.

18 MR. ██████: So with the BOP, once you got
19 to MCC in 2016 is that where you spent the rest
20 of your career with BOP at MCC?

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

25 MR. ██████: Okay.

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

3 MR. [REDACTED]: You --.

4 MR. [REDACTED]: Now was that February 14,
5 2019?

6 MR. [REDACTED]: That's correct.

7 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. Thank you.

8 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah.

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

11 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah, November 6, 2011.

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

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

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

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

23 MR. [REDACTED]: So when you started with the
24 MCC you said you were a general foreman and
25 that was your position up until when you

1 separated from the MCC in February 14, 2019?

2 MR. [REDACTED]: Correct.

3 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. And what is your -
4 after you left MCC, what is your current title
5 and what agency do you work for?

6 MR. [REDACTED]: I currently work for the
7 General Services Administration Public Building
8 Services, and I am a Building Manager.

9 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. While you were at the
10 MCC as a general foreman, was that your title
11 in 2018 and 2019?

12 MR. [REDACTED]: General foreman was the
13 internal kind of phrase. I think the position
14 title officially OPM was Maintenance Mechanic
15 Supervisor.

16 MR. [REDACTED]: Hold on, let me write that.

17 MR. [REDACTED]: And I was WS-4749, Grade 14,
18 Step Five.

19 MR. [REDACTED]: So official title is
20 Maintenance Mechanic Supervisor?

21 MR. [REDACTED]: Correct.

22 MR. [REDACTED]: And who did you report to?

23 MR. [REDACTED]: The facility manager.

24 MR. [REDACTED]: Who was the facility manager
25 at that point?

1 MR. [REDACTED]: [REDACTED].

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

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

16 MR. [REDACTED]: When was that?

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

25 MR. [REDACTED]: So you recall that other

1 people filled in his position while he was gone
2 while you were still there?

3 MR. [REDACTED]: Correct.

4 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. So do you believe he
5 left in 2019 or 2018?

6 MR. [REDACTED]: I really honestly couldn't
7 tell you. I do remember --.

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

13 MR. [REDACTED]: Yes.

14 MR. [REDACTED]: -- it was approximately a
15 year before you left?

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

1 he went out there, he went there for a week or
2 so, and he never returned to the institution
3 after that.

4 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

5 MR. [REDACTED]: It was .

6 MR. [REDACTED]: Do you know why he left,
7 what happened?

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

14 MR. [REDACTED]: Now, do you know if it
15 was personal reasons, medical, or
16 administrative?

17 MR. [REDACTED]: I have no idea why he didn't
18 come back although he did make medical issues
19 known to us on the job, that he had some
20 medical issues.

21 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. And you said a few
22 people filled in the position. So his title
23 you said was Facility Manager, right? And
24 what, was he your direct supervisor?

25 MR. [REDACTED]: He was, yep.

1 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. And who does the
2 facility manager report to?

3 MR. [REDACTED]: The Associate Warden of
4 Operations.

5 MR. [REDACTED]: And who was Associate Warden
6 of Operations in end of 2018 if you recall?

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

14 MR. [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], okay.

15 MR. [REDACTED]: All three of them had
16 performed - they were the AWO they call it, AW
17 of Operations, which oversaw the Facilities
18 Department, and that's who the facility manager
19 directly reported to.

20 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. And when Mr. [REDACTED]
21 left the MCC and that's not when he retired,
22 let me clarify this, this is when he stepped
23 away for leave purposes, do you recall who took
24 over for him initially?

25 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah. So the warden at the

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

7 MR. [REDACTED]: When you say "executive
8 assistant" --

9 MR. [REDACTED]: (Indiscernible *00:17:56).

10 MR. [REDACTED]: -- who was that?

11 MR. [REDACTED]: [REDACTED].

12 MR. [REDACTED]: So he oversaw it for a little
13 bit?

14 MR. [REDACTED]: He did, yes.

15 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. And then who was the
16 next person?

17 MR. [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], [REDACTED] "[REDACTED]"
18 [REDACTED]. He was told to oversee it. And then
19 there was a little bit of a stint where, you
20 know, I could just informally absorbed a lot of
21 his job duties just to get the department
22 functioning, but I was never actually promoted
23 or paid or anything like that that actually - I
24 was never formally designated as acting or
25 anything like that, I just had to do some of

1 the facility manager functions in order to have
2 the department operational.

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

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

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

22 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. Bear with me a second.
23 Let's see. Maybe this might help -- I have a
24 SigNet contract here, right? And it's multiple
25 questions will be on the SigNet contract --

1 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah.

2 MR. [REDACTED]: -- and bear with me. I'm
3 going to see if I can share my screen here.
4 This document that I'm showing you, can you see
5 it?

6 MR. [REDACTED]: No.

7 MR. [REDACTED]: Why is this - how about now?

8 MR. [REDACTED]: I got something coming up.
9 Yep, I could see it.

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

15 MR. [REDACTED]: Yep.

16 MR. [REDACTED]: And it says, "Requisition
17 Number 1064-18."

18 MR. [REDACTED]: Yep.

19 MR. [REDACTED]: This is just for the record.
20 I'm just reading it, just the top part, so we
21 know which document this is. The Contract
22 Number states GS-07F as in Frank-0322T, and the
23 Award Effective Date is 09/21/2018. Do you
24 recall --

25 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

1 MR. [REDACTED]: -- this document at all?

2 MR. [REDACTED]: I don't see that document,

3 no.

4 MR. [REDACTED]: See over here.

5 MR. [REDACTED]: But it's not under the
6 facility manager one. I don't recall ever
7 putting my eyes on the document.

8 MR. [REDACTED]: This is part - Section 15.

9 You see over here?

10 MR. [REDACTED]: Correct.

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

14 MR. [REDACTED]: Correct.

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

16 MR. [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

17 MR. [REDACTED]: We're going to scroll down to
18 Page 6 on this document.

19 MR. [REDACTED]: Correct.

20 MR. [REDACTED]: It lists you as the
21 facilities manager. Does this jog your memory
22 at all?

23 MR. [REDACTED]: I do. I was always - when
24 [REDACTED] had left, I was pretty much assumed the
25 facilities manager. Like I said, I was never

1 formally promoted or even temporarily entered
2 that position, nor was I ever designated as
3 acting. So the fact that that says facility
4 manager, I don't know why or who put that there
5 because I was always a general foreman. I was
6 never, ever in the role of a facility or with
7 full title, whether temporary or permanent, was
8 never a facility manager.

9 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

10 MR. [REDACTED]:

11 MR. [REDACTED]:

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

18 MR. [REDACTED]: I know it's been about three,
19 four years. I know it's kind of tough
20 remembering some of this stuff, that's why we
21 trying to pull - we try to pull documents where
22 we believe it could help you.

23 MR. [REDACTED]: Right.

24 MR. [REDACTED]: I know we have an email. I
25 don't know if this will help a little bit too.

1 This email right here, it says "Regarding
2 forward cameras from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]
3 [REDACTED]." Who is that?

4 MR. [REDACTED]: He was, I believe, the
5 supervisor of the SIS Department at the time.

6 MR. [REDACTED]: And was --.

7 MR. [REDACTED]: He was like the lead SIS
8 investigator.

9 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. And then we have
10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED], who is that?

11 MR. [REDACTED]: He was a communications
12 technician that I supervised in the Facilities
13 Department.

14 MR. [REDACTED]: And we have [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Was
15 that the executive assistant that you mentioned
16 before?

17 MR. [REDACTED]: Oh, correct, yep.

18 MR. [REDACTED]: And this is dated January 4,
19 2019.

20 MR. [REDACTED]: Correct, yep.

21 MR. [REDACTED]: And we'll go through the
22 email, but it says on the bottom, it says [REDACTED]
23 [REDACTED]. Is that - that's your signature, CESCO
24 General Foreman-Acting Facility Manager?

25 MR. [REDACTED]: Correct.

1 MR. ██████: So I know this is in January
2 4th. I know you mentioned you were always under
3 the title of General Foreman, but you were also
4 not officially acting, but you were still doing
5 the job. Does that help at all jog your
6 memory?

7 MR. ██████: Right. So an email went out
8 by the AW telling all the department heads that
9 when ██████ had left that I would be running
10 the Facilities Department until a replacement
11 was found, hence why I would assume the acting
12 part went into my signature line.

13 MR. ██████: Got it. And do you know when
14 this email went out?

15 MR. ██████: That looks like a month
16 before I left according to the date.

17 MR. ██████: No, no, I meant - you said
18 there was an email that went out saying - from
19 the AW saying that you would be acting --.

20 MR. ██████: Oh. Oh, yeah, I don't - I
21 couldn't - it'd have to have been - it was
22 shortly after - it might have even been from
23 the warden if I'm not mistaken, which was
24 ██████, because I remember whatever happened
25 with ██████ down in Colorado and why he didn't

1 come back I remember that the Warden [REDACTED]
2 was very, very upset with whatever was going
3 on, and I just remember somebody, I can't
4 recall exactly who - [REDACTED] came down to the
5 office, to my office, and spoke to me
6 personally and told me that he would like me to
7 just hold things down until they figure out
8 things, what was going to happen with [REDACTED],
9 and see what was going to happen.

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

13 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

14 MR. [REDACTED]: -- because [REDACTED] was no
15 longer there.

16 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. So according to this
17 you were acting facility manager, but you were
18 general foreman, but you were acting at this
19 point. And so, on record is it possible from
20 the time that when Warden assigned you the
21 title to when you left were you the acting
22 facilities manager - facility manager?

23 MR. [REDACTED]: So I don't - I would -
24 definitely not up until the time I left because
25 there was some butting of heads between me and

1 ██████████ and ██████████ at times where they
2 overrode a lot of decisions that I made that
3 I'm normally supposed to make underneath my
4 title. So --

5 MR. ██████████: Can you give us an example?

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

18 MR. ██████████: So basically - my
19 understanding from what you're saying is on --.

20 MR. ██████████: But I guess what you would
21 say is during this time period I would be the
22 guy who would have - if anybody had any
23 questions or concerns involving this contract,
24 they would had to have I guess come to me,
25 yeah.

1 MR. ██████: Okay. Now, do you remember -
2 I know you mentioned that the previously. Tell
3 me, do you recall if there was an update or
4 upgrade of the camera system going on in - at
5 the MCC in 2018 or '19?

6 MR. ██████: Prior to this right here?

7 MR. ██████: Well, ignore this document
8 for a second. Give me - hold on, let me see.
9 We'll come back to that document. Do you
10 recall in general was there an upgrade
11 happening at the MCC for the camera system?

12 MR. ██████: There was an upgrade that
13 started with ████████████████████.

14 MR. ██████: Okay.

15 MR. ██████: There was - from what I
16 understand there was camera issues well - going
17 way back well before I even got there, long
18 before ██████ even got there. They had
19 recorder and decoder issues. There was a whole
20 slew of things and I would assume - I would
21 imagine it was probably due to the age of the
22 institution and there was very little
23 infrastructure upgrades and updating and stuff
24 like that. But I remember prior to, you know,
25 me inheriting what ██████ started, there was

1 all kind of issues with the cameras from what I
2 heard from internal communications and stuff
3 like that.

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

11 MR. [REDACTED]: I kind of missed a key point
12 I wanted to ask. So as a - can you
13 differentiate the job duties between a facility
14 manager and the general foreman?

15 MR. [REDACTED]: So basically, the facility
16 manager they keep track of the budget. They
17 authorize expenditures. They obviously
18 supervise me, and then I in turn supervise the
19 subordinate staff, the wage grade trade guys.
20 But basically, he handled the approval of
21 projects, you know, submitted approvals for
22 projects. He did, like, the five- and 10-year
23 plans for the facility, authorized all the
24 expenditures. He went ahead and sat in on all
25 the department head meetings to give executive

1 staff briefings on what's going on in the
2 department, progress reports, stuff like that.
3 Listen to any concerns that they would have and
4 then he brings it back to us.

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

19 So he was my supervisor. He would
20 evaluate me, you know, keep track of my time
21 and all that other stuff. And that's pretty
22 much it.

23 MR. [REDACTED]: Who were some of the
24 employees that reported to you? You said the
25 wage employees. Who were the employees that

1 reported to you?

2 MR. [REDACTED]: In the Facility Department it
3 was the trade specific wage guys, so you had
4 the communications technicians, engineering
5 technicians, carpenters, plumbers,
6 electricians, HVAC guys. And then each one of
7 those tradesmen have a cadre of inmates that
8 work for them, so I would go ahead - work
9 orders would come in from all departments, you
10 know, requests, "Hey, can you change a light
11 bulb? Can you unclog the toilet here?" I
12 would give that work order to the appropriate
13 trade guy and then he would take his group of
14 inmates and go out into the institution and fix
15 it and close out the work order, report back to
16 me.

17 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. Agent [REDACTED], any
18 questions on that before I move forward with
19 the contracts?

20 MR. [REDACTED]: Yes, I'm just writing
21 down some follow-up questions. So just - can
22 you just clarify again, when were you actually
23 the acting facilities manager?

24 MR. [REDACTED]: It was whenever they wanted
25 me to be basically. It was sporadic and on and

1 off, so --.

2 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah. I got it. You
3 said, like, when Beckham or [REDACTED] departed
4 they put out an email and then we saw an email
5 that was from January of 2019 that said that
6 you were acting facilities manager but then you
7 said you weren't.

8 MR. [REDACTED]: Well, it was in my signature
9 line the acting facility manager, so I think it
10 was just never - I think I rolled with that
11 since [REDACTED] left. I think that acting part
12 just stayed in the signature line. But there
13 was --.

14 MR. [REDACTED]: After they made the
15 notification that you were the acting facility
16 manager, did they ever tell you that you were
17 not the acting facility manager?

18 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah, that's why I was saying
19 it was - I bumped heads with executive staff
20 sometimes because I thought a lot of the
21 decisions that they were making weren't in the
22 best interest of the facility at the time. And
23 when I say that I mean, like, infrastructure
24 stuff, you know. And I kind of like - they
25 didn't like the way I prioritized certain

1 things within the department.

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

14 MR. [REDACTED]: So were you still the
15 acting facility manager and they were just
16 overseeing what you were doing to make sure
17 that in your acting capacity you're doing it
18 right? Or they --.

19 MR. [REDACTED]: That's up to interpretation.
20 I didn't have any decision-making power. It
21 had to all go through them --

22 MR. [REDACTED]: But --.

23 MR. [REDACTED]: -- while (Indiscernible
24 *00:34:33).

25 MR. [REDACTED]: But at least in your

1 signature line you maintained the acting
2 facility manager?

3 MR. [REDACTED]: I guess. I guess I just
4 never took it out, yeah. But --.

5 MR. [REDACTED]: But was there ever
6 anything official that went out, like there was
7 an official email saying you're the acting
8 facility manager. Was there ever anything that
9 said you're no longer the acting facility
10 manager or - you know what I'm saying, like --?

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

22 So there was never - it went on for so
23 long. Like I said, it was from the point that
24 I had walked out the door there in February of
25 '19 there was still no facility manager there.

1 And I also know at the time that I walked out I
2 may have not took the word "acting" out of my
3 signature line, but I know I wasn't acting at
4 that time that I had left per se.

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

11 MR. [REDACTED]: Now, were you --.

12 MR. [REDACTED]: (Indiscernible *00:36:07).

13 MR. [REDACTED]: Through the whole time
14 were you a part of these meetings that you said
15 that the facility manager would be a part of?

16 MR. [REDACTED]: Some of them, yes, I was.
17 Yep.

18 MR. [REDACTED]: So until the time you
19 left you still were sitting in the meeting the
20 facility manager would sit in then?

21 MR. [REDACTED]: I was even in those meetings
22 when the facility manager was there. We all
23 sat in together.

24 MR. [REDACTED]: Now, would you have been
25 sitting in those meetings if you were just the

1 general foreman?

2 MR. [REDACTED]: At his request if he wanted
3 me to or even if one of the executive staff
4 wanted me there. It all depends on what they
5 would have discussed at that time.

6 MR. [REDACTED]: Did you (Indiscernible
7 *00:36:44) --?

8 MR. [REDACTED]: He could choose. So the --

9 MR. [REDACTED]: (Indiscernible
10 *00:36:45).

11 MR. [REDACTED]: -- facility manager could
12 choose to have me there, or he could say, "I
13 got this. Don't worry about, you don't got to
14 come."

15 MR. [REDACTED]: So when you were - at
16 least, you know, from the time [REDACTED] left
17 until February, were you automatically assumed
18 to be in those meetings or you'd have to be
19 invited to each individual one?

20 MR. [REDACTED]: It's kind of like both. I
21 expected myself to be there because somebody
22 had to represent the department in there, but
23 they also put out a roll call sheet prior to
24 those meetings and if I saw my name on it, I
25 went.

1 MR. [REDACTED]: And was your name on it?

2 MR. [REDACTED]: Not always, no.

3 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. No, I'm just
4 trying to get behind were you acting and then
5 you just had someone overseeing you or - yeah,
6 I'm just trying to figure out how because we're
7 --.

8 MR. [REDACTED]: I always had somebody
9 overseeing me, always.

10 MR. [REDACTED]: Right.

11 MR. [REDACTED]: Because even the facility
12 manager had somebody overseeing him, so.

13 MR. [REDACTED]: But if you were going to
14 write your resume would you say that you were
15 acting a facility manager for that time?

16 MR. [REDACTED]: No, because it wasn't
17 official.

18 MR. [REDACTED]: So if well --.

19 MR. [REDACTED]: Well, I --.

20 MR. [REDACTED]: I'd say that was
21 official.

22 MR. [REDACTED]: I don't know what an official
23 is really.

24 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah.

25 MR. [REDACTED]: I couldn't be honest with

1 you.

2 MR. [REDACTED]: No, if you're acting, if
3 they sent out an email, I would say that's
4 pretty official saying that you're the acting
5 facility manager and you could put it in your
6 signature line. I mean, there's not like --.

7 MR. [REDACTED]: I would normally and I
8 thought so, but I also found out also that if
9 you're, like, you know, not temporarily
10 promoted into it and stuff like that and you're
11 not getting paid to do the job - but like I
12 said, I do remember emails going out, I just
13 cannot recall if the word "acting" was put into
14 it or not and if the word "acting" was in it,
15 but I don't know if I ever recall that or not.

16 I mean, there was several times where it
17 would go out because [REDACTED] called in sick or
18 he went on vacation. I just don't recall if it
19 was ever done when he went off permanently. I
20 don't know if that was ever --.

21 MR. [REDACTED]: Would it be a fair
22 statement for us to say that you were acting
23 facility manager with oversight? Would that be
24 a fair --?

25 MR. [REDACTED]: I --.

1 MR. [REDACTED]: Or just tell --.

2 MR. [REDACTED]: I guess so.

3 MR. [REDACTED]: We just have to document
4 it in our reports of, like, you know, what this
5 person's role was from this time to this time.
6 So in order for us to be clear, I want to make
7 sure that we're not writing something that's
8 inaccurate. It's nothing --

9 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah.

10 MR. [REDACTED]: -- to do with, like,
11 you're, you know - you know, this is just for
12 our report writing purposes we can say, you
13 know, "[REDACTED] went out, you were the acting
14 facility manager from this date until, you
15 know, February 2019, and then, you know, you
16 clarify that you had oversight from the
17 executive staff in your position and were
18 limited with your facility manager decision
19 making ability." Would that be fair?

20 MR. [REDACTED]: Right, because if regardless
21 of whether I was acting or not and whether I
22 had oversight or not, the mere fact that
23 [REDACTED] was not there, I still had to do a lot
24 of his duties to keep the department
25 functioning whether somebody deemed me

1 officially acting or not. I was still doing
2 his functions because he was not there.

3 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

4 MR. [REDACTED]: Under oversight from
5 executive staff.

6 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah, that sounds like
7 acting to me, so I just want to make sure that
8 we are clear there. Like you're just saying
9 you're not acting because you weren't official
10 - you know, you weren't temporarily promoted,
11 but you were performing those duties with
12 oversight.

13 MR. [REDACTED]: They would - like I said, he
14 would call in sick and not come into work for a
15 couple days or go on vacation, so he would put
16 out an email to everybody in the institution
17 saying, "[REDACTED] [REDACTED] is acting facility manager
18 for the time that I'm out."

19 MR. [REDACTED]: And would you --?

20 MR. [REDACTED]: And [REDACTED] himself, the
21 facility manager.

22 MR. [REDACTED]: Oh, prior to [REDACTED]
23 going out in 2018?

24 MR. [REDACTED]: He would - if he wanted to
25 take a week off and go somewhere, he would put

1 out an email letting the institution and the
2 executive staff know that "[REDACTED] [REDACTED] will be
3 acting in my capacity while I'm out." Happened
4 all the time. Same thing like me, I would do
5 the same thing and I would designate one of my
6 subordinates as acting for me if I went out.

7 But I do believe that at some point some
8 kind of email went out by one of the executive
9 staff after [REDACTED] left that everybody should
10 come and see me for all facility-related issues
11 till further notice. And like I said, [REDACTED]
12 came to my office right after we had found out
13 that [REDACTED] wasn't coming back shortly after
14 that Denver trip and he told me that I would
15 have to run the department until they figure
16 out what was going on with him, which was top
17 secret and nobody knew anything. They didn't
18 know nothing, couldn't tell you.

19 MR. [REDACTED]: All right. Go ahead,
20 [REDACTED].

21 MR. [REDACTED]: Just to clarify. After you
22 had that meeting with [REDACTED], is that when he
23 sent out that email?

24 MR. [REDACTED]: I don't think - I don't know
25 if he was the one that sent it out, I can't

1 recall. I just know some kind of email went
2 out for the department heads and it was also
3 brought up in one of the meetings reminding
4 people that [REDACTED] was no longer there and
5 that if they had any facility-related issues I
6 was the one - I was the POC.

7 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. Now, is it okay - I'm
8 going to move forward in the topic. Now,
9 during that time period do you recall during
10 your tenure after [REDACTED] left and before
11 [REDACTED] left, was there a camera project that
12 was started at the MCC?

13 MR. [REDACTED]: It was there. It was already
14 started. I believe when I had gotten there,
15 they were still doing market research and stuff
16 like that.

17 MR. [REDACTED]: Is it in 2016?

18 MR. [REDACTED]: What's that?

19 MR. [REDACTED]: You said when you started,
20 you're talking about 2016?

21 MR. [REDACTED]: There was talks of - there
22 was already camera issues I guess had going on
23 when I had gotten there.

24 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

25 MR. [REDACTED]: And I believe - well, it was

1 December of 2016, so nothing happened in '16.
2 I think, you know, because I was - I got there,
3 like, the week of Christmas. So going into
4 '17, I know that there was talks about - it
5 wasn't so much on the cameras, it was on the
6 recorders. There was always constant internal
7 chatter between the comm techs and SIS and
8 everything else on how - I guess they had an
9 older system that was analog and everybody else
10 had digital, but their main gripe was, I guess
11 - and I'm not too familiar with the security
12 side of stuff, I'll be honest with you, I
13 always refer to them when I needed a question
14 answered, but from what I gather, what I
15 understand, they weren't able to go back in
16 time on the recorders as far as they
17 experienced, I guess, with other institutions.

18 So there was no secret that there was
19 cameras that were not working throughout the
20 facility. Like I said, that was a dead horse
21 from what I understand. They were dealing with
22 broken cameras long before I had even gotten
23 back there. And this recorder issue for
24 whatever reason evolved and turned into camera
25 issues, you know, and exposed the entire

1 infrastructure eventually.

2 MR. [REDACTED]: So you mentioned there's two
3 issues. There is one the - there were actual
4 cameras that weren't recording, I mean, cameras
5 that weren't working.

6 MR. [REDACTED]: Right.

7 MR. [REDACTED]: That means there was no live
8 feed, there's nothing recording either because
9 the cameras itself were broken?

10 MR. [REDACTED]: Right. So the - from what I
11 understand you had a combination of two
12 problems there. You had some cameras that
13 legitimately were not working. They just -
14 there was no communication. There was no
15 nothing. And then you had other cameras which
16 were in certain cells up in the Special Housing
17 Unit where whether they were working or not, it
18 was to my understanding that there was a lot of
19 damage being done to them by the inmates that
20 were in those cells. So they were either
21 scratching the lenses on the cameras, covering
22 up with wet toilet paper or whatever the case
23 may be.

24 I, myself, I couldn't even tell you if
25 those cameras were ever working. I only knew

1 of one camera in the Special Housing Unit that
2 worked for the cells for the ranges and that
3 was, like, one suicide cell that they had there
4 on J-Range. But I don't - it started out with
5 me, the recorders were the issue, and then they
6 were like, "Oh, okay, we're going to go ahead
7 and spend this money and fix these recorders
8 and get these - this conversion from analog to
9 digital, let's suck in the cameras too that
10 don't work."

11 But I can tell you that I know that SIS
12 was constantly going to the comm techs all the
13 time because they were doing investigations and
14 had no camera footage. It almost seemed like
15 (Indiscernible *00:45:47). And obviously this
16 was long before the [REDACTED] Epstein thing
17 because, you know, I had even left the
18 institution before [REDACTED] Epstein got there.
19 This was just for, like, smaller internal
20 investigations that they were doing where they
21 were constantly going to Daniels for the camera
22 footage issues.

23 And the determination was made by [REDACTED]
24 and the higherups, I guess, and they said,
25 well, if we're going to go ahead and change

1 this recorder why don't we just go ahead and
2 try to upgrade everything, get some new cameras
3 inside and out. And they even wanted to add
4 cameras to the existing complement because they
5 had a lot of blind spots and then obviously the
6 infrastructure itself, like the wiring and the
7 conduit was all part of that deal.

8 MR. ██████: In your knowledge in 2018 and
9 in '19, how many cameras were there inside the
10 MCC?

11 MR. ██████: I couldn't tell you honestly.
12 There was a lot, but there was also a lot that
13 should have been there. But I do remember
14 ██████ had a map of where every single - pre-
15 existing camera was in the institution and I
16 believe the comm techs also had an inventory
17 tracking sheet, because each one of those
18 cameras had an asset number assigned to it --

19 MR. ██████: Okay.

20 MR. ██████: -- that was in the MTMMS
21 Maintenance Management System.

22 MR. ██████: What was that --?

23 MR. ██████: So - it's on the Maintenance
24 Management System, the --.

25 MR. ██████: MTMS?

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

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

14 MR. [REDACTED]: No, because it was very
15 inconsistent because it was to my understanding
16 certain cameras were added throughout the years
17 for certain specific reasons. They would
18 designate certain cells for certain purposes
19 and then they would cancel that purpose and
20 convert it back to a regular cell. I mean, it
21 was just the constant changing of the
22 operations that changed the cameras, and that
23 was just obvious without even knowing the
24 backdrop because you could tell just by the
25 cameras there were so many different makes and

1 models. They weren't all consistent. They
2 weren't all consistent. They weren't the same
3 for the most part depending on what area you
4 were in.

5 MR. [REDACTED]: And so, this is --

6 MR. [REDACTED]: So SHU --.

7 MR. [REDACTED]: -- in the SHU you're talking
8 about? You're not talking about 10-South?
9 We're talking about between G, H, J, K, L, M, T
10 that's inside the SHU?

11 MR. [REDACTED]: Yes, those for the SHU, as
12 far as I know those were all there pre-existing
13 before me. There was never no camerawork done
14 up there, whether they were working or not.

15 MR. [REDACTED]: But you just mentioned they
16 were adding cameras and taking them out.

17 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah, but I was talking
18 institution wide --

19 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

20 MR. [REDACTED]: -- not just - yeah, not just
21 SHU, you know. It was institution wide.

22 MR. [REDACTED]: So let's get back on track.
23 We talked about the fact that [REDACTED] started a
24 project and the project - what did that project
25 for the cameras entail?

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

12 So they did a tour around the institution
13 and they went ahead and they asked to have
14 other cameras placed, like on certain ranges
15 that didn't have any coverages. There was,
16 like, a little mini TV rec room in the housing
17 units that had no camera coverage in them.
18 There was a lot of blind spots in certain areas
19 throughout the institution. So they went ahead
20 and they added what they wanted to add.

21 But then also because the recorder was
22 getting upgraded, the infrastructure that was
23 in place because it was analog, obviously it
24 was going to go to digital, they had to run new
25 wiring, new conduit. All that had to be done.

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

17 So then the decision was made because
18 originally we did this contract, whoever we
19 were purchasing the cameras from, they were
20 also supposed to install those cameras. We
21 paid for the labor for them to do the entire
22 project initially. My guys weren't going to
23 touch anything, they were just going to provide
24 support. So the initial \$1 million number was
25 to have the contract SigNet, I guess it was in

1 that contract, whoever we were getting those
2 cameras from, they were going to go ahead and
3 do the install and we would supervise them,
4 escort them, and give support when they came.

5 So when they came back and told us that
6 that number needed to get down below 800 or
7 whatever, that's when the decision was made to
8 where they said, "Okay. We can do this. We
9 can just have the contractor install the
10 cameras and we can use the trade guys, the
11 electrician and the comm techs to run the cable
12 and the wiring to save on the labor, to bring
13 the labor costs down to try and get into that
14 number."

15 And that was the last - that's how I left
16 off. That's how the project was supposed to be
17 done, because when I was there, my last year
18 that I was there for the better - for the
19 second half of '19, well, '18 into '19, the
20 electrician and the comm techs had already
21 started running conduit in the housing units
22 and stuff like that. They had already begun to
23 hang conduit. But I could tell you from the -
24 right up till I walked out that door there were
25 never no cameras or even wiring for that matter

1 in that institution. They were never there.

2 MR. [REDACTED]: So we'll come to that. So
3 that's some of the questions I have. I'm going
4 to share --

5 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

6 MR. [REDACTED]: -- back my screen. Do you
7 recall if this was the contract that was
8 awarded? It looks like it states on Line 17A.
9 It's the same document I showed before.

10 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah.

11 MR. [REDACTED]: This says SigNet Technologies
12 and it's to Federal Bureau of Prisons. And if
13 you scroll down to page - looks like it's Page
14 4, it lists the schedule of supplies.

15 MR. [REDACTED]: Yep.

16 MR. [REDACTED]: What was - were these the
17 items the contract listed and does the contract
18 through SigNet all the purchase of all the
19 items for the upgrades inside MTC?

20 MR. [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], can you scroll
21 back up there because I want to make sure it's
22 the right institution on this?

23 MR. [REDACTED]: So this one - yeah, don't
24 look at - this - what you see FCI Fort Dix
25 (Indiscernible *00:54:15). I must clarify.

1 FCI Fort Dix handles all the payments on the
2 East Coast.

3 MR. [REDACTED]: Oh, okay.

4 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah.

5 MR. [REDACTED]: Sorry about that.

6 MR. [REDACTED]: They do all - they did all
7 the contracting for MCC New York and MDC
8 Brooklyn because they didn't have in-house
9 contractors at the facility institutions.

10 MR. [REDACTED]: So --.

11 MR. [REDACTED]: And I see below it says,
12 "Delivery Date September 28, 2018, MCC New York
13 Camera System."

14 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah. So that's --.

15 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

16 MR. [REDACTED]: I'm going to come back to
17 that part too. So over here, this is all the -
18 these are all the technology, well, the pieces.
19 Let's go through it, just - we'll go through it
20 quickly. It says for this license, the single
21 license for Nice Vision Enterprise package
22 audio channel, it looks like Vision Smart Hub
23 Recorder. This might be the recording system
24 that you're talking about, Mr. [REDACTED]?

25 MR. [REDACTED]: I would - I guess so. I'm

1 going to guess. I'm not a comm tech. For now,
2 I'll say yes.

3 MR. [REDACTED]: No problem. And there's a
4 recorder (Indiscernible *00:55:04) licenses and
5 then it looks like a package major version,
6 then we got the decoders. We got the AMS and
7 Nice Vision supporting 16 cameras, the IP
8 cameras. Now, you mentioned that this - if
9 this is the contract that was awarded, was the
10 plan to replace every camera inside the MCC or
11 replace only certain cameras?

12 MR. [REDACTED]: I was under the impression it
13 was every camera we purchased for them, so if
14 you're looking at that Line Number 9 where it
15 says SigNet labor for a quarter of a million
16 dollars --

17 MR. [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

18 MR. [REDACTED]: -- they better have installed
19 every damn camera because that was my
20 intention. That's what I was - thought I was
21 paying for was --

22 MR. [REDACTED]: So they're replacing --

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

24 MR. [REDACTED]: -- every camera - current
25 camera in the MCC plus adding additional

1 cameras?

2 MR. [REDACTED]: Correct, yep.

3 MR. [REDACTED]: And the total here says
4 698,108, and what you mentioned a little while
5 before was initially the contract was over a
6 million dollars and your understanding was this
7 part right here, this SigNet labor was much
8 higher and the idea, the proposal that came
9 around was to get rid of the SigNet labor in
10 terms of the conduit, wiring, the wiring, to be
11 done by in-house comm techs and electricians so
12 that this labor --

13 MR. [REDACTED]: Right.

14 MR. [REDACTED]: -- cost of whatever the total
15 was would come down and would be below the
16 \$800,000 mark in total?

17 MR. [REDACTED]: That was my - I don't know
18 what the numbers exactly were but that was my
19 understanding was that in order to drop that
20 quote down, we had to cut back on - they just
21 said, you know, "Let's go ahead and cut back on
22 the labor on the wiring side," which is why the
23 guys started running conduit in-house on their
24 own because it was to my understanding that's
25 what got cut from the contract.

1 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. And you wouldn't
2 happen to recall offhand what the initial
3 SigNet labor proposal was, right?

4 MR. [REDACTED]: I just remember the original
5 first estimate that went out came back when
6 [REDACTED] was still here was like over a million
7 dollars.

8 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay, the total. Okay.

9 MR. [REDACTED]: The total, yeah, uh-huh.

10 MR. [REDACTED]: And based on this, it looks
11 like Line 8 it shows IP cameras. It looks like
12 the quantity is 135. Then it says the Corner
13 VEN cam. That looks like there's 75 pieces.
14 So you're looking at over 200 cameras in total
15 that was ordered.

16 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah, I would say so. Yeah.

17 MR. [REDACTED]: One thing I don't see in here
18 - well, maybe you can explain it since I don't
19 see. Do you see the order for the conduits in
20 here, the wiring?

21 MR. [REDACTED]: No.

22 MR. [REDACTED]: But if that was part of the -

23 -

24 MR. [REDACTED]: But if -.

25 MR. [REDACTED]: Who was supposed to provide

1 that?

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

16 MR. [REDACTED]: I'm not sure. I'm not
17 familiar with the purchasing department. But
18 it was purchased through GSA according to your
19 memory?

20 MR. [REDACTED]: Well, it's a website GSA has.

21 MR. [REDACTED]: GSA Advantage or
22 something?

23 MR. [REDACTED]: That's it. Yeah, so all
24 these companies sell their stuff on this GSA
25 website, GSA Advantage, and I know all of the

1 quotes for that wiring and stuff came from
2 vendors off that website. That's where were -
3 it was eventually purchased through a separate
4 procurement I believe, if it wasn't part of
5 this, I can't even recall. But I do remember
6 the shopping for the wiring being done on GSA
7 Advantage through a vendor there.

8 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. This might sound like
9 a --.

10 MR. [REDACTED]: I just don't remember.

11 MR. [REDACTED]: Sorry. This might sound like
12 a dumb question.

13 MR. [REDACTED]: I just don't remember.

14 MR. [REDACTED]: What's the difference between
15 a conduit and a wiring?

16 MR. [REDACTED]: So the conduit is the metal
17 pipe that you see running across or up and down
18 a wall that runs into little junction boxes and
19 the wiring just runs into it.

20 MR. [REDACTED]: So --.

21 MR. [REDACTED]: Runs through it.

22 MR. [REDACTED]: So that's a protection, the
23 conduit, it's an actual protection over the --.

24 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah, yeah, it's metal or it
25 could be PVC, but obviously in the institution

1 it was metal and you run the conduit and you
2 run the junction boxes and everything and then
3 you pull your cable through it and it's
4 basically a protective housing to protect the
5 wiring and keep it from being exposed.

6 MR. [REDACTED]: And according to your memory,
7 do you recall whose decision it was to have the
8 in-house staff do the conduits and the wiring?

9 MR. [REDACTED]: It came down from the
10 executive staff, but that was discussed, jeez,
11 I can't even remember. That was back when the
12 numbers started flying in and they were trying
13 to find out ways to bring the numbers down and
14 everything, but it was somebody higherup that
15 made the decision to try and cut there on the -
16 when they saw how much the labor was, they were
17 like, "Well, maybe we could cut back on the
18 labor," because it was my goal that if they
19 were going to spend this kind of money, you
20 might as well have the contractor do
21 everything.

22 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

23 MR. [REDACTED]: And all my hopes and dreams
24 got killed because they saw the number and
25 wanted to cut some fat and - but --.

1 MR. [REDACTED]: No problem. See on the
2 bottom, it says - it was - the document
3 "Signature Offer Steven Smith." It looks like
4 you signed on 09/21/2018 and that's - he works
5 for SigNet Technologies. And Line 31A that's -
6 looks like U.S. Government, that's Freelon
7 Peyton (Phonetic Sp. *1:01:38), and that was
8 signed on 09/21/2018, and he's a Section Chief
9 FAO.

10 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah.

11 MR. [REDACTED]: And the delivery date on Line
12 20 up here, it says, "Estimate" - well, I don't
13 know if it's estimate, but it says, "Delivery
14 date is on 09/28/2018." It says, "MCC New York
15 camera system: provide services in accordance
16 with SFS, SOW, and technical proposal." And it
17 looks like GSA, GS07F-0322T. It looks like the
18 contract number's in here too. It looks like
19 based - looking at this, the contract, the
20 estimate was - I mean, the contract states that
21 the delivery for all that equipment and
22 everything that was ordered was scheduled to be
23 delivered at the MCC on September 28, 2018.

24 According to your recollection, do you
25 recall if all these items were delivered to the

1 MCC in September 2018?

2 MR. [REDACTED]: Can we go back to when this
3 contract was drafted? Okay. So you see here
4 where the award was 09/21?

5 MR. [REDACTED]: Yes.

6 MR. [REDACTED]: And then the delivery date is
7 09/28, that's a week. There is no way, no way
8 - I'm not even going to - I shouldn't have to
9 go any further, but I'm going to do it anyway.
10 There's no way you could deliver a product like
11 that - the install alone if the contractor
12 would have did it would have taken well over a
13 year. Just the install alone for that kind of
14 equipment if they were to do everything soup to
15 nuts on their own, conduit and everything,
16 would have took a year.

17 MR. [REDACTED]: But is it --?

18 MR. [REDACTED]: So --

19 MR. [REDACTED]: Where is the equipment coming
20 from?

21 MR. [REDACTED]: -- I'm thinking that that
22 delivery date is the date they delivered the
23 contract to the contractor because there's no
24 way you can award a contract and expect to have
25 everything that's in that contract in seven

1 days get done. Delivery date I think is when
2 they delivered the contract to the contractor.
3 But to answer your question, as of February 14th
4 of 2019, my last day there, there was not a
5 single camera on-site there --

6 MR. [REDACTED]: Is it possible --

7 MR. [REDACTED]: -- because --

8 MR. [REDACTED]: -- the cameras --

9 MR. [REDACTED]: What's that?

10 MR. [REDACTED]: -- were delivered without
11 your knowledge? Is it possible the cameras
12 would have been delivered without your
13 knowledge?

14 MR. [REDACTED]: That place, absolutely. But
15 I could tell you this much, two things wrong
16 with that. Number one, it was my impression
17 that the contractor when they received all the
18 cameras and got all the cameras in stock and
19 everything was on-site and they had all the
20 equipment on-site and everything was in stock,
21 they were bringing it with them. I didn't - I
22 don't know if they were going to dropship that
23 or not and have the stuff delivered directly to
24 the institution and then come afterwards. But
25 even if that was the case, somebody would have

1 to had gone to the rear loading dock where that
2 stuff comes in and there's a logbook back there
3 and they would've had to sign for that delivery
4 and it would've had to be somebody in the
5 facilities department.

6 MR. [REDACTED]: So you're under the
7 impression that - when you say "contractor,"
8 you're talking about SigNet?

9 MR. [REDACTED]: Yes.

10 MR. [REDACTED]: So you're under the
11 impression that SigNet was supposed to bring
12 all that equipment with them when they come in
13 to install?

14 MR. [REDACTED]: Correct.

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

16 MR. [REDACTED]: We paid them to install it,
17 so to me contractually wise there would have
18 been too much liability there to have the stuff
19 shipped directly to the institution and then
20 call the contractor up and say, "Hey, come in,
21 all the stuff is here," because if something
22 was missing or broken, because the contractor
23 didn't have chain of custody of that equipment
24 the whole entire time, they could blame us. We
25 had a lot of liability on our hands and we

1 would still have to pay the contractor
2 regardless. We wouldn't be able to hold them
3 liable for any damages as far as that goes.

4 So my impression was when we did this
5 everything was going to go to SigNet or SigNet
6 was purchasing it and when everything was in-
7 house they would come and bring everything with
8 them and install it.

9 MR. [REDACTED]: I have an email here. I'm
10 going to show this to you. This email is from
11 Justin Houston. He's a program manager for
12 SigNet Technologies and --

13 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah.

14 MR. [REDACTED]: -- this is addressed to me.
15 It says, "I wanted to send this to you in
16 regards to the questions you asked." This is
17 dated October 1st, Friday, 2021, and this is --

18 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah.

19 MR. [REDACTED]: -- from Justin Houston to
20 myself. And he states, "Hey, [REDACTED]. I wanted
21 to send this to you in regards to the question
22 you asked regarding if they had new gear on-
23 site. Attached is the PO that we received on
24 09/21/2018. The gear was delivered around 30
25 days after that and on 11/01/2018 I sent over

1 the paperwork for the site to submit for the IP
2 addresses needed to install the system. I will
3 forward the email traffic as well."

4 It looks like based on what he stated -
5 let me see if I can get this. Actually, this
6 is the contract itself. It looks like he's
7 stating that by 09/21/2018 that's - the
8 contract was signed, and it looks like within
9 30 days all the gear was delivered. But you're
10 stating you don't believe the gear was
11 delivered?

12 MR. [REDACTED]: Nope, not at all.

13 MR. [REDACTED]: Is it possible that he was -
14 now you - based on what your statement, you
15 believe the gear might have been delivered to
16 them.

17 MR. [REDACTED]: Well, that's my problem is he
18 doesn't clarify what gear means. I don't know
19 what gear means. Does gear mean just the
20 cameras? Does it mean just the wire? Does it
21 mean the entire contents? I don't know what he
22 - does it mean just the recorder. He's not
23 clarifying what gear means.

24 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

25 MR. [REDACTED]: Going back to what I said, I

1 could tell you that unless somebody signed for
2 something without my knowledge and didn't tell
3 me about it, there was no cameras on that.
4 There was no gear. They were just hanging
5 conduit when I leave there and that was conduit
6 that we owned that we didn't even purchase. It
7 was already there. So --.

8 MR. [REDACTED]: If gear was delivered, where
9 would it have been delivered to at the MCC if
10 the items - all these items were delivered?

11 MR. [REDACTED]: So it would've had to gone to
12 the rear dock. The rear gate they called it.
13 And then there's a Shipping and Receiving
14 personnel there, staff, and they have a big
15 cage that's in that loading area, so all the
16 deliveries go in there and then they would
17 write down who had deliveries, call those
18 departments and say, "Hey, you need to send
19 somebody to come pick up your stuff. You got
20 stuff here." So whoever that person was to go
21 there to pick up the stuff would have to sign
22 the logbook saying that they picked up the
23 stuff.

24 But you're talking about a truck loading
25 stuff that wouldn't even have fit in that cage.

1 It would've been like pallets and stuff like -
2 it would have been huge to store that stuff.
3 It would've had to have, you know - and then,
4 you know, it's all electronic stuff. That's
5 why I don't recall that stuff being delivered
6 prior to the - but I was under the impression
7 the contractor was coming with that stuff. I
8 was not under the impression that that was
9 going to get delivered separately, and if did
10 it wasn't to my knowledge.

11 I never saw a single new camera while I
12 was there or recorder or anything like that and
13 somebody would've had to have signed for that.
14 And then we would have had to have - there
15 would have had to have been inventory taken to
16 put that in storage and somewhere in the
17 Facilities Department.

18 So like I said, going back to the
19 contract, they awarded it on the 21st and wanted
20 it done by the 28th, that's just totally
21 unrealistic and irrational. I don't --

22 MR. ██████████: Now --

23 MR. ██████████: -- see that.

24 MR. ██████████: -- if the things that you
25 purchased from them, would have that been the

1 material as well that your staff members would
2 have been using to run the conduit and wiring
3 and things? Is that part of that purchase
4 order or is that something you were going to be
5 receiving yourself and --?

6 MR. [REDACTED]: So I was under the impression
7 that SigNet was going to wait until they had
8 all their equipment, wherever they get it from
9 or whoever they're buying it from or who their
10 supply is, when they have everything they need
11 to do the job that's within the scope of work
12 of the contract, they were going to come on-
13 site with everything and begin doing the work
14 themselves. The only that --

15 MR. [REDACTED]: I thought you --.

16 MR. [REDACTED]: -- my guys --.

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

18 MR. [REDACTED]: The only thing my guys -
19 yeah. The only thing my guys were going to do
20 was install the conduit. The wiring if I
21 remember correctly was purchased separately
22 through that GSA Advantage website and it was
23 through - I remember it was through a vendor
24 that they had purchased from previously in the
25 past, the comm shop, for regular supplies and

1 stuff. It was just like a regular
2 cabling/wiring company that had a GSA schedule
3 on that site. And that would have been
4 delivered directly to the institution.

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

7 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

8 MR. [REDACTED]: This is Anixter TP-120, 240
9 and SigNet Tech. This is from [REDACTED] to
10 [REDACTED] - there's a whole bunch of names:
11 [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED],
12 [REDACTED], the people listed. It's dated on April
13 1, 2019. Subject is Anixter TP-120, 240, and
14 SigNet Tech. It says, "Good afternoon, Ms.
15 [REDACTED]. After reviewing my CORS Report for the
16 Central Office supplies samples, I went ahead
17 and asked [REDACTED] our comm tech on the status
18 of these particular PO's and he advised me that
19 they haven't been able to receive the fiber
20 cable and without the cable they cannot - they
21 can't proceed with the camera systems. He
22 mentioned that the company's requiring some
23 sort of documentation and he would be - he
24 should be able to provide you with the details.
25 Sincerely, [REDACTED], Financial Program

1 Specialist, U.S. Department of Justice, BOP."

2 Now, does that help clarify anything?

3 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah --

4 MR. [REDACTED]: I know this is --.

5 MR. [REDACTED]: -- it just tells me that - it
6 verifies what I said, that there was no cameras
7 or wiring or anything on-site there at the time
8 that I left. It was just not there. But it
9 also makes sense that if these - the wiring
10 isn't there, they can't hook up the cameras.
11 But what got me - where I'm concerned, I guess,
12 with this is who were they talking to here
13 because this would have to be a problem with
14 SigNet. If SigNet's installing - connecting
15 the wires to the cameras and everything like
16 that, I don't know who they're really
17 addressing in that email.

18 MR. [REDACTED]: It looks like it's more
19 internal email, right? And they're trying to
20 figure out what exactly - why the camera
21 systems have not been installed yet. It looks
22 like [REDACTED] [REDACTED] told them that the status
23 of the fiber cable is not in, like the fiber
24 cable or cables have not been delivered, right?
25 I'm sorry. And without the cables they can't

1 proceed with the camera systems.

2 MR. [REDACTED]: Well, yeah, that's cause and
3 effect. Yeah, so that's accurate as I read it.
4 The fact that it's three years since I left
5 there and there's still no wiring there is kind
6 of intriguing in itself.

7 MR. [REDACTED]: Well, this is 2019. This is
8 like a couple months after you left, April 1,
9 2019.

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

11 MR. [REDACTED]: So that Anixster, would that
12 be the company? Would that be one of those
13 companies that provides wiring?

14 MR. [REDACTED]: Possibly, yeah. I guess so.
15 I'm not --.

16 MR. [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], I just sent you
17 an email. Can you just share your - or scroll
18 down to the second email and just - so that
19 maybe this will help --

20 MR. [REDACTED]: Bear with me.

21 MR. [REDACTED]: -- clarify what was
22 received and what wasn't.

23 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. Share your screen. Is
24 this the - you want me to scroll all the way
25 down?

1 MR. [REDACTED]: No. It would be the one
2 that says - what I sent you was the - did you
3 receive what I sent you --

4 MR. [REDACTED]: Sorry.

5 MR. [REDACTED]: -- the email from Steve
6 Smith? It was from Nobile --

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

8 MR. [REDACTED]: -- to Steve Smith --

9 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah, it's on the bottom of
10 that.

11 MR. [REDACTED]: -- that --.

12 MR. [REDACTED]: Right here.

13 MR. [REDACTED]: That's it. Not on the
14 bottom. It's middle.

15 MR. [REDACTED]: Right here. It's in the
16 middle. So this is an email documentation from
17 Steve Smith, that's steve.smith@signetinc.com
18 dated --

19 MR. [REDACTED]: Share your screen.

20 MR. [REDACTED]: Oh, I apologize. I thought
21 it was shared. Sorry, go ahead. Can you see
22 that?

23 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah.

24 MR. [REDACTED]: We're talking about this part
25 right here.

1 MR. [REDACTED]: Correct.

2 MR. [REDACTED]: It says, "Chris, I didn't
3 want to leave you hanging, so this is what we
4 know so far. It appears that FedEx might -
5 must recycle tracking numbers. The order was
6 placed on 09/27/2018 from SigNet to Qognify.
7 Nice and Divisional PO shows it was shipped
8 directly to the site, MCC New York. It shows
9 that it was scheduled to ship on 09/30/2018
10 from Qognify. We currently don't have the
11 tracking that shows when you exactly received
12 it but best guess is seven to 14 days, which
13 would put it on your dock around October 14,
14 2018, and it was installed the week of August
15 16, 2019. We will try to continue - we will
16 continue to try and find the tracking
17 information for when it actually hit your dock.
18 Let me know if you need anything else."

19 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah. So that was going to
20 be my next question is: Where is any tracking
21 information on this? And then if FedEx does
22 recycle tracking numbers, that's definitely
23 news to me. But also, when this email - what
24 are they saying they shipped?

25 MR. [REDACTED]: It looks like it was a

1 question about the camera system that was on-
2 site at MCC. They're talking about
3 specifically the camera system that was sent
4 from SigNet --

5 MR. [REDACTED]: It doesn't say that. It
6 doesn't say that. It doesn't tell them what
7 they're - it doesn't even - forget about the
8 fact they don't have no tracking - it doesn't
9 even say what they're talking about other than
10 if we could identify what the - I don't even
11 know what that Qognify stuff is. That doesn't
12 even look familiar to me.

13 MR. [REDACTED]: So Qognify is the company,
14 the parent - the company that they deal with
15 for the Nice video system.

16 MR. [REDACTED]: Right.

17 MR. [REDACTED]: So they are the ones who
18 handle --.

19 MR. [REDACTED]: So that would tell me then
20 that's only going to be that component that was
21 delivered, which still if it was delivered, I
22 had no knowledge of it while I was there.

23 MR. [REDACTED]: And you're saying if it comes
24 in that pallet - let's just say the MCC
25 received a truckload of something like that and

1 it can't be housed inside the MCC at that
2 location, where else could it be housed?

3 MR. [REDACTED]: Well, I don't think - it
4 could be housed there, it just wouldn't be in
5 that warehouse there. It would have to be in
6 some other secure location within the facility,
7 like somewhere in the Facilities Department.
8 Most likely probably, like, in the comm shop or
9 something like that someplace.

10 MR. [REDACTED]: But if this --.

11 MR. [REDACTED]: I wouldn't necessarily say
12 that it would be stored offsite.

13 MR. [REDACTED]: Hey, [REDACTED], just scroll
14 above to the email that I sent. It's
15 specifically with regard to Nobile. He said
16 that it's the camera system that was installed
17 on the 19th. I mean, and if you don't know,
18 Nobile was the acting facilities manager from
19 February through March of - or May of 2019 and
20 then became the permanent facilities manager or
21 facility manager.

22 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah, I believe he walked in
23 right as I walked out or right after or
24 something like that. It was very close.

25 MR. [REDACTED]: So he's telling us that

1 the camera system - you know, everything that
2 they installed was already on-site and that's
3 what he had told us. So he's saying it was on-
4 site by the time he got there, so we're just
5 getting confused when you're saying that it
6 wasn't there because he said it was already
7 there when he got there.

8 MR. [REDACTED]: I never laid eyes on it, and
9 I was never made aware that those cameras were
10 on-site in my whole entire time that I was
11 there. Somebody would have had to sign for
12 them. There's got to be some kind of tracking
13 information, and then like I said --

14 MR. [REDACTED]: So -.

15 MR. [REDACTED]: -- going back --

16 MR. [REDACTED]: No.

17 MR. [REDACTED]: -- I was under the impression
18 the contractor was bringing the cameras, not
19 being delivered separately without the
20 contractor.

21 MR. [REDACTED]: So according to his
22 email, you know, they're claiming that
23 beginning of October 2018 is when they would
24 have arrived, so is that - were you acting at
25 that point or was [REDACTED] still there?

1 MR. [REDACTED]: Like I don't know, I can't -
2 I would need to know the date that [REDACTED]
3 acted his last day on the job. And the only
4 milestone I can give you for that is, like I
5 said, when he went on that Colorado training
6 trip, he just never came back from that.

7 MR. [REDACTED]: Well, last time we spoke -
8 last time - my understanding is when [REDACTED]
9 left is August of 2018 was the last time he
10 stepped foot inside MCC. Does that help?

11 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah, it does, but like I
12 said, I'm just - I never saw anything outside
13 of conduit regarding this project on-site there
14 at that institution. I was never made aware of
15 any of that being there from my - since the day
16 the contract was awarded up until the time, I
17 walked out the door there was no cameras in
18 that building --

19 MR. [REDACTED]: And --.

20 MR. [REDACTED]: -- at least to my knowledge.
21 I never was made - I was never told, made
22 aware, never signed for them, never was -
23 nothing.

24 MR. [REDACTED]: And if it did come, it says -
25 according to - it looks like this is the

1 contract. If it was delivered, it should have
2 been delivered attention to you according to
3 the contract, right?

4 MR. [REDACTED]: That's - should have -
5 exactly that's how that should have been done
6 if things are done the way they're supposed to
7 be done, but I never was made aware of any of
8 that stuff. I mean, like I said, it's been a
9 long time, but I never - I don't think there
10 was any - there's no way.

11 MR. [REDACTED]: And before - just on a
12 side note, as far as the conduit that needed to
13 be run, how long should've that taken your
14 people to run?

15 MR. [REDACTED]: It would have taken a very
16 long time because the department was severely
17 understaffed, and the institution came first.
18 The daily operations of the institution came
19 first. So if you had lights out, you had
20 phones down, you know, stuff like that the
21 tradesmen had to go ahead and take care of work
22 orders and stuff to maintain the institution
23 first and then they would come back and on
24 their downtime and stuff and do work pertaining
25 to this.

1 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. About how many man
2 hours do you think it takes though, I mean, if
3 they actually had worked on it?

4 MR. [REDACTED]: It's kind of hard to tell
5 because I don't know the total picture of the
6 routing of where all the cameras were going in
7 addition to the ones that are existing there,
8 but I can tell you that when this whole thing
9 was going on every - we were all short-staffed.
10 There was a constant flip over of staff, and
11 then you had augmentation going on.

12 My guys were working housing units more
13 than they were in the department and working
14 mandated overtime. So they were covering -
15 augmentation was like you would act as a CO and
16 go up in the housing unit for the shift, and
17 then some of them would get stuck doing
18 overtime for another shift. And then depending
19 on how that fell, they went up there all day
20 working the housing unit, got told they had to
21 work all night, then they were banging on me in
22 the morning because they worked a double before
23 that.

24 So - but I mean, man hours' wise, I really
25 couldn't tell you. I know there's a book out

1 there, electrical code book out there that
2 tells you the standard amount of feet of
3 conduit that can be installed within an eight-
4 hour period, but I mean, it just - that stuff
5 doesn't apply to a prison, especially MCC New
6 York. There are just too much operational
7 changes and stuff on a daily basis that
8 prevented these guys from dedicating 100
9 percent of their work to something like that.
10 Especially being that they already had
11 something in place that was semi-functional.

12 MR. [REDACTED]: Just to clarify, I know you
13 mentioned it, said you never received anything,
14 you never signed for anything. If the
15 receiving - if the delivery area received it,
16 right, you said the back - the rear door
17 received it, would they have some kind of log
18 they kept?

19 MR. [REDACTED]: Yep, uh-huh.

20 MR. [REDACTED]: Where would I find that?

21 MR. [REDACTED]: So that log was kept in the
22 cage where the packages were - be delivered at.
23 So inside that - they had one officer dedicated
24 that had one key for that cage back there and
25 that was their job. R & D it was called, they

1 were part of that crew, and they would just go
2 ahead and you get delivery, UPS, FedEx, they
3 would all come in, put all that stuff in a
4 cage, and they would write in the book who it
5 was addressed to, what department, and then
6 they would call you and let you know you had
7 something or send you an email, however the
8 officer chose to do it, and you would go there
9 and sign for it and pick it up.

10 MR. [REDACTED]: And no one notified you.
11 This - the book that they keep, is it labeled
12 anything specific as you recall?

13 MR. [REDACTED]: If I recall correctly, I saw
14 two different versions of the book. One was a
15 binder, a three-ring binder type with a pre-
16 filled out form, and then also there was a -
17 have you ever seen those little green
18 government logbooks that are just plain? You
19 know, there was one of those back there at one
20 point.

21 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. And that should tell
22 us when - if and when it was delivered?

23 MR. [REDACTED]: Yep.

24 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

25 MR. [REDACTED]: And in addition to the

1 tracking information, of course, you know,
2 because I believe the three-ring binder part of
3 that - because that's the other thing is if
4 something is getting delivered to me, if I
5 ordered something out of the department, I
6 don't care what it was, a case of light bulbs
7 or, you know, a truckload of conduit or
8 whatever, when that stuff ships this way, the
9 vendor's sending me an email with tracking
10 information letting me know when to accept it
11 because they know it's coming to a secure
12 institution where the truck and the driver are
13 subject to screening and there's only certain
14 hours that they can deliver during the day.

15 So it's not like a wide open 24/7
16 warehouse obviously. They can only deliver
17 during certain hours. So I would make sure and
18 let everybody know you need to give me the
19 tracking information and I need to know what
20 day that this stuff is coming to me because I
21 need to make sure that I have the arrangements
22 in place to get this delivery accepted and not
23 turned away.

24 MR. [REDACTED]: Were you - back then were you
25 in constant communication with SigNet or was

1 there somebody else on your staff that was in
2 communication with SigNet?

3 MR. [REDACTED]: The comm techs. We had two
4 comm techs that started with this thing and
5 initialed. I inherited two comm techs when I
6 came there, which both were involved with the
7 project with [REDACTED] when he started it. One
8 of them had retired and then one of them stayed
9 behind. He was still there. He was a younger
10 guy, which is that [REDACTED] guy on the email.

11 MR. [REDACTED]: And who is the one that
12 retired?

13 MR. [REDACTED]: [REDACTED] (Phonetic Sp.
14 *1:27:11).

15 MR. [REDACTED]: [REDACTED]. Do you know when he
16 retired?

17 MR. [REDACTED]: While I was there. I
18 couldn't give you an exact date. I really
19 couldn't tell you. I'm --.

20 MR. [REDACTED]: Was this toward the end of --

21 MR. [REDACTED]: What (Indiscernible
22 *1:27:26).

23 MR. [REDACTED]: -- 2018, beginning of 2019,
24 or was it earlier?

25 MR. [REDACTED]: What's that?

1 MR. [REDACTED]: Was it towards the end of
2 2018, beginning of 2019 or earlier?

3 MR. [REDACTED]: I honestly really couldn't
4 tell you.

5 MR. [REDACTED]: Is it possible that SigNet
6 sent the tracking information to [REDACTED]?

7 MR. [REDACTED]: Very possible. They did a
8 lot of communication from what I understand
9 back and forth that I was not looped in on, but
10 that was during the pre-contract, pre-planning
11 phases or pre-ordering phase I should say. But
12 yeah, very possible that it could have went to
13 him.

14 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

15 MR. [REDACTED]: And it's also very possible
16 it could have went to the contracting officer.
17 Sometimes they do do that. So - and I noticed
18 if you go back to that contract there was that
19 guy [REDACTED] (Phonetic Sp. *1:28:18) on there.

20 MR. [REDACTED]: This is up top.

21 MR. [REDACTED]: Do you see his name [REDACTED]?

22 MR. [REDACTED]: This is up here, right here,
23 you're talking about [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

24 MR. [REDACTED]: Yep. So he is what we call -
25 I think he was in the Budgeting Department, but

1 he was what we called the "paper pusher" for
2 Fort Dix.

3 MR. [REDACTED]: That would be here?

4 MR. [REDACTED]: So basically, he did all the
5 financial stuff for MCC New York. He was the
6 guy that was on-site in the budget office and
7 then all that paperwork, he was technically,
8 like, an employee of Fort Dix. He was working
9 with them in the contracting and budgeting
10 office of Financial Services.

11 MR. [REDACTED]: You're talking about Line 7A
12 where it states [REDACTED] [REDACTED], R. [REDACTED]
13 (Indiscernible *1:29:05)?

14 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah. So any time I want to
15 purchase anything, it doesn't matter what it
16 is, he would get the paperwork and then the
17 rest of it's between him and the contracting
18 staff at Fort Dix, the CO at Fort Dix, whoever
19 that CO is.

20 So sometimes with stuff like this, I have
21 seen in other instances where people will look
22 at this contract and they don't - they just see
23 a name and they just put it on there and send
24 them stuff. But I would also like to think
25 that if [REDACTED] [REDACTED] or even [REDACTED], the

1 comm tech, or somebody got a tracking number
2 that they would have had the decency or the
3 common sense or whatever you want to call it to
4 to forward it to me, you know, to send it to
5 me.

6 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. As far as you recall
7 you left in February 14, 2019, and when you
8 left --

9 MR. [REDACTED]: Sure.

10 MR. [REDACTED]: -- as far as you recall --

11 MR. [REDACTED]: (Indiscernible *1:30:06).

12 MR. [REDACTED]: -- MCC never received the
13 cameras or anything on this order, which would
14 be that - everything that's listed on Page 4 of
15 this contract order, you don't recall them
16 receiving it. And you believe that --.

17 MR. [REDACTED]: I don't at all. When I left
18 there, they were still hanging conduit when
19 they could --

20 MR. [REDACTED]: And the conduit was --

21 MR. [REDACTED]: -- at times (Indiscernible
22 *1:30:27).

23 MR. [REDACTED]: -- items that was already in-
24 house that MCC from a previous project?

25 MR. [REDACTED]: I don't - yeah, because I

1 know they had plans to purchase more just in
2 case. But I remember going over to Building 4
3 and there was just racks and racks and racks of
4 conduit that they had over there. The
5 electrician knew - was there, that was part of
6 his overstock for his shop --

7 MR. [REDACTED]: Where was Building 4?

8 MR. [REDACTED]: -- that he hung. It's just
9 over the bridge in Brooklyn, an old Navy
10 shipyard.

11 MR. [REDACTED]: The Brooklyn Navy Shipping
12 Yard.

13 MR. [REDACTED]: Yes.

14 MR. [REDACTED]: So MCC kept --

15 MR. [REDACTED]: It's right on --

16 MR. [REDACTED]: MCC had a building inside the
17 yard?

18 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah. It's kind of like
19 separated. It was - used to be part of the
20 yard, but it's totally fenced in by itself and
21 there's a big huge warehouse there. And at the
22 time that I had left there, food service, staff
23 from food service ran that operation because
24 they had big giant walk-in freezers and coolers
25 there, which is where they kept a lot of their

1 overstock.

2 But also, every single department in the
3 institution, didn't matter who you was, human
4 resources, trust fund, facilities, everybody
5 had their own separate cages in that warehouse
6 as well to keep overstock supplies for their
7 departments as well. And has its own loading
8 dock, trucks go in and out of there every day,
9 all day with deliveries and all kinds of stuff,
10 and if it's something that they can't fit at
11 the institution, it goes to Building 4. You
12 can have the driver take it to Building 4.

13 But in this case, I would have never
14 allowed that because I - the supervision and
15 the oversight, there is none out there. At
16 least there wasn't at the time that I was
17 there. There was just one guy running the
18 whole show over there with a handful of
19 inmates.

20 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. Agent [REDACTED], any
21 questions on that?

22 MR. [REDACTED]: No. I'm just looking
23 through all the emails from [REDACTED] right now.

24 MR. [REDACTED]: I don't have much more in
25 terms of questions in terms of follow-up

1 because we covered a lot of details. Bear with
2 me one minute.

3 MR. [REDACTED]: Sure. You guys owe me lunch,
4 I could tell you that.

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

10 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah, I just - I told - I -
11 when Agent Daniels gave me the initial phone
12 call, I was like, wow, 2018. That was like - I
13 just had no - we were still waiting on
14 everything. And even if - I would have
15 expected the contractor to be with them. But I
16 know there was delays with the wiring. The
17 wiring was crazy. They had some crazy delays
18 with wiring.

19 And to be honest with you, something like
20 this just the way that institution was ran,
21 there was just way too many hands in the pot.
22 It was just - two wardens, two AW's, two comm
23 techs, two facility managers it sounds like.
24 There's just too much stuff going on, too many
25 people involved.

1 MR. [REDACTED]: You mentioned that Executive
2 Assistant [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] "[REDACTED]" [REDACTED],
3 they possibly - you know, I know you were
4 acting facility manager, but at the same time,
5 you know, they instructed you, gave
6 instructions too. Any chance that they had
7 communications with SigNet over this?

8 MR. [REDACTED]: I don't see how or why, but I
9 wouldn't say no. I would say that if that did
10 happen, it would have probably been more with
11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] than the AW because he had more
12 interaction with the warden as far as, you
13 know, keeping him abreast of things and stuff
14 like that, so.

15 MR. [REDACTED]: And just for the record, the
16 last name [REDACTED], [REDACTED]?

17 MR. [REDACTED]: Correct.

18 MR. [REDACTED]: And you mentioned there was
19 other AW's too, [REDACTED], [REDACTED]?

20 MR. [REDACTED]: [REDACTED].

21 MR. [REDACTED]: [REDACTED]. And then you
22 mentioned there was another El [REDACTED], [REDACTED]-
23 [REDACTED]?

24 MR. [REDACTED]: That's [REDACTED] last name.

25 MR. [REDACTED]: Oh, I apologize.

1 MR. [REDACTED]: [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

2 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. [REDACTED].

3 MR. [REDACTED]: Don't ask me how to spell it,
4 I don't know. He was an Egyptian.

5 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

6 MR. [REDACTED]: [REDACTED]. I --.

7 MR. [REDACTED]: [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

8 MR. [REDACTED]: You would have saw his name
9 on the earlier stages of the project back when
10 [REDACTED] was still managing it because he was
11 the AW with at that time.

12 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. And you said the comm
13 techs would usually fix the issues that came up
14 in - prior to this camera system being - new
15 camera system being ordered, the comm techs
16 would fix the issues that came up with the
17 recorder and the decoder. What's a decoder?

18 MR. [REDACTED]: A decoder?

19 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah.

20 MR. [REDACTED]: I have no idea. I just heard
21 it being used all the time. But see, I had a
22 personal issue. You got to realize in my
23 tenure with the Bureau, I worked at four
24 different institutions, three of them high
25 profile. All right. MCC New York, me and

1 ██████████ used to - I had a problem with that
2 equipment being in the same office as my comm
3 tech. You go to any other institution, that
4 equipment is under SIS control and if they need
5 a comm tech to look at it, SIS calls for the
6 comm tech and then SIS stays there and provides
7 oversight, an escort the whole time that
8 they're working on that equipment.

9 Here at MCC New York, and I'm only
10 assuming because MCC New York's the oldest
11 building I've ever worked in - I think it was
12 built in the late '60s early '70s. But I just
13 was not used to that equipment being in the
14 office of the comm tech. Everywhere I've ever
15 been that was always in SIS, but these were all
16 newer buildings. I think every other
17 institution I worked in was much newer, but I
18 just wasn't accustomed to that equipment being
19 in - it was just unreal to me. I just, you
20 know --.

21 MR. ██████████: Can you explain that to me
22 one more time? So my - our understanding is
23 there's a SIS office, then there's a video --

24 MR. ██████████: Yeah.

25 MR. ██████████: -- monitoring room, right,

1 where they can see --

2 MR. [REDACTED]: Right.

3 MR. [REDACTED]: -- everything on the cameras.

4 That's where the SIS - an SIS officer sits.

5 They watch everything on the video monitor.

6 And isn't the access for the camera system

7 inside a room that's inside the video

8 monitoring room?

9 MR. [REDACTED]: Are you talking where?

10 MR. [REDACTED]: At MCC.

11 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah, but where, downstairs

12 in the comm tech's office, or up in someplace

13 else?

14 MR. [REDACTED]: So - wait, wait. So I'm

15 talking about on the third floor where the SIS

16 office is.

17 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

18 MR. [REDACTED]: Isn't there a video

19 monitoring room?

20 MR. [REDACTED]: I've never - I don't know. I

21 never put eyes on it. I know that there was

22 equipment in [REDACTED] office and [REDACTED]

23 office, the two comm techs in that same office,

24 and there was equipment that was in that room

25 that was part of that system.

1 MR. ██████: What equipment was in that
2 room?

3 MR. ██████: I have no idea, I just know
4 it was, like, in a locked cabinet.

5 MR. ██████: So you're saying the comm
6 techs had equipment, the live equipment for the
7 recorder, everything in their room that they
8 could access?

9 MR. ██████: There was some kind - yeah,
10 there was something related to the camera
11 system that was in a cabinet in their office
12 that was related to that and that's why in that
13 office they also had a secured cabinet for shop
14 stock and supplies. And if any of that stuff
15 would have got delivered and I knew about it,
16 that's exactly where I would have put it was in
17 that cage.

18 MR. ██████: The comm techs in their
19 office, did they have live monitoring, monitors
20 set up for the cameras?

21 MR. ██████: What do you mean by that?

22 MR. ██████: Like for the video. You know
23 how the SIS shop has - you can watch the live
24 videos throughout the institution? They have a
25 few of them that are up live feed.

1 MR. ██████: That's what I was trying to
2 say. I don't know what equipment's involved
3 behind that, but they had the ability to watch
4 video from the cameras in their office.

5 MR. ██████: And --.

6 MR. ██████: And like I said, I've never
7 seen that at any of the other institutions I
8 was at. It was always the comm tech goes to
9 SIS, puts their hands on the equipment and
10 fixes it, does whatever they've got to do.

11 MR. ██████: When --?

12 MR. ██████: MCC New York, I don't know if
13 it's because of the age of the institution or
14 not, but they did - I don't know what the
15 equipment is, but they --

16 MR. ██████: Excuse me.

17 MR. ██████: -- have the ability to see
18 footage from their office.

19 MR. ██████: Did they have TVs set up on
20 their wall or was it just on their computer
21 screen?

22 MR. ██████: No, the had TVs on a wall.

23 MR. ██████: And do you --?

24 MR. ██████: I don't know how - they had -
25 yeah, they had - I don't know how they monitor

1 it, but they did have TVs on the wall, at least
2 one that I can remember.

3 MR. ██████: And you recall being in the
4 comm techs' office and you could see the live
5 feeds on their wall?

6 MR. ██████: No. I remember seeing a TV.
7 I never witnessed any live footage, but I know
8 that it was discussed through just variable
9 internal things where they had that capability
10 in there.

11 MR. ██████: And you believe in that
12 little - the cabinet that was locked up in
13 their office they had - those were the actual
14 DVRs, the recorders, were inside the office?

15 MR. ██████: I don't know what the
16 equipment was, I just know that they had the
17 ability to monitor cameras in their office.

18 MR. ██████: Okay.

19 MR. ██████: Yeah. I don't know what was
20 in there, but I am assuming that if they had
21 the ability to monitor the cameras, they have
22 some sort of equipment in there, unless for
23 some reason or another somebody ran --

24 MR. ██████: Is it possible --

25 MR. ██████: -- wires from it.

1 MR. ██████: -- for like the night
2 supervision, like if they had supervision
3 access, they could log in and view cameras off
4 their computer system?

5 MR. ██████: I don't know. If they had
6 any kind of access like that, I wasn't aware of
7 it.

8 MR. ██████: Okay.

9 MR. ██████: I always - I just had a hard
10 time - I just never seen that before. They
11 shouldn't - you know, the only time a comm tech
12 is dealing with camera stuff is when there is
13 there's a repair or maintenance involved. You
14 know, they shouldn't be able to, at least in my
15 opinion and from what I've seen at other
16 institutions, be able to just hit a power
17 button and turn on a monitor and see footage,
18 whether live or recorded.

19 And then the fact that that was in their
20 office, you know, was just astonishing to me.
21 It was new to me, and the only thing that kept
22 me somewhat at bay was that it was - the comm
23 techs were the only trade in the whole entire
24 department who didn't have inmates working for
25 them because of this - the equipment they had

1 access to. Which is also a reason they can't
2 get a lot of work done so quick is because they
3 don't have inmate (Indiscernible *1:42:19).
4 They're the only people in the entire
5 Facilities Department who doesn't get any
6 inmate labor help because of the equipment and
7 stuff that they have access to.

8 MR. [REDACTED]: Where was the office located,
9 the comm techs' office?

10 MR. [REDACTED]: It was over - it was
11 downstairs in the basement and it was between
12 the Safety Office and Food Service.

13 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. That's all I have.
14 Agent [REDACTED], do you have anything else?

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

16 MR. [REDACTED]: Mr. [REDACTED], I know it's been
17 - I told you it's going to be a short interview
18 and it's been almost two hours now. Thank you
19 for being patient. I know we went back and
20 forth. As [REDACTED] mentioned, you know, a couple
21 things threw us for a loop because our idea of
22 what transpired, how things transpired,
23 complete changed at this point, but we might
24 have questions, follow-up questions for you in
25 the future, and is it okay if we reach back out

1 to you if we have more questions?

2 MR. [REDACTED]: We'll probably do it via
3 email just so that we're not taking more of
4 your time and then you can have a moment to
5 actually review it and then just send us
6 something back, so we're not going probably
7 interview you again or anything like that.

8 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah, that's fine. I just -
9 like I said, the - you're saying I threw you
10 guys for a loop. You guys threw me for a loop.
11 I mean, some of that stuff on that paperwork is
12 just - I mean, reading it as it is, it just - I
13 don't know, but yeah, I guess if you need me
14 again just give me a shout, send me an email,
15 or whatever the case may be, and I'll send you
16 the bill for lunch.

17 MR. [REDACTED]: If you think about anything,
18 if you feel like you thought about something
19 that popped in, your memory got refreshed while
20 you're sitting there, you want - send me an
21 email.

22 MR. [REDACTED]: I got you.

23 MR. [REDACTED]: Thank you again for taking
24 the time to talk with us, and this is Special
25 Agent [REDACTED]. The time is 12:50 p.m.

1 and we are turning off the recorder.

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