



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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On August 14, 2019 at approximately 2025 hours the undersigned, along with Special Agent [REDACTED] of the Office of the Inspector General, Special Agent [REDACTED] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Assistant United States Attorneys for the Southern District of New York Rebekah Donaleski and [REDACTED] did interview Federal Bureau of Prisons Guard [REDACTED], date of birth [REDACTED], at the Southern District of NY.

[REDACTED] informed that she has been employed by the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) since 12/11/1994 and promoted to Lieutenant around 2010 and has spent her entire career working at the Metropolitan Correctional Facility (MCC). During the interview [REDACTED] described the duties and responsibilities of her position as well as the guards she supervises at the MCC. [REDACTED] is assigned to the midnight to 8 am shift but routinely arrives at 10 pm. In addition to describing her administrative duties [REDACTED] described how a "count" at MCC works and that lieutenants are responsible for supervising one (1) count per shift. [REDACTED] described that during the count two guards assigned to the area are to unlock the main gate that separates the cells from the open and common area where the guards are. One guard will walk "down-range" and actually look into each cell and count the number of prisoners inside. Once that count is complete the guard will return to the gate and exchange places with the guard that was left to secure the gate. That guard will then walk "down-range" and count the number of prisoners in the cells. Upon completion the guard will return to the gate, secure it from the outside and record the numbers obtained from their count. Those numbers will be compared to the master list of prisoners on record for being assigned to the cells. In addition to the numbers being recorded and compared to the master list or "E-1" sheet, the guards will call in or receive a call from "internal" and give a verbal record of their count and internal will compare that number to

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the number that they have on file and advise the count matches and is "good" or does not match and a count needs to be conducted again. The count slips prepared by the guards are then placed in an area for pickup by another guard assigned in MCC and brought to "control" for review.

In addition to the official counts that are to be conducted at specific times during each shift, [REDACTED] informed that guards are also responsible for conducting "rounds" every thirty (30) to forty (40) minutes. During the rounds the guards simply walk the "range" and view that the prisoners are "alive" and in their cells with no issues. The number of prisoners is not recorded but simply the fact that a round was conducted and the officers who conducted it is.

When asked [REDACTED] stated that she has no knowledge of rounds or counts not being conducted and that no one would tell her if that were the case.

[REDACTED] made several comments regarding the MCC and staffing describing that guards can only do so much with what they are given and that due to staffing sometimes things happen. [REDACTED] informed that in regards to the EPSTEIN death she did not speak with guards THOMAS and NOEL about the events of the evening or early morning hours. The interview concluded at 2205 hours.

Further details of the interview and statements made by [REDACTED] are recorded on the interview notes which are attached to this report.