



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of entry 12/20/2019

Pursuant to a Proffer Agreement, CHRISTIAN PEREZ was interviewed at the Southern District of New York (SDNY), 500 Pearl Street, New York, New York. In attendance for the Proffer interview were Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [REDACTED], AUSA [REDACTED], FBI Special Agent [REDACTED], and FBI Task Force Officer Detective [REDACTED].

After being advised of the identity of the interviewing investigators and the nature of the interview, PEREZ provided information relating to the investigation. (See attached notes taken by [REDACTED])

Investigation on 08/21/2019 at New York, New York, United States (In Person)

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by [REDACTED]

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Proffer of Christian Perez

8/21/19

[REDACTED]
Balsanullo review cooperation (separate notes).

I. Background on SHU

- moved to SHU approx. 1.5 months ago.
- On J-Tier, room 205, in cell by himself.
- Cellmate was Sears (cadre) for a day, no cellmate for over 30 days. When first arrived was on L Tier.

II. Epstein

- When he first arrived, heard people asked for money but Epstein said no.
- Heard Epstein requested to go to suicide watch. Many inmates in SHU ask to go to suicide watch for a break from SHU.
- Heard Epstein was going to legal a lot.
- CP can see people enter/exit SHU from his cell, and saw Epstein coming and going.

III. Epstein Death

- Not sure when they found him. Learned he was definitely dead Saturday night around dinner time when a CO confirmed it.
- "Jeffrey" was across the hall from Epstein + may have seen something.
- On Saturday night, after he was confirmed dead, someone on M-Tier was yelling "Ms. Noel is a murderer."

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IV. Correctional Officers

A. Noel

- pops the gate a lot. Stays off tiers.
- used to be "mean" but sees now generally "cool."
- worked STU a lot in the past month.

B. Thomas

- works in laundry. Heard he brings in contraband w/ the cadre.
 - He's "hands on" and can be rough.
 - Thomas responded to inmate Marc Webster's threatened suicide w/ Lt. [REDACTED] (short, dark hair)
 - ↳ Lt. [REDACTED]'s room. + has a low tolerance for inmates.
 - ↳ Thomas + [REDACTED] tossed the cell of Webster + were rough w/ him.
 - Thomas works w/ cadre. Two were caught w/ contraband:
 - ① Chris - Tier 4
 - ② Mike - Tier 2
- They are cadre who work in laundry. They deal in cigarettes and k2.
- people place orders via cellphone + pay with Cash App. Cadre bring contraband to insulin area and give it to runner from a unit.
 - Cigarettes cost \$300-500.

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3. [REDACTED]: does maintenance, involved in contraband.
- Asked CP for a bag of chips to fix his light.

4. [REDACTED]
- will let inmates smuggle contraband through visit.
- tries to talk to female family/girlfriends of inmates.

6. Contraband generally

- cellphone costs \$3500 to 4000, but people also bring in very small phones.
- CP told [REDACTED] about an iPhone in SHV, hoping for preferential treatment. Inmate Ferrara/Ferrari had the iPhone. [REDACTED] found it.
- Recent search of SHV was not successful b/c it was too slow.
- people use CashApp, Western Union, MoneyGram.

- [REDACTED] doesn't search people he likes.
- one day, "Lucky" went to get contraband on visitor floor. He dropped it. [REDACTED] picked it up, asked where balloon it was, and said he would flush it down toilet.
 - ↳ Don't know if he actually did.
 - ↳ Lucky is in for "pimping" + went to SHV

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V. Counts

- COs do counts. supposed to be 2 COs but sometimes just one.
- can't recall if they do overnight counts. on date of Epstein death
 - He's a deep sleeper.
- they just started doing rounds after Epstein died.
- on many nights, hear team doing counts but not rounds.
- can't remember what is Thomas talking about rounds.
- can't see guard desk from cell. can see main door, closet, and a little bit of C+M tier.
- Doesn't know if they were sleeping.