



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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The following interview was conducted by Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [REDACTED] and Office of the Inspector General Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED], also present for the interview was Federal Bureau of Investigation SA [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 7, [REDACTED], was interviewed at the United States Attorney's Office, 1 Saint Andrews Plaza, New York, New York. After being advised the nature of the interview and the identities of the interviewing AUSA and SA's, [REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 7 provided the following information;

[REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 7 stated he had worked for the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) since approximately January 15, 2001. Prior to employment with the BOP [REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 7 worked for the Building and Maintenance Union, the Marine Corps Reserve and the New York Police Department Auxiliary.

[REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 7 stated he joined the BOP as a Corrections Officer and was promoted to Lieutenant (GS9) in October, 2015. He spent one year at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Fort Dix when he first joined the BOP and had spent the remainder of his tenure at the Metropolitan Correctional Center. Captain [REDACTED] was his supervisor.

[REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 7 stated a GS9 Lieutenant's responsibilities depend largely on which area of the prison he or she was assigned to, which rotated on a quarterly basis. Those duties include operations, activities, solitary housing, special investigations and administration as well as possible collateral duties such as emergency protection.

[REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 7 stated he was assigned as the activities lieutenant at the time of the interview and worked the regular 2PM to 10PM shift. His regular days off were Mondays and Tuesdays. He would on occasion work overtime hours or switch shifts with other officers. As there were no activity lieutenants assigned during the overnight hours, he had no relief officer.

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[REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 7 stated the responsibilities of an activities lieutenant include making rounds and placing inmates in special housing. During rounds they ensure officers are properly carrying out their job responsibilities and give the inmates the opportunity to address them with any concerns. [REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 7 stated he often attempted to walk all of the tiers based on time.

[REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 7 stated on weekdays the prison takes a count at 4PM. The activities and operations lieutenants take a verbal count by speaking with each unit and match that number with the count slips from internal, if correct they clear the institutional count. They cannot clear a count until they receive a good verbal count from every unit. He was not aware of any instance in which the count was cleared without speaking with every unit.

[REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 7 stated he would attempt to watch the camera monitors as the corrections officers performed the count to ensure officers were properly counting, he could not monitor at all times due to the amount of activity in the control room.

[REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 7 stated he was normally relieved before 10PM, prior to evening count. He had heard of an instance where the count was not properly completed, but it had been some time in the past.

[REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 7 stated as a lieutenant he worked to enforce policy through verbal counseling and by example. Taking the count is one of the most important duties corrections officers perform as professionals.

[REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 7 stated the special housing unit (SHU) is responsible for doing rounds every thirty minutes. As a lieutenant he would sign round forms if they were correct. He had never signed off on forms that were filled out in advance and would report any instance of that to his supervisors if he was aware of it. He trained officers to differ their round patterns so inmates would not be aware of their timing.

[REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 7 stated he had heard stories of officers not completing their thirty minute rounds in the SHU, other than the JEFFREY EPSTEIN death he had not heard of any instances for approximately five to ten years.

[REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 7 stated he recalled suicides taking place in MCC in 2003 and another several years later.

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[REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 7 stated he was on duty the night EPSTEIN was brought to MCC. He was received at the rear gate and observed him being processed in. At the time of his arrival EPSTEIN was deemed ok to go to general population, [REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 7 was unaware of his high profile.

[REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 7 stated he knew EPSTEIN to be in visits often with his legal counsel, often until 7-8 PM. Other than the intake questions EPSTEIN answered on his arrival, [REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 7 had no other personal interaction with him.

[REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 7 stated he was not involved officially in regard to Epstein's first alleged suicide attempt. His only other involvement with EPSTEIN was to bring him food while in the SHU.

[REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 7 stated he was aware EPSTEIN had been moved back to the SHU and that he was required to have a roommate per a mass email he had received.

[REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 7 stated he did not have any conversations with anyone regarding Epstein's need for a roommate.

[REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 7 stated Lieutenant [REDACTED] was the SHU lieutenant. He believed Lt. [REDACTED] would have known EPSTEIN required a roommate as it is a regular responsibility. He believed Lt. [REDACTED] would have enforced the roommate rule.

[REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 7 stated he had worked the 2PM to 10PM shift on August 9, 2019. He was relieved around 9:50-9:55 PM that evening. He was not aware that EPSTEIN did not have a roommate. He did not know REYES, EPSTEIN's former roommate, had left MCC leaving EPSTEIN without a roommate. [REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 7 found out the following morning. He had been working as operations lieutenant that evening, [REDACTED] had been working as activities lieutenant, she had made the rounds.

[REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 7 stated if he had known EPSTEIN did not have a roommate he would have ensured he did, as he knew him to be on the hot list.

[REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 7 stated the following morning, August 10, 2019, at approximately 6:30-6:45 AM he received a call from Lt. [REDACTED], informing him that EPSTEIN had attempted suicide and he should go straight to the hospital instead of reporting to the jail for duty.

[REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 7 stated at the hospital the escorting staff informed him the EPSTEIN had passed away. He saw his body and told his officers not to speak

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to anyone and direct any questions to the prison public relations officer. He said the same to the hospital security.

EMPLOYEE 7 stated Officers [REDACTED] were on scene at the hospital.

EMPLOYEE 7 stated he had not taken any photographs of EPSTEIN'S body and advised his officers to stay with the body until they could be relieved.

EMPLOYEE 7 stated back at the prison he resumed his activities as lieutenant and was guided to collect log books and escort FBI Agents as part of the death investigation.

EMPLOYEE 7 stated he was not aware of the destruction of any records.

EMPLOYEE 7 stated he knew Officer THOMAS for a few years and knew Officer NOEL as a newer officer but had no personal relationship with either.