



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of entry 08/29/2019

[REDACTED]  
EMPLOYEE 17  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], was interviewed at 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY 10278. Also present during the interview was DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL (DOJ-OIG) Special Agent [REDACTED]. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents, that the interview was voluntary, and that lying to a federal agent is a crime, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] has worked for the BUREAU OF PRISONS (BOP) since 1994 with one break in service. [REDACTED] plans on retiring in approximately 7 months.

[REDACTED] confirmed that the email sent from [REDACTED]@bop.gov was composed by him. [REDACTED] was not aware of anyone else having access to his email account.

[REDACTED] obtained the name of DOJ-OIG employee [REDACTED] from another BOP employee, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] works in the Community Corrections Department at the METROPOLITAN DETENTION CENTER (MDC) in Brooklyn, New York. [REDACTED] sent [REDACTED] an email asking for the name of a DOJ-OIG employee he could contact to make the complaint. [REDACTED] met [REDACTED] while working at the FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTE, DANBURY in Danbury, Connecticut around 2000.

[REDACTED] current post at the METROPOLITAN CORRECTIONAL CENTER (MCC) is at the rear gate. [REDACTED] has worked there for several months. Some of [REDACTED] primary responsibilities at the rear gate are to check vehicles making deliveries for any contraband, scan in packages, and to check the gate passes of inmates who have them. [REDACTED] has an office at his post but spends most of his time moving around.

BOP inmate STEVEN LOPEZ has a gate pass, meaning LOPEZ can enter and exit

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by [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

MCC to complete whatever task LOPEZ is assigned. LOPEZ also helps other inmates with their jobs. Typically LOPEZ leaves through the lobby to the Warden's complex and performs janitorial duties there. LOPEZ started this job approximately three weeks ago. [REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 17 has frequent interactions with LOPEZ because [REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 17 has to check LOPEZ's gate pass every time LOPEZ enters or exits the gate. [REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 17 would usually make small talk with LOPEZ during these interactions.

On or about August 15, 2019, at approximately 10:30am, LOPEZ approached [REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 17 post at the rear gate with approximately three large bags of shredded paper. LOPEZ told [REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 17 that "They are shredding everything back there." LOPEZ said there was a white man with a Southern accent who was involved in the document shredding. [REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 17 was unfamiliar with anyone at MCC that fit that description. [REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 17 surmised that since he did not know who the white man with the Southern accent was, he must have been part of the BOP After Action team related to the JEFFREY EPSTEIN suicide. LOPEZ told [REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 17 he heard someone say, "Make sure you get that box over there too." [REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 17 thought he remembered LOPEZ telling him that someone asked LOPEZ to help shred documents as well. [REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 17 did not know for certain where the shredded documents originated from. Shredded documents are thrown out on a fairly regular basis through [REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 17 post at the rear gate, but [REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 17 thought that there were more shredded documents than usual during this incident. LOPEZ also told [REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 17 that LOPEZ thought this was more than the usual amount. [REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 17 saw LOPEZ a few days later with additional shredded paper to throw out.

[REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 17 never witnessed anyone physically shredding documents. [REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 17 never looked through the shredded documents that LOPEZ threw out. No one told [REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 17 that the shredded documents were related to EPSTEIN. No one told [REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 17 that the BOP After Action Team looking into the EPSTEIN suicide was shredding documents.

[REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 17 is still posted at the rear gate as his primary job.

[REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 17 called someone at the FBI on or about August 23, 2019 to file a report about this incident. He spoke with a female, but could not remember what office or number he called.

[REDACTED] EMPLOYEE 17 heard third-hand that an "Officer [REDACTED]" told former MCC Warden

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LAMINE N'DIAYE that EPSTEIN should be confined in the 10 South wing of MCC.

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