



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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INMATE 11, was interviewed in the offices of Special Investigations Unit of the Metropolitan Correctional Center located at 150 Park Row, New York NY 10007. Present during this interview was FBI SPECIAL AGENT , FBI SPECIAL AGENT , OIG SPECIAL AGENT , BOP LT. and myself. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, INMATE 11 provided the following information:

INMATE 11 stated that he has been in MCC since March 4, 2019. INMATE 11 also informed us that he knows what happened but that did not want to speak without his lawyer present. INMATE 11 continued to speak and offered information anyway. INMATE 11 stated that JEFF (as he referred to the victim) often complained about the machine. INMATE 11 described a CPAP machine once asked to clarify. INMATE 11 also stated that his cell mate JOHNNY CONTRERAS also saw everything but that he would never speak as he is a member of the MS 13 and that would get his family killed.

INMATE 11 stated that the guards never did their rounds/checks as they were supposed to. The last check was made sometime between 12:30AM - 1:00AM. The male black stayed by the door and the female black walked through the tier but did not walk all the way in. INMATE 11 stated that they (meaning guards) noticed that JEFF was dead during breakfast and during the head count. INMATE 11 was asked who entered the cell after the discovery to which INMATE 11 answered, the male guard. This male guard entered and started to perform CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation). INMATE 11 stated that the female guard stayed outside the cell and described her as being panicked. INMATE 11 stated that when the door was opened, JEFF was on the floor. INMATE 11 was able to see that the rope was not over his (JEFF's) head. The INMATE 11 observed the body being removed and the guards had the rope in hand and defibrillator. INMATE 11 stated that he did not see marks on JEFF's neck but did see bruising to the face.

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[REDACTED] also observed that the victim had earphones were still in place when being removed by EMS.

[REDACTED] described JEFF's activities as going down to legal with his legal team at approximately 8:00AM and returned approximately 8:00PM. When JEFF was placed into the cell the handcuffs would be taken off. JEFF would say hi.

[REDACTED] recounted that on FRIDAY (day before discovery of victims death) JEFF was up and taken down to legal at approximately 8:00AM. JEFF's cell mate, STONE (as [REDACTED] referred to him) was taken down as well and said; "See you later. I'm going to court". STONE did not return that night. [REDACTED] did not hear any noise during the night. No one was observed entering the victim's cell during the night after he was brought up from legal. Door was not opened during the night.

[REDACTED] had other information regarding contraband and inappropriate behavior between staff counselors and inmates. I served as translator for LT. [REDACTED] who asked questions and took notes in regards.