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On March 12, 2020, **EMPLOYEE 31**, date of birth **[REDACTED]**, telephone number **[REDACTED]**, was interviewed by Assistant United States Attorney **[REDACTED]**, Task Force Officer Detective **[REDACTED]**, and Special Agent **[REDACTED]** at the United States Attorneys Office (USAO), Southern District of New York (SDNY), 1 St. Andrews Plaza, New York, New York. During the interview, **EMPLOYEE 31** provided the following details:

EMPLOYEE 31 started working for the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) in 2003 and worked in both New York and Indiana. **EMPLOYEE 31** had some college education, was with the United States Marine Corp for four years, and had 10 years experience in electronics.

In 2016, **EMPLOYEE 31** was put in charge of all the cameras at the Metropolitan Correctional Center (MCC). **EMPLOYEE 31** advised that the cameras at MCC were out of date, the recorders frequently went bad, and the cameras were all analog and not maintained properly. The camera system was over 20 years old. Sometimes the screen would be active indicating that the camera was working, however, the video would not be recording.

EMPLOYEE 31 advised that only one hard drive of the camera system was working at the time of the incident on August 10, 2019. When a DVR went bad, none of the cameras recorded. There was a system failure of DVR 2 on July 29, 2019 and the motherboard failed on DVR 2 on August 8, 2019. The hard drive failure occurred on August 10, 2019.

EMPLOYEE 31 recalled that there was a body alarm around 6am on August 10, 2019 and he was one of the MCC personnel who responded. **EMPLOYEE 31** stated that he was one of the personnel who briefly tried to resuscitate JEFFREY EPSTEIN.

After the incident, **EMPLOYEE 31** was asked about the cameras. There were two new hard drives to install but installing the new hard drives would mean that all prior data would be lost. The Warden wanted video and so **EMPLOYEE 31** was

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told to start working on the system. **EMPLOYEE 31** started removing the bad drives in order to rebuild the DVR. **EMPLOYEE 31** advised that an FBI Agent was the one who pulled out the DVR. **EMPLOYEE 31** also advised that he knew that by replacing both hard drives, the system would be wiped and that he had advised personnel at MCC of that.