



Inmate Investigative Report

Institution: New York MCC

Case Number: NYM-19-0061

Investigation Type: Investigative / Threat Assessment

Inmates Involved:

Register Number	Name	Role
76318054	EPSTEIN, JEFFREY	Not Known
78514054	TARTAGLIONE, NICHOLAS	Not Known

Staff Involved:

Name	Title
No information was found for the given criteria.	

Others Involved:

Name	Title
No information was found for the given criteria.	

Investigator: [REDACTED]

Date: 8/1/2019 5:06:24 AM CST

Captain: [REDACTED]

Date: 8/2/2019 10:06:35 AM CST

Associate Warden: [REDACTED]

Date: 8/2/2019 10:32:28 AM CST

Warden: [REDACTED]

Date: 8/2/2019 11:34:41 AM CST

Summary:

On July 23, 2019 at approximately 1:27 a.m., while making routine rounds inside the Special Housing Unit, staff observed inmate Epstein, Jeffrey Reg. No. 76318-054, lying in the fetal position on the floor with a homemade fashioned noose around his neck. Inmate Epstein was breathing heavily, however appeared to be responsive. Inmate Epstein was directed by staff to stand and submit to restraints. Inmate Epstein would not stand on his own and would not comply with staff directives. Staff entered the cell and placed inmate Epstein in both hand and leg restraints. Inmate Epstein was searched, metal detected, placed on a gurney and escorted from the scene without further incident. Inmate Epstein was photographed, medically examined and determined to have sustained a circular line of erythema at the base of the neck and friction marks on the front of neck, and small 2cm erthema on left knee. Inmate Epstein was placed on suicide watch with all necessary notifications made. There were no staff injuries reported.

Inmate Data:**Name:** 76318054 - EPSTEIN, JEFFREY**Role:** Not Known**Age:** 66 **Race:** WHITE**Security Level:** UNASSG**Custody Level:** IN**Facility Arrival Date:** 7/7/2019**Projected Release Date:****Charges:****Description****Sentencing District**

No Charges Found

STGs:**CIMs:**

HISTORY OF COMMITTING

No CIMs Found

**Name:** 78514054 - TARTAGLIONE, NICHOLAS**Role:** Not Known**Age:** 51 **Race:** WHITE**Security Level:** UNASSG**Custody Level:** IN**Facility Arrival Date:** 1/23/2018**Projected Release Date:****Charges:****Description****Sentencing District**

No Charges Found

STGs:**CIMs:**

EX LAW ENFORCEMENT

SEPARATION

POSTED PICTURE CARD FILE

Victim Statements:****No information was found for the given criteria.******Assailant Statements:******No information was found for the given criteria.****

Other Statements:**Date:** 7/31/2019 9:00 AM**Location:** Receiving And Discharge**Interviewer:** [REDACTED]**Title:** LIEUTENANT**Interviewee:** 76318054 - EPSTEIN, JEFFREY

On July 31, 2019, at approximately 9:10 A.M., inmate Epstein, Jeffrey; Reg. No. 76318-054, was interviewed in the Receiving and Discharge Area. During the interview Epstein stated he did not have any sleep in approximately twenty days and he was extremely tired the night he was found on the floor. Epstein stated he got up off his bed at approximately 1:30 A.M., to get a drink of water, and all he can recall is being on the floor and hearing someone snoring that's when he realized the snoring was coming from him. Epstein alleged that his cell mate Tartaglione, Nicholas; Reg. No. 78514-054, was on the floor sleeping at the time. Epstein stated he has never had any issues with Tartaglione, he is not threatened by Tartaglione, and he do not want to make up something that isn't there. Additionally, Epstein stated he can recall an incident that occurred two days prior when Tartaglione went out to court and when Tartaglione returned he was upset. Epstein stated he attempted to talk to Tartaglione and Tartaglione called him a pedophile. Epstein also stated he knew Tartaglione was upset and he let him cool off. Epstein stated he does not have any issues with Tartaglione and he feels safe being housed with Tartaglione. Epstein stated he does not feel suicidal, he has a new cell mate whom he gets along with, and he is able to sleep now that he has his C-Pap machine. Epstein stated if he remembered anymore details he would reach out to staff or Psychology.

Date: 7/31/2019 10:00 AM**Location:** SHU All Other**Interviewer:** [REDACTED]**Title:** LIEUTENANT**Interviewee:** 78514054 - TARTAGLIONE, NICHOLAS

On July 31, 2019, at approximately 10:00 A.M., inmate Tartaglione, Nicholas; Reg. No. 78514-054, was interviewed in the Special Housing Unit. During the interview Tartaglione stated he was asleep on the floor inside of his cell, his head was covered with a sheet, and he had his headphones in his ear when he felt something hit his foot. Tartaglione stated when he uncovered his head he observed Epstein, Jeffrey; Reg. No. 76318-054, sitting on the floor in the corner with his eyes open. Tartaglione stated he began to call Epstein's name and when Epstein did not answer he began to bang on the door for the officer. Tartaglione stated he thought Epstein was having a heart attack because his eyes was open and he appeared to be snoring. Tartaglione stated he does not have any issues being housed with Epstein although he keeps his conversation to a minimal. Tartaglione stated he does not understand Epstein's motive and what he is trying to do. Tartaglione stated previously during one of their conversations Epstein made him uncomfortable when Epstein stated "fourteen (14) is legal in most states and I don't understand what's the problem here". Additionally, Tartaglione stated Epstein normally paces the cell and complains about his attorney's not doing their job and he needs to fire them. Tartaglione stated he does not have any issues being housed with Epstein however he does not want to be involved with any plots Epstein have in mind in order to try to get released.

Factual Findings:

No item information was found for the given criteria.

Type	Subtype	File Name	Original Entered By
Inmate Discipline	Administrative Detention Order	ADO.pdf	TF18813

Detention Order dated July 10, 2019, placing Epstein, Jeffrey; Reg. No. 76318-054, in Administrative Detention pending classification.

Inmate Discipline	Incident Report	INMATE EPSTEIN IR.pdf	TF18813
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On July 23, 2019, staff wrote Epstein an incident report for code 228- Self Mutilation.

Medical	Inmate Assessments	MEDICAL ASSESSMENT.pdf	TF18813
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On July 23, 2019, a medical assessment was conducted on inmate Epstein, Jeffrey; Reg. No. 76318-054, by [REDACTED] MLP. During the assessment Epstein was identified with a circular line of erythema at the base of his neck reaching 2/3 of the neck circumference, 2 inches wide, sparing the back of the neck. Additionally, one section of this erythema in the front has marks of friction, and Epstein was observed with a small erythema on the left knee about 2cm in diameter(mild). During the assessment Epstein denied any respiratory problems and Epstein denied any pain or discomfort.

Statements & Written Memorandums	Operation's Lieutenant	OPS LT MEMO.pdf	TF18813
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On July 23, 2019, at approximately 1:27 A.M., the Operations Lieutenant submitted a memorandum which indicated the Control Center Officer requested assistance in the Special Housing Unit. Upon entering the Special Housing Unit staff made notification that Epstein, Jeffrey; Reg. No. 76318-054, was observed laying in a fetal position on the floor. Epstein was removed from the Special Housing Unit and escorted to the Health Services Area.

Medical	Inmate Assessments	TARTAGLIONE MEDICAL.pdf	TF14688
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On July 31, 2019, a medical assessment was conducted on inmate Tartaglione, Nicholas; Reg. No. 78514-054, by [REDACTED] PA-C. During the assessment Tartaglione was not identified with any injuries by Health Services Staff.

Photographs	Contraband	PHOTOGRAPH OF HOMEMADE ROPE.pdf	TF14688
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PHOTOGRAPH OF HOMEMADE ROPE ECN#NYM-19-0147

Evidence Control	Chain Of Custody	CHAIN OF CUSTODY.pdf	TF14688
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CHAIN OF CUSTODY FORM

Conclusion:

On July 23, 2019 at approximately 1:27 a.m., while making routine rounds inside the Special Housing Unit, staff observed inmate Epstein, Jeffrey Reg. No. 76318-054, lying in the fetal position on the floor with a homemade fashioned noose around his neck. Inmate Epstein was breathing heavily, however Epstein appeared to be responsive. Inmate Epstein was directed by staff to stand and submit to restraints. Inmate Epstein would not stand on his own and would not comply with staff directives. Staff entered the cell and placed inmate Epstein in both hand and leg restraints. Inmate Epstein was searched, metal detected, placed on a gurney and escorted from the scene without further incident. Inmate Epstein was photographed, medically examined and determined to have sustained a circular line of erythema at the base of the neck and friction marks on the front of neck, and small 2cm erythema on left knee. Inmate Epstein was placed on suicide watch with all necessary notifications made. On July 31, 2019, at approximately 9:10 A.M., inmate Epstein, Jeffrey; Reg. No. 76318-054, was interviewed in the Receiving and Discharge Area by SIS Staff. During the interview Epstein stated he did not have any sleep in approximately twenty days and he was extremely tired the night he was found on the floor. Epstein stated he got up off his bed at approximately 1:30 A.M., to get a drink of water, and all he can recall is being on the floor and hearing someone snoring that's when he realized the snoring was coming from him. Epstein alleged that his cell mate Tartaglione, Nicholas; Reg. No. 78514-054, was on the floor sleeping at the time. Epstein stated he have never had any issues with Tartaglione, he is not threatened by Tartaglione, and he do not want to make up something that isn't there. Additionally, Epstein stated he can recall an incident that occurred two days prior when Tartaglione went out to court and when Tartaglione returned he was upset. Epstein stated he attempted to talk to Tartaglione and Tartaglione

called him a pedophile. Epstein also stated he knew Tartaglione was upset and he let him cool off. Epstein stated he does not have any issues with Tartaglione and he feels safe being housed with Tartaglione. Epstein stated he does not feel suicidal, he has a new cell mate, and he is able to sleep now that he has his C-Pap machine. Epstein stated if he remembered anymore details he would reach out to staff or Psychology.

On July 31, 2019, at approximately 10:00 A.M., inmate Tartaglione, Nicholas; Reg. No. 78514-054, was also interviewed by SIS Staff in the Special Housing Unit. During the interview Tartaglione stated he was asleep on the floor inside of his cell, his head was covered with a sheet, and he had his headphones in his ear when he felt something hit his foot. Tartaglione stated when he uncovered his head he observed Epstein, Jeffrey; Reg. No. 76318-054, sitting on the floor in the corner with his eyes open. Tartaglione stated he began to call Epstein's name and when Epstein did not answer he began to bang on the door for the officer. Tartaglione stated he thought Epstein was having a heart attack because his eyes was open and he appeared to be snoring. Tartaglione stated he does not have any issues being housed with Epstein although he keeps his conversation to a minimal. Tartaglione stated he does not understand Epstein's motive and what he is trying to do but previously during one of their conversations Epstein made him uncomfortable when Epstein stated "fourteen (14) is legal in most states and I don't understand what's the problem here". Additionally, Tartaglione stated Epstein normally paces the cell and complains about his attorney's not doing their job and he needs to fire them. Tartaglione stated he does not have any issues being housed with Epstein however he does not want to be involved with any plots Epstein may have in mind in order to try to get released. As a result of a threat assessment being conducted a medical assessment was conducted on inmate Tartaglione and Tartaglione was not identified with any injuries. Based on the information received throughout the course of the investigation there is insufficient evidence to support Epstein was assaulted by Tartaglione. Additionally, based on the fact that during the interview with SIS staff Epstein indicated that he does not feel threatened by Tartaglione, and he has a new cell mate whom he get along with it cannot be determined that Epstein safety is in jeopardy at MCC New York.

Recommendation:

Based on the information received and the fact that Epstein, Jeffrey; Reg. No. 76318-054 indicated that he does not feel threatened by Tartaglione, Nicholas; Reg. No. 78514-054, there are no CIMS Assignment of Separations warranted at this time.

CIMS Separation Warranted: No