

## **NCIS closes investigation into the 2006 deaths of three Guantanamo Bay detainees; investigative reports released**

On June 10, 2006 the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) was notified that three detainees being held in Camp Delta at Guantanamo Bay Cuba had been found unresponsive in their cells at approximately 12:30 a.m., apparently having taken their own lives by hanging themselves with braided rope made from bed sheets and tee shirts.

Five block guards were on duty at the time of the deaths. Blankets and sheets had been used to obstruct the guards' views and to create the appearance that the detainees were asleep in their cells.

Two of the detainees-- Ali Abdulla Ahmed, from Yemen, (DOB August 1, 1979) and Mana Shaman Allabard al Tabi of Saudi Arabia (DOB Jan 1, 1976) were determined to be dead at the scene.

Lifesaving attempts were begun on the third detainee--Yasser Talal al Zahrani of Saudi Arabia (DOB Dec 26, 1983) who was transported to Naval Hospital Guantanamo where he was pronounced dead a short time later.

The detainees had last been seen alive at approximately 10:00 pm on June 9, 2006.

NCIS Special Agents based at Guantanamo were notified when the deaths were discovered and were on scene in the cellblock by 1:00 a.m.

Five Special Agents from the NCIS Southeast Field Office Major Case Response Team based in Mayport Florida were dispatched and arrived on scene at approximately 3:30 pm on June 10.

Though there were three detainee deaths it was determined that the best course of action was to combine the three incidents into a single investigation.

Autopsies were performed by physicians from the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology at Naval Hospital Guantanamo on June 10 and 11. The manner of death for all detainees was determined to be suicide and the cause of death was determined to be by hanging, the medical term being "mechanical asphyxia."

A short written statement declaring their intent to be martyrs was found in the pockets of each of the detainees.

Lengthier written statements were also found in each of their cells.

Due to similarities in the wording of the statements and the manner of suicides, as well as statements made by other detainees interviewed, there was growing concern that someone within the Camp Delta population was directing detainees to commit suicide and that additional suicides might be imminent. Representatives of other law enforcement

agencies involved in the investigation were later told that on the night in question, another detainee (who did not later commit suicide) had walked through the cell block telling people “tonight’s the night.”

The cells of other detainees were searched during the week following the suicides in an attempt to find evidence regarding whether the suicides had been part of a larger conspiracy which might result in additional detainees also taking their lives.

During those searches a number of documents were seized as evidence and taken from the cells for translation and analysis. Those documents included additional handwritten notes found in cells other than those where the suicides took place.

Those documents filled 34 boxes and 1 bag. Their combined weight was 1065 pounds.

Due to the volume of material seized, and concerns that numerous documents stamped with “ACP” might possibly be protected by attorney client privilege, the NCIS Special Agent in Charge of the Southeast Field Office, directed that the documents be sealed and set aside until a process could be created to review the documents in a way that did not violate any attorney-client privilege.

With the assistance of the Department of Justice and consistent with orders of the federal District Court in Washington, D.C., the Department of Defense appointed a "walled off" team of individuals who were not involved in any other detainee cases or proceedings to determine whether any of these seized documents were relevant to the investigation and, if so, to provide them to investigators unless they were protected by an attorney client privilege. Although this team did provide documents to investigators, no attorney-client privileged materials were included and this team did not reveal any attorney-client material to anyone involved in the investigation.

That team was activated on October 23, 2006 at the Regional Legal Service Office at Naval Air Station Mayport Florida.

The team consisted of an NCIS Supervisory Special Agent from Cherry Point North Carolina, four Naval Officers from the Judge Advocate General’s Corps, 2 Naval Enlisted Administrative personnel, four foreign language translators, one NCIS evidence custodian from the NCIS Southeast Field Office and one additional NCIS Special Agent based at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Georgia.

The NCIS investigation was conducted on behalf of the US Southern Command (USSOUTHCOM)

It is not unusual for an NCIS death investigation to remain open for a year or more due to a number of factors. Those factors include but are not limited to: the number of parties involved in the case, any unique characteristics of the incident location and environment, the amount of evidence collected and the level of effort involved in analyzing that evidence, and the level of supervisory case review given each investigation.

The Naval Criminal Investigative Service, as its name implies, is a fact-finding entity. It does not draw prosecutorial conclusions nor make recommendations regarding potential courses of action which could result from the investigative findings.

The NCIS case file, redacted consistent with applicable Freedom of Information Act exemptions, was provided to the Dickstein Shapiro law firm in response to their FOIA request.

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## U.S. NAVAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE

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INVESTIGATIVE ACTION

20JUL06

CONTROL: 10JUN06-MPGT-0031-7HNA

V/AL ZAHRANI, YASSER/CIV  
M/W/FNSA/N//25DEC83/SAUDI ARABIA

RE-INTERVIEW OF (b)(3):10 USC §130b, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

1. (S/NF) On 20JUL06, (b)(3):10 USC §130b, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was re-interviewed in order to obtain additional details regarding the deaths of V/AL ZAHRANI, V/AL TABI and V/AHMED. As background, (b)(3):10 provided a sworn statement on 14JUN06 in which he provided details of his involvement in the discovery and removal of V/AL TABI's body from Alfa Block, Cell A-12, JTF-GTMO, Camp Delta Detention Facility.

2. (S/NF) (b)(3) (b)(6) stated that when he responded to Alfa block, guard personnel were in the process of transporting V/AL ZAHRANI to the clinic. (b)(3):10 USC §130b, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) walked the cell block. (b)(3) could not get a response from V/AL TABI in cell A-12. (b)(3):10 USC looked into cell A-12 from the outside and observed V/AL TABI hanging by his neck behind a blanket that had been tied to the cell wall. (b)(3):10 USC tore down the blanket and (b)(3):10 USC observed that V/AL TABI was hanging by a rope made from torn fabric. The rope was secured to the metal grating on the left wall. His feet were not touching the floor of the cell. V/AL TABI's eyes were wide open and his head and body were flush against the cell wall. V/AL TABI's hands were tied together but not tightly. He had torn material shaped like a mask over his head and what appeared to be similar material around his forehead. The mask was over the noose around his neck. (b)(3):10 USC grabbed V/AL TABI around his waist, which was about (b)(3):10 USC shoulder level. He raised V/AL TABI slightly to relieve the tension of the noose and at that time someone cut the noose. (b)(3):10 removed the mask and noose from V/AL TABI.

3. (U) (b)(3):10 USC could recall not additional pertinent information.

REPORTED BY: (b)(7)(C), SPECIAL AGENT  
OFFICE: NCISRA GUANTANAMO BAY CUBA

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(b)(3) (b)(6)

on June 15, 2006

(b)(3)  
(b)(6) I don't remember who made the 2350 headcount that is showing up on the DIMS report for 09Jun06. The DIMS report will show "A Block NCO" as making the entry no matter who types it in to the computer. I honestly don't remember doing a headcount at that time, but we may have done one. (b)(3)  
(b)(6)

(b)(3)  
(b)(6) (b)(3) (b)(6) was walking the tier in Alpha Block between (b)(2) on 10Jun06. I was in the guard shack with (b)(3) (b)(6). We were the only three people there at that time because (b)(3) (b)(6) and (b)(3) (b)(6) were at chow. I remember (b)(3) (b)(6) came to the guard shack and asked (b)(3) (b)(6) to come with him. I was getting ready to make some entries at that time into DIMS. (b)(3) (b)(6) came back to get me because he said he couldn't get the detainee in cell A-8 to answer him. I went to cell A-8 and tapped on the beanhole, which is midway up on the cell door. This is used to pass in food and other items to the detainees. I got no response, so I tapped even harder. I was pushing on the mattress that was propped against the front cell wall. I still got no response, so against policy I opened the beanhole and pulled on the detainee's blanket, which was over what appeared to be his body in the bunk. I saw something move under the blanket so I thought I was being waved off by the detainee, but he still would not respond. I pulled again and the same thing happened. I pulled a third time and the blanket came off and I could see that the only thing on the bunk were items to make it look like a person was in the bed. I said "He's not here". I thought he might be waiting behind the blanket for us to come in. At this time (b)(3) (b)(6) went down the outside of Alpha Block and the concrete or the I-Beams outside cell A-8 and looked in the window. (b)(3) (b)(6) yelled out "he's hanging, he's hanging". Both (b)(3) (b)(6) and I started yelling (b)(2) which is code for a suicide attempt. (b)(3) (b)(6) came with the (b)(2) kit and unlocked the cell door and (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) and I rushed into the cell. We yanked on the blanket, which did not immediately come down and then I pushed it aside and immediately lifted up the detainee with help from (b)(3) (b)(6). I believe (b)(3) (b)(6) cut the detainee down. The detainee was suspended above the floor on the side of the cell between cell A-8 and A-7, his eyes were open, he was cold to the touch and his fingers and toes were blue. He was wearing clothes, but no shoes. His hands/wrists and feet/ankles were bound with cloth material. There was what looked like a surgical mask on his face and underneath (b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(C) which I could not pull out. He had material wrapped around his head and neck. (b)(3)  
(b)(6)

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(b)(6) Once we had the detainee from cell A-8 down on the floor in the tier, I check for a pulse, but could not find one. At this point (b)(3) (b)(6) was on the block, as was the SOG (b)(3) (b)(6). We (b)(2) the detainee's (b)(2) per policy and put him on a backboard and carried him to medical. We could not have done the process any faster than we did. Although the detainee looked to be gone from the time we found him we treated it as if there was still hope and did everything humanly possible to try to save the detainees life. (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) and myself ran with the detainee from cell A-8 to the DET Clinic. (b)(3) (b)(6) was beating on the door to the DET Clinic and when we entered the medical personnel were just standing around at first. I sent everyone back to Alpha Block and was checking DIMS for the detainee's ISN #. The Platoon Leader (b)(3) (b)(6) was there at the DET Clinic. While I was at the DET Clinic I heard over the radio more (b)(2) calls going out over the radio for Alpha Block. (b)(3) (b)(6) and I headed back towards Alpha Block. When I got to Alpha Block the other military personnel were putting the detainee from cell A-12 on a backboard and were pulling the detainee from cell A-5 down. Both of those detainees were also taken to the DET Clinic. I told everyone to take everything down from the cell walls. I said if a mattress was up I wanted it down. I wanted to clear out anything that was going to obstruct the views. By this point the overhead lights were on both sides of the tier. (b)(3)  
(b)(6)

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(b)(3):10 USC  
§130b (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)  
On 15JUN06

(b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) run into Alpha Block. I overheard someone say there "were two (2) more, not one (1), as previously considered." (b)(3) (b)(6) then ran to the sally of (b)(2) and informed (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) who was standing at the (b)(2) Alpha sally, that he needed an additional person on Alpha Block. (b)(3) (b)(6) instructed me to go to Alpha Block. When I arrived, I saw (b)(2) lying on the deck inside cell A-5. I noticed his face seemed larger than normal, as if being swollen. I noticed his hands were bound together with either strips of bed sheets, the T-shirts or a combination of both supplied to them. I noticed a piece of white cloth protruding out of his mouth. (b)(3) (b)(2) facial color appeared to be darker, as if more "sun-tanned", than normal. Regarding ISN-093, I only remember his hands were bound with either strips of bed sheets, the T-shirts or a combination of both supplied to them. (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) instructed me and 4 other guards to begin walking the tier to wake the other Detainees on Alpha Block and account for them. I then witnessed ISN-588, A-12, having been placed on the backboard and being readied for transport to the Detainee Clinic. I noticed both of the Detainees' hands were bound with what appeared to be strips of white cloth fashioned together. I noticed ISN-093's cell, A-8, was empty. I continued to walk the tier, conducting the head check. I noticed some of the detainees having teary eyes and inquiring, with concern, regarding the status of the detainees. I last saw ISN-093, ISN-693 and ISN-588 alive on 07JUN06, the last day I worked on Alpha Block. All of the detainees were awake except for two (2), (b)(6) and another detainee on the left side of Alpha Block. I woke (b)(6) and instructed him to stay awake. I noticed the other detainee move in his sleep, indicating he was alive. I continued to walk the tier for approximately 10 minutes until (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) assigned each of us to monitor specific cells. After approximately 10-15 minutes, (b)(3) (b)(6) then instructed me to return to (b)(2) (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) and I returned to (b)(2) Block and began to walk the tier. (b)(3) (b)(6) approached the (b)(2) sally door and instructed me to log all the detainees on (b)(2) Block and to wake them. I went to the guard shack and retrieved that day's "shower and recreations" log clip board, and used it to annotate in the "TIME IN" column that all detainees of Echo Block were "OK" after I woke each of them. I then went to (b)(3) (b)(6) and informed him all detainees on (b)(2) Block were accounted for and safe. I spent the rest of my shift walking the tier on (b)(2) Block. Two (2) additional guards, (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C), entered Block to assist waking the tier. After they assumed walking the tier, I approached (b)(3) (b)(6) who instructed me to secure the water and shutters in all cells, meaning turn off the water and close the shutters. (b)(3) (b)(6) further instructed me to take (b)(3) (b)(6) to assist me with securing the water and shutters. I told (b)(3) (b)(6) to secure the right side as I did the left side. After securing the cells, we again were posted on the tier by (b)(3) (b)(6). Ten (10) to twelve (12) additional guards were recalled to (b)(2) Block and posted on the tier. We were each assigned specific cells on (b)(2) Block to monitor. I was assigned (b)(2) (b)(2) Block, specifically (b)(2) I remained there for approximately (b)(3) (b)(6)

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(b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

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We did not have someone assigned to walk the tier until around 2130 because someone is usually always out on the block. That day (b)(3) (b)(6) did the watch bill. I believe I was assigned to do my watch from (b)(2). Until my watch began I usually would be in the guard shack entering information into DIMMS. (b)(3) (b)(6)

At approximately 2030, the detainees began singing. They usually sing a few lyrics but that night they sung for 30-40 minutes. (b)(3) informed me that (b)(6) said they were singing an old Taliban death song. I made sure this incident was placed into DIMMS and an interpreter was called. The last time that I saw the three deceased detainees alive was approximately 2030 (b)(3) (b)(6)

The detainees had prayer around 2100 hours. To my knowledge no one performed a head count after prayer. The only time a head count occurs is at the beginning or at the end of a shift. The guards also perform a head count when they gain or lose a detainee from the block. Detainee Operations Center (DOC) orders three random headcount via the DIMMS system. This usually is for administrative purposes and no one physically goes out and performs a head count of each detainee. Who ever sees it pop up on the computer, usually performs it. I didn't log in any of the computerized DOC random head counts that night. (b)(3) (b)(6)

Between 2130-2200, I believe all of the detainees were in bed. I don't know exactly what I was doing but I know I was taking care of administrative functions. I was doing paperwork and updating the DIMMS. I also met with (b)(3) (b)(6) to discuss some of my DIMMS entries. I believe I was finished around 2300, then I went to chow. (b)(3) (b)(6)

I finished chow and reported back to Alpha block around 2345. My shift to walk the block was (b)(2). (b)(2) I relieved (b)(3) (b)(6) at 0000, and began my rounds of the cellblock. I didn't complete my rounds because (b)(3) (b)(6) stopped me and asked if I would trade shifts with him. I agreed to take the (b)(2) shift and (b)(3) took my shift. (b)(2) I returned to the guard shack and drunk coffee. Approximately 15-30 minutes later, (b)(3) came into the guard shack and asked me to come take a look at one of the cells. I left (b)(3) (b)(6) in the guard shack and followed him to cell A8. (b)(3) (b)(6)

Once I arrived at A8, I saw the mattress was curled against the cell wall. The mattress concealed the detainee and we couldn't properly see that he was moving. It appeared like the detainee was lying under his blue blanket motionless. I started calling A8, but he did not respond. I started calling his ISN number and he still wouldn't respond. I went to the guard shack at that time to get (b)(3) (b)(6). (b)(3) (b)(6) followed me and we began to call the detainee. The detainee didn't respond so (b)(3) reached in the bean hole and grabbed his blanket. (b)(3) pulled on it and called the detainee several times but he still did not respond. (b)(3) pulled the blanket away and we discovered it wasn't the detainee but comfort items under the blanket. The detainee fashioned the items under the blanket to imitate the shape of a body. When I saw that, I assumed the detainee was hiding or attempting to harm himself behind the blanket in the corner. I ran to the NCO shack and yelled (b)(2) to the other guards. I believe (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) followed us to cell A8. (b)(3) (b)(6)

We entered A8 and (b)(3) pulled the blanket aside. I saw the detainee hanging from what appeared to be a twisted sheets. I cut the detainee down while (b)(3) held him up. Once we got him down I could see that the sheet was wrapped around his neck and his hands appeared to be bound in front of him. (b)(3) (b)(6)





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## FINAL AUTOPSY REPORT



Name: Ahmed, Ali Abdullah

Detainee Number: (b)(6) 000693DP

Date of Birth: 09 March 1969

Date of Death: 10 June 2006

Date of Autopsy: 11 June 2006 @ 0730

Date of Report: 01 August 2006

Autopsy No.: (b)(6)

AFIP No.: (b)(6)

Rank: Detainee

Place of Death: Detention Facility,

Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

Place of Autopsy: Naval Hospital Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

**Circumstances of Death:** This 37 year-old detainee, by report, was found hanging in his secure cell at the detainee confinement facility at approximately 0020 on 10 June 2006. A suicide note was recovered from his shirt pocket. He was found with his feet and hands loosely bound and his face covered with a white cloth mask. Medical resuscitation was unsuccessful and he was declared dead at 0115. In the medical record it states he was unresponsive, pulse-less, apneic, with fixed and dilated pupils, and in rigor mortis when he arrived at the detention clinic at 0058. The medical report also states that the decedent had a piece of cotton-like material in his mouth and upper pharynx that was removed by medical personnel and seized by Naval Criminal Investigative Service.

**Authorization for Autopsy:** Office of the Armed Forces Medical Examiner, IAW 10 USC 1471

**Identification:** Detention records. Fingerprints and DNA sample obtained.

### Personnel present for the autopsy:

1. Special Agent (b)(6) Naval Criminal Investigative Service
2. (b)(6) Autopsy Assistant
3. (b)(6) Medical Photographer
4. (b)(6) Medical Examiner Investigator
5. (b)(6) Medical Examiner (b)(6) civilian observer

**CAUSE OF DEATH:** Hanging

**MANNER OF DEATH:** Suicide

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planning to grab him. (b)(3):10 USC told not to put our hand in the bean hole while the detainee is sleeping. (b)(3):10 USC recently got 3 counseling chits for waking up detainees at night because she couldn't see the skin. Also, detainees have been faking code (b)(2) in order to assault the guards. (b)(3):10 USC opened the beanhole and yanked the blanket off the rack. Under it were clothes that had been put there to represent a human form. I opened A-7, which was empty and (b)(3):10 and I jumped on the bed and tried to get a visual of where 93 was. (b)(3):10 was able to push the sheet aside and saw him hanging by his neck. We jumped down and I unlocked A-8 and (b)(3):10 went in first followed by (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) grabbed 93 and picked him up and HUNT cut the braided rope made from sheets from the cell wall. We carried 93 out of the cell and placed him on the deck of the tier. Someone put arm shackles on him and I put leg shackles on. I observed (b)(3):10 USC try to pull (b)(3) sheet from 93's mouth but they were not able to. (b)(3):10 got a backboard and (b)(3) and (b)(3) tried to obtain a pulse but there was none. I saw what appeared to be urine spots on the front of 93's pants. His fingers were discolored a light blue. His eyes were wide open and his face was not discolored. I touched him and he was cool. We transported 93 to medical and when we got there we pounded on the door. I opened the door and screamed "we got something serious". People were casually walking out of random rooms and slowly putting on their stab vests and blouses. They didn't even know what room to put him in. They appeared to be more interested in just looking at him than trying to help. I told them they needed to remove the rag from his mouth and that we had already tried. (b)(3) (b)(6) told us to get back to Alpha Block. I ran straight to the block. (b)(3) (b)(6) and (b)(3) brought two more backboards from medical to Alpha Block.

Upon arriving back at Alpha Block, I ran down to A-12 and opened the door because (b)(3):10 said the detainee was not in his cell. I don't know who took the detainee down but I think I used the shears to cut him down. I do remember 588 having a mask made from sheets that was in him mouth and wrapped around his head. (b)(3) (b)(6) helped me take the mask from his head. I did not get a good view as there were a lot of people in the cell working on 588. I said someone needs to walk the block and I was told to walk toward the end of the tier when I heard Alpha 5. I ran that way and shouted five is down. There were escorts there so I opened the door. Someone shouted we need shears so I ran to (b)(2) Block and when I got back, detainee 693 had already been cut down and was ready to be transported to medical. I began walking to tier looking for others. I told all the detainees to take down anything hanging and woke them all up.

I am not surprised this incident happened and it could have been prevented. We guards have complained to our chain of command that the detainees should not be allowed to have anything hanging in their cells but we were only allowed to instruct them to remove items from the door. In March 2006, (b)(3) (b)(6) CAMP 1 AOIC told us at evening Guard Mount that "The SOP is only a guideline and to use common sense and to not take anything from the detainees that wasn't necessary like extra sheets, blankets, linen and food and to not disturb them".

This statement, consisting of this page and 3 other page(s) was typed for me by (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) as we discussed its contents. I have read and understand the above statement. I have been given the opportunity to make any changes or corrections I desire to make and have placed my initials over the changes or corrections. This statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(b)(3):10 USC §130b (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

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[redacted] side of the tier. My normal practice is to go down one side then back up the other. I do not like to go back and forth across the tier. I stopped at cell A-8 because he had a sheet over his head. I tapped lightly on his bean hole and asked him to take down his sheet so I could see his head. He complied with my request. I also stopped at cell A-8 because he was lying on his stomach. I stayed there for about 45-60 seconds until I could be sure he was moving. When I got to cell A-8, I could see the outline of legs and a torso under a blue blanket, but the detainee had a green mattress up towards the tier blocking the view of his head in the bunk. I noticed another blue blanket hanging up in the corner blocking the sink from my view. I knelt down, but could not see any feet below the blanket. I climbed up some on an empty cell A-7 and saw that a sheet was blocking the view of the corner of cell A-8 where the blanket was hanging. I ran and got MA [redacted] who came back with me and he began to bang on cell A-8. We still got no response. I ran to get [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [redacted] was there with him. As [redacted] (b)(3) and I were running back towards [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6) [redacted] he had opened the bean hole and pulled the blanket off the bunk and started yelling "he's hanging" which means a suicide. There were towels and clothes on the bunk. [redacted] went to look inside the window from outside cell A-8 and started yelling "he's hanging, he's hanging". [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6) opened the cell door and MA1 [redacted] and myself rushed into the cell. [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6) pulled the blanket down and I saw the detainee hanging fully suspended off the floor of his cell. [redacted] lifted the detainee up to ease the weight and they couldn't cut the material at first. I pulled at it and got a little slack and they were able to cut it and we got the detainee down out of the cell where we put zip ties on his wrists and ankles, put him on a stretcher and headed out of Alpha block in about a minute and a half. The detainee had urinated on himself and his eyes were wide open and white. The detainee was wearing tan pants and shirt. He was barefoot. I do not remember any bindings around his ankles. The detainee was totally upright against the cell wall between cells A-8 and A-7, next to the sink. NAS b2

The detainee had his hands bound in front of his body and intricate bindings around his head. I could see his eyes and cheeks, but there was material I believe was from torn sheets across his forehead, and under his chin and over his mouth. There was material jammed into his mouth. [redacted] told me later he was the one who cut down the detainee. He also checked for pulse, but didn't find any to my knowledge. The detainee from cell A-8 had some light purple on his fingertips. Based on what I observed I would think that the detainee in cell A-8 had been dead at least 30-40 minutes, before I found him.

When we got to the DET Clinic, we had to beat on the door to get someone to answer. I helped put the detainee on a bed in the clinic and the staff seemed to just stare at first like they didn't know what to do. I heard [redacted] (b)(3) get yelled again and got two stretchers from the DET Clinic. [redacted] carried one stretcher and I carried the other. When I got back to Alpha block cell A-12 detainee was gone and I started helping with the detainee in cell A-5. I don't remember much about the detainee in cell A-5, but I do believe his eyes were wide open. I did not touch his body. [redacted]

One interesting thing I remember and [redacted] also noticed it was that on 09Jun06 and on the 1<sup>st</sup> day that the riots started several months ago the detainee in cell A-48 refused to eat. He stated to MA3 [redacted] the first time this happened that he gets stomach aches when something bad is going to happen. [redacted]

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# STATEMENT

Place : NCISRU GTMO

Date : June 15, 2006

(b)(3) I, (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) make the following free and voluntary statement to (b)(7)(C)  
(b)(6) (b)(7)(C) whom I know to be a Representative of the United States Naval Criminal Investigative  
(b)(7)(C) Service. I make this statement of my own free will and without any threats made to me or promises  
extended. I fully understand that this statement is given concerning my knowledge of the emergency  
treatment provided to the three detainees on 10Jun06

For identification purposes (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

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I was the nurse assigned to the Detention Hospital and did not have any detainees being treated during this shift. I received a call around 0030-0035 from a corpsman assigned to the Detention Clinic stating that there was a detainee that had just been brought into the clinic that did not have a pulse and was not breathing. I secured my workspace and immediately went to the clinic to assist the clinic nurse (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

Upon arriving to the clinic the first detainee was in the treatment room on a backboard that was resting on a stretcher. I observed that the detainee was cyanotic and upon touching him found him to be cold. I observed that the detainee was attached to a monitor and that he did not have a heart rate. (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) was attempting to start an IV. I moved to the head of the bed and attempted to open the detainee's airway and observed that his neck and jaw were very stiff. After opening the airway to the best of my ability CPR was started. I did not observe his hands and feet bound upon the time of my arrival to the bedside.

At approximately 0045 the second Detainee was brought in and placed in the last treatment room on the left. He was cyanotic and a quick assessment yielded that he did not have a pulse and was not breathing. With an attempt to open the airway it was observed that his neck was stiff and skin was cool. I did not observe his hands and feet being bound upon the time of my arrival to the bedside.

During this time the third detainee was brought in and placed in the last available treatment room. I instructed the corpsman to begin CPR and I went to the bedside of the third detainee. The assessment of the third detainee yielded that he was cold and cyanotic without a pulse and was not breathing. With an attempt to open the airway of the third detainee it was observed that his jaw was clenched and that he had a white athletic sock in his mouth. After removing the sock I instructed the Corpsman to begin CPR. I did not observe his hands and feet being bound upon the time of my arrival to the bedside.

I returned to the second detainee at about 0050 and started an IV and immediately treated him with one ampule of Atracurium per Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) protocol. It was during this time that the Senior Medical Officer arrived. Upon his assessment he attempted to intubate this detainee and found what appeared to be either gauze or white fabric lodged in the back of the detainees

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throat, which he removed. It was also during this time the first detainee was removed by EMT and taken to the Naval Hospital.

Life saving measures continued until both detainees were pronounced dead by the Senior Medical Officer at about 0115-0120.

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I immediately left the clinic and went to the Naval Hospital to assume care of the first detainee. Upon arriving, the emergency medical team was providing life saving measures without any response. The Emergency Room Doctor at from the Naval Medical Center pronounced detainee number one dead at about 0210.

This statement, consisting of this page and 1 other page(s) was typed for me by myself and (b)(7)(C) as we discussed its contents. I have read and understand the above statement. I have been given the opportunity to make any changes or corrections I desire to make and have placed my initials over the changes or corrections. This statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief

(b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year 2006 at

1545

(b)(7)(C)

Witnessed: \_\_\_\_\_

Representative, Naval Criminal Investigative Service  
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noticed that this detainee cold to the touch but his extremities and limbs were still pliable. His neck and head however were stiff. His eyes were open and his gaze was fixed. I checked for a pulse multiple times and never detected one. I observed that the area where the detainee's lower jaw met his neck was purple in color. I did not see any indentations in the skin. I saw that the the detainees feet appeared really big and puffy like skin was tight on his feet. I don't remember if he had on leg shackles but his hands were definitely not restrained because his arms were hanging down off the sides of the board as he was not strapped down as securely as the first detainee. There was noting else tied to the outside of the detainee that I saw. The Senior Medical Office, (b)(3) (b)(6) arrived and assessed the detainee. He ran a gauze pad across the detainee's eyes and got no response. The he tried to tube him but we could not get his jaw open. (b)(3) (b)(6) used the laryngoscope ~~scepe~~ blade, which is made of metal, to pry the detainee's mouth open and in doing so broke some of the detainee's teeth. Once the mouth was open we saw that there was a big piece of cloth lodged in the back of the of the detainee's mouth. (b)(3) (b)(6) extracted it with forceps and it appeared to take a good amount of force to get it out. Once it was out I saw that it was folded repeatedly on itself and nearly as big as a wash cloth that was folded once in half. Once the cloth was out of the detainees mouth we inserted a nasal canula (tube to bypass the mouth and upper throat) because we saw that the detainees chest was not rising with the breaths so we thought there may have been something else obstructing the airway. Even with the nasal canula in we could not get the chest to rise. (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) then came in and did a cardiac thump which had not results. Then (b)(3) (b)(6) "called it" meaning that he was pronouncing the time of death. I looked at watch and it was 0115. Also, the AED stayed on and kept automatically analyzing but never advised a shock (b)(3) (b)(6)

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would say that the entire event took less than 30 minutes (b)(3) (b)(6)

In the aftermath of all that had happened I heard that the second detainee had something in his mouth. The cloth that we removed from the third detainee (second one that I worked on) was clamped to his shirt with the forceps and someone took a picture of it. Then we covered every body up with sheets, turned the AC down colder. The two remaining detainees were put in the same room. The guards maintained watch from the door. The admiral and some other people came in. The admiral gathered us all up and gave a little pep talk and debrief where he praised our efforts and said that the detainees had been trying to commit suicide for a long time (b)(3)

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The last time something like this happened was 18MAY06 about 0500. The night before the ~~sing~~ signing (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) was unusually loud and long singing and then the detainee tried to commit suicide by overdosing on his medication, which he had been hording instead of taking at the time of iss (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) the next morning (b)(3) (b)(6)

I never heard anyone describe how the detainees were found. I have not heard any of the MA's discuss events of that night (b)(3) (b)(6)

This time the guards brought the patients to us where as usually we go out to the cellblocks at (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

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spineboards and departed the clinic. I noticed the detainee's hands were bound around his torso with what I believe to be a bed sheet. (b)(3) (b)(6) then instructed me to call (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) the Senior Nurse of the Detainee Clinic, and to initiate the recall protocol. I departed the treatment room and used the telephone in the nurse station. After I had contacted (b)(3) (b)(6) I exited the nurse station and noticed another detainee, whom I later learned was the third detainee, being transported into the Detainee Clinic by four (4) guards. The guards placed the detainee onto the exam table in exam room ten (10). Two of the guards then departed the Detainee Clinic, while the other two (2) remained in exam room ten (10) with the detainee. I began to attempt to find the detainee's vital signs. I noticed the detainee was cyanotic and had no respirations. I was not able to detect any vital signs. (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) instructed me to begin performing chest compressions on the detainee. She also instructed one of the guards to perform artificial respiration. The guard and I performed Cardio Pulmonary Respiration (CPR) for approximately five to ten (5-10) minutes until (b)(3) (b)(6) relieved me and assumed performing chest compressions. I then relieved the guard and assumed administering artificial respirations. (b)(3) (b)(6) and I performed CPR on the detainee for approximately one to two (1-2) minutes when (b)(3) (b)(6) brought in a defibrillator (AED). (b)(3) (b)(6) and I discontinued conducting CPR while (b)(3) attached the AED to the detainee. The AED indicated it detected "no shockable rhythm." (b)(3) (b)(6) and I then resumed performing CPR, as is standard practice until a physician can determine the status of the patient. We continued performing CPR for approximately two (2) minutes when (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) entered the examination room and connected an oxygen supply line to the Bag-Valve Mask (BVM) which I was using to artificially respire the detainee. After approximately two (2) more minutes, the AED indicated to discontinue performing CPR while it took its second reading of the detainee. Again, the AED indicated "no shockable rhythm." At that time, (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) the Senior Medical Officer (SMO), entered examination room ten (10) and attempted to intubate the detainee. (b)(3) (b)(6) however, was unable to do so because the detainee's jaw was locked shut and he could not open it. I assisted (b)(3) (b)(6) to open the detainee's mouth. While struggling to open his mouth, we broke at least one (1) of the detainee's teeth. We eventually opened the detainee's mouth and discovered what I believe to be a white nylon sock inserted inside the back of the detainee's mouth. (b)(3) (b)(6) extracted the sock from the detainee's mouth, and again attempted to intubate the detainee. The second attempt to intubate the detainee also failed. (b)(3) (b)(6) was not able to place the intubation tube down the detainee's airway. (b)(3) (b)(6) then fitted the detainee with a nasal airway. (b)(3) (b)(6) and I then resumed performing CPR. We performed CPR for approximately two to three (2-3) minutes when (b)(3) (b)(6) entered examination room ten (10) and performed several tests on the detainee attempting to detect signs of life. (b)(3) (b)(6) detected no signs of life and called the time of death at 0116 hrs. At this time, all efforts being conducted to revive the detainee were ceased. All personnel in the examination room then exited. It was at this time that I



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(b)(6) I don't remember who made the 2350 headcount that is showing up on the DIMS report for 09Jun06. The DIMS report will show "A Block NCO" as making the entry no matter who types it in to the computer. I honestly don't remember doing a headcount at that time, but we may have done one. (b)(3)  
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(b)(6) (b)(3) (b)(6) was walking the tier in Alpha Block between (b)(2) on 10Jun06. I was in the guard shack with (b)(3) (b)(6). We were the only three people there at that time because (b)(3) (b)(6) and (b)(3) (b)(6) were at chow. I remember (b)(3) (b)(6) came to the guard shack and asked (b)(3) (b)(6) to come with him. I was getting ready to make some entries at that time into DIMS. (b)(3) (b)(6) came back to get me because he said he couldn't get the detainee in cell A-8 to answer him. I went to cell A-8 and tapped on the beanhole, which is midway up on the cell door. This is used to pass in food and other items to the detainees. I got no response, so I tapped even harder. I was pushing on the mattress that was propped against the front cell wall. I still got no response, so against policy I opened the beanhole and pulled on the detainee's blanket, which was over what appeared to be his body in the bunk. I saw something move under the blanket so I thought I was being waved off by the detainee, but he still would not respond. I pulled again and the same thing happened. I pulled a third time and the blanket came off and I could see that the only thing on the bunk were items to make it look like a person was in the bed. I said "He's not here". I thought he might be waiting behind the blanket for us to come in. At this time (b)(3) (b)(6) went down the outside of Alpha Block and the concrete or the I-Beams outside cell A-8 and looked in the window. (b)(3) (b)(6) yelled out "he's hanging, he's hanging". Both (b)(3) (b)(6) and I started yelling (b)(2) which is code for a suicide attempt. (b)(3) (b)(6) came with the (b)(2) kit and unlocked the cell door and (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) and I rushed into the cell. We yanked on the blanket, which did not immediately come down and then I pushed it aside and immediately lifted up the detainee with help from (b)(3) (b)(6). I believe (b)(3) (b)(6) cut the detainee down. The detainee was suspended above the floor on the side of the cell between cell A-8 and A-7, his eyes were open, he was cold to the touch and his fingers and toes were blue. He was wearing clothes, but no shoes. His hands/wrists and feet/ankles were bound with cloth material. There was what looked like a surgical mask on his face and underneath (b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(C) which I could not pull out. He had material wrapped around his head and neck. (b)(3)  
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(b)(6) Once we had the detainee from cell A-8 down on the floor in the tier, I check for a pulse, but could not find one. At this point (b)(3) (b)(6) was on the block, as was the SOG (b)(3) (b)(6). We (b)(2) the detainee's (b)(2) per policy and put him on a backboard and carried him to medical. We could not have done the process any faster than we did. Although the detainee looked to be gone from the time we found him we treated it as if there was still hope and did everything humanly possible to try to save the detainees life. (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) and myself ran with the detainee from cell A-8 to the DET Clinic. (b)(3) (b)(6) was beating on the door to the DET Clinic and when we entered the medical personnel were just standing around at first. I sent everyone back to Alpha Block and was checking DIMS for the detainee's ISN #. The Platoon Leader (b)(3) (b)(6) was there at the DET Clinic. While I was at the DET Clinic I heard over the radio more (b)(2) calls going out over the radio for Alpha Block. (b)(3) (b)(6) and I headed back towards Alpha Block. When I got to Alpha Block the other military personnel were putting the detainee from cell A-12 on a backboard and were pulling the detainee from cell A-5 down. Both of those detainees were also taken to the DET Clinic. I told everyone to take everything down from the cell walls. I said if a mattress was up I wanted it down. I wanted to clear out anything that was going to obstruct the views. By this point the overhead lights were on both sides of the tier. (b)(3)  
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(b)(2) was quiet at all times I was there. There was no chanting or singing or other disturbance. It is not normal for detainees to sing and chant. From my experience at JTF, I know that when the detainees sing and chant some type of trouble is brewing. For example, (b)(2) started rioting after chanting and singing. The detainees were banging on their cells and yelling. I was serving on (b)(2) at that time. The cellblocks are approximately 25 feet apart so if a disturbance occurs in one block Sailors in another block know of the disturbance. (b)(3)

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(b)(3) At approximately 0000 on 10JUN06, I heard a (b)(2) come over the radio from Alpha Block. I know it was approximately that time because (b)(3) (b)(6) had just come back from the chow hall. (b)(2) guards take dinner break starting at 1100 and each take a half hour. I went from 1100 to 1130 on 09JUN06 and then (b)(3) (b)(6) went. He came back and that is when we heard the (b)(2) call. (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) (b)(3) to assist with the (b)(2) and I also went. (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) remained on (b)(2)

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As I arrived at Alpha Block I noticed (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) removing one of the detainees from the block. The only thing I noticed about the detainee was that he looked lifeless and he had gauze sticking out of his mouth. I then went inside Alpha Block to do a head count and to determine if there were any other problems on the block. (b)(3) (b)(6) was following me approximately 30 seconds to my rear. I proceeded down the side that contained cells (b)(2) (b)(3) (b)(6) proceeded down the side that contained cells 1 through 24. When I arrived at the end of my side, (b)(2) I noticed (b)(3) (b)(6) motion me to come to cell 12 for a second opinion. I went to cell 12 and noticed that the detainee had a blanket hung from near the ceiling on the left side and from the window on the right side. The blanket appeared to be tied off through the mesh in the cell on the left side. It was also tied through the mesh of the cell on the bottom but only on the left side. The blanket covered a diagonal portion of the cell that contained the sink but not the toilet. It only covered a small portion of the cell so I looked for the presence of the detainee under the bunk. Detainees normally sleep under the bunks rather than on the bunk because it is darker there. I saw a sheet lying under the bunk with a lump under the sheet that appeared to be a person. I checked for breathing or other movement. I did not see any so I loudly called out—"Alpha 12, Alpha 12"—to the detainee for a response. I didn't receive a response so I called him out by his ISN and I still did not receive a response. I then asked (b)(3) (b)(6) who had returned from the clinic, to go outside and look through the window. (b)(3) (b)(6)



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When he did he called out a (b)(2) I sent (b)(3) (b)(6) to get shackles and shears. I went into the cell after (b)(3) (b)(6) opened the cell door and pulled the blanket from the left side of the cell. The blanket was tied very securely because it was difficult to pull down. I stepped back for safety and to observe the situation and saw the detainee hanging from the neck by what looked like a t-shirt or some other white cloth. The cloth was cut into strips and weaved together. I do not remember exactly where the noose was tied but it had to be high on the cell because the detainee's feet were dangling and his eyes were wide open in a blank stare. It appeared to me that he climbed onto the sink and tied himself off and then jumped from the sink. I also noticed that the detainee had covered the sides of the cell with a sheet and the window with a towel. After a split second of observation I grabbed the detainee around the buttocks area, as his waist was about the level of my chest, and lift him up. Somebody must have cut him down or loosened the cloth because as I lifted him up the detainee drooped over my shoulder. I then placed him on the ground and secured his hands, which I noticed were loosely tied together. (b)(3) (b)(6) secured his feet. I do not recall who secured his head. (b)(3) (b)(3) removed the noose around the detainee's neck and what looked like a T-shirt that was tied around his mouth and jaw. This t-shirt was cut up to make sort of a mask. The (b)(7)(C) (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(C) I believe (b)(3) (b)(6) tossed aside the cloth she removed and left it in the cell. When the (b)(2), (b)(7)(E) came I secured his hands with the (b)(2), (b)(7)(E) and (b)(3) secured his feet (b)(2), (b)(7)(E) We do this as Standard Operating Procedure because JTF has had fake suicides in the past where the detainees have assaulted the guards when removed from the cellblocks. When I was securing his hands and examining his body I noticed a white piece of paper in the detainee's left breast pocket (b)(3) (b)(6)

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Sometime after we shackled the detainee the backboard arrived and we placed the detainee on the board and secured him to the board. Five of us took the detainee out to the sally, the passageway between the various cellblocks. I think the individuals who did this were (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) and others I do not recall. I stayed back at Alpha Block to maintain order. At this time I saw individuals strapping the detainee from cell Alpha 5 to a backboard and removing him from the block. I then told the detainees to remove all items hanging from the cells, i.e. prayer rigs, towels, sheets, and linen clothing. All the cells had these items or some combination of these items hanging in them. Hanging items on the cell walls but not the doors is allowed per Guard Mount Message or Standard Operating Procedures but I cannot remember which. The detainee's complied with the order. I did so to monitor the detainees and to prevent other suicide attempts. I then secured the shutters outside the windows and turned off the water mains to the cells. Six members of the Army Cavalry helped me with this task. I do not remember the names of the members of Army Cavalry. After this duty, which lasted about 30 to 45 minutes, I went to see (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) on orders from (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) After I saw (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) and spoke to an NCIS agent I was released for the night at 0500 to 0530. I was called back to duty at 0800 and helped the SOGs and Platoon Leader input the information into the Detainee Information Management System. I was released from duty at 1100 on 10JUN06 (b)(3) (b)(6)



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INVESTIGATIVE ACTION

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CONTROL: 10JUN06-MPGT-0031-7HNA

V/AL ZAHRANI, YASSER TALAL/CIV (DECEASED)  
M/W/FNSA/N//26DEC83/SAUDI ARABIA  
SUPP: DETAINEE BEING HELD AT JTF-GTMO

RESULTS OF INTERVIEW OF (b)(3):10 USC  
§130b,(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

## NARRATIVE

1. In the early morning hours of 10JUN06, three detainees were found hanging inside Alpha Block of Camp 1 at Camp Delta, Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Reporting Agent (RA) interviewed (b)(3):10 USC §130b,(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) at Naval Hospital Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (NAVHOSP GTMO), regarding his part in the treatment of V/AL ZAHRANI at NAVHOSP GTMO during the early morning hours of 10Jun06, after he was transported to NAVHOSP GTMO by ambulance.
2. For background (b)(3):10 USC is a Family Practice Clinic doctor who was on duty in the Emergency Room at NAVHOSP GTMO when V/AL ZAHRANI was transported in to the Emergency Room.
3. (b)(3):10 USC indicated when V/AL ZAHRANI arrived, at approximately 0110, 10Jun06, to NAVHOSP GTMO and was taken immediately up to the Detainee Acute Care Unit (DACU), located on the 2nd floor. (b)(3):10 USC advised Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) was in progress when V/AL ZAHRANI arrived. (b)(3):10 USC reported medical staff continued to work on the patient for over 30 minutes. (b)(3):10 USC, Commanding Officer, NAVHOSP GTMO, pronounced V/AL ZAHRANI dead at 0150, 10Jun06. (b)(3):10 USC indicated he witnessed no signs of life from V/AL ZAHRANI from the time of arrival until he was pronounced dead. (b)(3):10 USC stated he observed what appeared to be a bloody t-shirt around the neck of V/AL ZAHRANI as well as a deep abrasion, narrow in width across the victim's neck. Upon examination, the eyes were bloodshot and skin modeling had begun. (b)(3):10 USC provided a copy of the Advanced Cardiac Life Support Flow Sheet and Medical Record Progress Notes, Enclosures (A) and (B).

## ENCLOSURE(S)

- (A) Advanced Cardiac Life Support Flow Sheet/10Jun06
- (B) Medical Record Progress Notes/06Jun06

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and I helped a corpsman, who was performing (CPR) on another hanging victim, ISN 588. The corpsman was conducting chest compressions, and was on his knees, on the table where ISN 588 was laying. I helped to stabilize the corpsman, by holding down his legs and keeping them together. The corpsman did shifts for CPR with a second corpsman. I then went to the other side of the table, and assisted holding an oxygen mask in place over the detainee's mouth. While I was holding the oxygen mask in place, I moved the detainee's hand out of the way, so I could do a better job holding the oxygen mask in place. I don't recall off hand if I was able to bend the elbow. There was a problem because the detainee's mouth would not open, so another corpsman arrived with a special instrument to try and pry the detainee's mouth open. She struggled, and she was able to open the detainees' lips, but the detainee's teeth were clenched shut. I noticed at this point, when the lips were opened, that there were a large number of small pieces of goldish brown material, in the detainee's mouth. I could not tell for sure what these were. I was unable to tell if they were, for example, pieces of food or some other substance. (b)(3) (b)(6)

(b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) A surgeon also came to assist, but was still unable to pry the detainees' jaw open. The detainee's jaw was clenched shut. I heard this same physician comment that the body appeared to be in the preliminary stage of rigor mortis. ISN 588's chest was a natural color. Only the fingers and toes were blue in color. (b)(3) (b)(6)

At one point, while the corpsmen were attempting life saving measures for ISN 588, they attempted to revive him using a machine, which had tubes which connected from a machine to the detainee's body. We were told to stand clear. This device, which was probably a defibrillator, yielded no response and no movement on the part of ISN 588. (b)(3) (b)(6)

(b)(3) (b)(6) was in the room for part of the time that the corpsmen were trying to revive ISN 588. (b)(3) (b)(6)

#### PRONOUNCEMENTS OF DEATHS OF ISN 693 AND ISN 588

ISN 693 was pronounced dead at 0112, and ISN 588 was pronounced dead at 0115.

These pronouncements were both made at the clinic. (b)(3) (b)(6)

I went to the original room to look at ISN 693. (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) was talking to MA1

(b)(3) (b)(6) He told him to take charge of the bodies and not let anyone enter the room any more. Admiral Harris provided a quick de-brief to us, and thanked us for our cooperation in handling this situation. (b)(3) (b)(6)

(b)(3) (b)(6) INITIAL INFORMATION ON ISN 09 (b)(2) NCIS b2

By this time, I already knew, from contact with other camp personnel, that there was a third (b)(2) alert. I later found out that this referred to a third hanging victim. This (b)(3) (b)(6)

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STATEMENT

(b)(3) PLACE: NCISRA Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

(b)(6) DATE: June 15 2006 (b)(3)

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I, (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) make this free and voluntary statement to Special Agent (b)(7)(C) whom I know to be a Representative of the United States Naval Criminal Investigative Service. I make this statement of my own free will and without any threats made to me or promises extended. I fully understand that this statement is given concerning my knowledge of the death of three detainees found hanged during the early morning hours of 10JUN06 inside Alpha Block, Camp 1 aboard the Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. (b)(3)

For identification purposes (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

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assigned to JTF-GTMO since 15APR06, I expect to rotate on 09OCT06 (b)(3)

On 09JUN06, I reported to the Delta (DET) Clinic at (b)(2) to start a (b)(2) As the nurse at the DET clinic it is my responsibility to supervise and work with the corpsman in order to provide medical care and medication to detainees as needed. At approximately 0043, I received a call at the DET clinic advising that a detainee was down with no pulse and they were on the way in to the DET clinic. About a minute later, just after I had turned around and told the corpsmen to get ready, the detainee was brought into the clinic on a backboard. The guards set the detainee, ISN 093, on the bed in the open bay room and the corpsmen and I proceeded to check the air, breathing and circulation. I did a sternum rub to see if he was responsive. A corpsman put on blood pressure cuff and pulse oximetry to see if we could get vitals, which we could not. The detainee's pupils were fixed and dilated. He was cyanotic (blue). We put oxygen on him and a corpsman attempted to get an IV on him, but it was not working. I passed the diffibulator pads to (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) and he put them on the detainee and I hooked the pads up to the defibulator. But the line was flat, and we never got a rhythm. The corpsman trying to call the doctor on call could not find the number, so I stepped away from the detainee to call 911, while he was still trying to call the doctor. I later found from (b)(3) (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) that while I stepped away someone took something out of the (b)(2) At the same time I was calling 911, a corpsman called the nurse from the DET hospital to come down. When the nurse arrived a couple of minutes later we started CPR. She started doing the mask and the corpsman did the compressions. The other corpsman still could not get an IV in, so I helped with the IV. The detainee had (b)(2), (b)(7)(E) I asked the guard to remove them so I could insert the IV. It was then I noticed that ISN 093 had a piece of white cloth wrapped around his waist, but his hands were not bound. We did not move or touch the cloth. I also noticed at this time that ISN093 was cold and stiff because his arm and fingers were stiff. Through the IV I gave him atropine (he eventually got a total of 2 amps) At 1250 I gave the first amp, and (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

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The detainee was pale and unresponsive. He was hooked up to the defibulator and I could see that he did not have a pulse but I checked his carotid artery for a pulse and could not find one. The detainee felt cold to the touch. I had on gloves at the time. His eyes were partially open but his gaze was fixed. He had a face mask on and someone was "bagging" (providing assistance to breath). His mouth was shut. I noticed that area where the lower jaw meets the neck was purple and on the front right (detainee's right) half of his neck there was a pronounced bulge. His head and neck were stiff but his limbs were still pliable. I did not notice if there was any swelling in the lower portions of the detainee's extremities. I did not observe anything in the detainee's mouth, and there was nothing tied around the detainee's neck, wrists or waist. The detainee was not restrained with shackles and hand cuffs but he was strapped to the back board. We did CPR for a few minutes and never got a pulse going. The defibulator automatically analyzing the patient's heart rhythm to determine if a shock is needed/appropriate. You can not shock on a flat line, you can only shock if a person is in ventricular tachycardia or ventricular fibulation. (b)(3) (b)(6)

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When the paramedics arrived and we prepped him for transport. One of the things they did was put him on the AED. When they put him on the AED we all stopped touching the detainee and one of the paramedics hit the analyze button and the AED came back with the message that no shock was advised. We continued doing CPR and I was doing the chest compressions. One of the paramedic intubated the detainee. To get the tube in the paramedics had to pry open his mouth with a tongue blade (wooden tongue depressor). It looked like it took some force to get the detainee's mouth open but it was not too bad. The paramedics checked for placement of the tube and when they did that I stopped doing chest compressions. The tube was not in correctly so they pulled it out and put in a new tube which went in correctly. We then moved the detainee to the transport gurney and I switched over to bagging the detainee. We stopped doing chest compressions because we were wheeling him out the door and were just trying to get him out of there and to the hospital. We loaded him into the ambulance and I went back into the clinic. (b)(3) (b)(6)

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While all of this was going on I did not see anything pieces of white cloth or braided white cloth in the clinic that appeared strange or out of place like it may have come from a detainee. There were some MA's in the clinic but they did not tell us what happened they just stood by silently. I know that COL (b)(3) (b)(6) came in and talked to (b)(3) (b)(6) but the only thing I remember being said was that the doctors had been called. (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

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After loading the first detainee into the ambulance I went back into the clinic and this was when I first realized that there were other detainees in the clinic being treated. I looked into the first exam room on the left and I saw that there were enough people in there treating that detainee. I did not go into this room at all. I then went into the second exam room on the left and I saw a third detainee being worked on by two Corpsmen. (b)(3) (b)(6) was bagging him and (b)(3) (b)(6) was doing chest compressions. I went and got the AED. This detainee was dressed in the regular tan pants and just the tan shirt, not t-shirt underneath. When trying to hook this detainee to the AED I found a white tube like cloth tied around the detainee's chest with a knot that I could not untie. I managed to pull it down around his waist so I could get his shirt pulled up so I could hook up the AED. This piece of cloth was tight and I struggled with it. I have no idea what the purpose of the strip of cloth was. I hit analyze on the AED and it advised not to shock the detainee. I then switched out with Presley and took over chest compressions and continued CPR. (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)



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noticed that this detainee cold to the touch but his extremities and limbs were still pliable. His neck and head however were stiff. His eyes were open and his gaze was fixed. I checked for a pulse multiple times and never detected one. I observed that the area where the detainee's lower jaw met his neck was purple in color. I did not see any indentations in the skin. I saw that the the detainees feet appeared really big and puffy like skin was tight on his feet. I don't remember if he had on leg shackles but his hands were definitely not restrained because his arms were hanging down off the sides of the board as he was not strapped down as securely as the first detainee. There was noting else tied to the outside of the detainee that I saw. The Senior Medical Office, (b)(3) (b)(6) arrived and assessed the detainee. He ran a gauze pad across the detainee's eyes and got no response. The he tried to tube him but we could not get his jaw open. (b)(3) (b)(6) used the laryngoscope ~~scepe~~ blade, which is made of metal, to pry the detainee's mouth open and in doing so broke some of the detainee's teeth. Once the mouth was open we saw that there was a big piece of cloth lodged in the back of the of the detainee's mouth. (b)(3) (b)(6) extracted it with forceps and it appeared to take a good amount of force to get it out. Once it was out I saw that it was folded repeatedly on itself and nearly as big as a wash cloth that was folded once in half. Once the cloth was out of the detainees mouth we inserted a nasal canula (tube to bypass the mouth and upper throat) because we saw that the detainees chest was not rising with the breaths so we thought there may have been something else obstructing the airway. Even with the nasal canula in we could not get the chest to rise. (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) then came in and did a cardiac thump which had not results. Then (b)(3) (b)(6) "called it" meaning that he was pronouncing the time of death. I looked at watch and it was 0115. Also, the AED stayed on and kept automatically analyzing but never advised a shock (b)(3) (b)(6)

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would say that the entire event took less than 30 minutes (b)(3) (b)(6)

In the aftermath of all that had happened I heard that the second detainee had something in his mouth. The cloth that we removed from the third detainee (second one that I worked on) was clamped to his shirt with the forceps and someone took a picture of it. Then we covered every body up with sheets, turned the AC down colder. The two remaining detainees were put in the same room. The guards maintained watch from the door. The admiral and some other people came in. The admiral gathered us all up and gave a little pep talk and debrief where he praised our efforts and said that the detainees had been trying to commit suicide for a long time (b)(3)

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The last time something like this happened was 18MAY06 about 0500. The night before the ~~signing~~ (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) was unusually loud and long singing and then the detainee tried to commit suicide by overdosing on his medication, which he had been hording instead of taking at the time of iss (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) the next morning (b)(3) (b)(6)

I never heard anyone describe how the detainees were found. I have not heard any of the MA's discuss events of that night (b)(3) (b)(6)

This time the guards brought the patients to us where as usually we go out to the cellblocks at (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

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**OPINION**

This 37 year-old detainee died of hanging. He was found hanging in his secure cell. Toxicology studies are negative. Based on the investigative information as of this date, there is no evidence of anyone else being involved with this death. Unusual tardieu-like spots on the legs and thighs may represent post-mortem artifact. The medical record from the time of resuscitation documents that a tooth broke during an intubation attempt. Also based on the medical documentation of the remains during the attempted resuscitation, the decedent had been dead for at least a couple of hours prior to the discovery of his body. Based on currently available information, the manner of death is suicide.

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7. Spleen: No pathologic description
8. Adrenal: No pathologic description
9. Brain (Cortex): No pathologic description
10. Thyroid: No pathologic description

**TOXICOLOGY**

1. The blood carboxyhemoglobin level was less than 1% (normal 0-3%)
2. The blood and vitreous fluid were negative for ethanol at a cutoff of 20 mg/dL
3. The blood was negative for cyanide at a cutoff of 0.25 mg/L
4. The urine was negative screened medications and drugs of abuse

**OPINION**

This 30 year-old detainee died of hanging. By report, he was discovered in his secure cell suspended by the neck by braided segments of material. The description of the body during the attempted resuscitation indicates that the death occurred at least a couple of hours before he was discovered. The toxicology screen was negative. Based on the information available at this time, the manner of death is Suicide.

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The remainder of the anterior and posterior neck is free of hemorrhage into the soft tissue.

#### Additional Injuries

There is a ½ inch round contusion on the dorsum of the left foot. There are two, less than 1/8 inch in diameter healing abrasions on the anterior left leg.

#### Artifact

There is a fracture of the left side of the hyoid bone, anterior to the lesser horn, that occurred during the removal of the neck organs. The surrounding soft tissue is free of hemorrhage.

### INTERNAL EXAMINATION

#### HEAD:

The galeal and subgaleal soft tissues of the scalp are free of injury. The calvarium is intact, as is the dura mater beneath it. Clear cerebrospinal fluid surrounds the 1450 gm brain, which has unremarkable gyri and sulci. Coronal sections demonstrate sharp demarcation between white and grey matter, without hemorrhage or contusive injury. The ventricles are of normal size. The basal ganglia, brainstem, cerebellum, and arterial systems are free of injury or other abnormalities. There are no skull fractures. The atlanto-occipital joint is stable.

#### NECK:

The anterior strap muscles of the neck are homogenous and red-brown, without additional abnormalities. The thyroid cartilage is intact. The larynx is lined by intact white mucosa. The thyroid is symmetric and red-brown, without cystic or nodular change. The tongue is free of bite marks, hemorrhage, or other injuries.

#### BODY CAVITIES:

The ribs, sternum, and vertebral bodies are visibly and palpably intact. No excess fluid is in the right pleural, pericardial, or peritoneal cavities. The organs occupy their usual anatomic positions.

#### RESPIRATORY SYSTEM:

The right and left lungs weigh 500 and 450 gms, respectively. The external surfaces are smooth and deep red-purple. The pulmonary parenchyma is diffusely congested and edematous. No mass lesions or areas of consolidation are present.

#### CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM:

The 250 gm heart is contained in an intact pericardial sac. The epicardial surface is smooth, with minimal fat investment. The coronary arteries are present in a normal distribution, with a right-dominant pattern. Cross sections of the vessels show no

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M/W/FNSA/N//26DEC83/SAUDI ARABIA  
SUPP: DETAINEE BEING HELD AT JTF-GTMO

## RESULTS OF LOG BOOK SEIZURE

1. On 12Jun06, during a re-examination of the death scenes at Cell Block A, Camp Delta, Camp 1, Supervisory Special Agent (b)(7)(C) discovered a page was torn out of the log book used to document the entry and exit of persons to the cell block since 10Jun06. The log book was seized by Special Agent (b)(7)(C) and later logged into the NCISRU Guantanamo Bay, Cuba evidence custody system under log # MPGT-021-06.

2. Review of the log book revealed it was initiated at 0525 hours on 10Jun06, and the second page appeared to have been ripped out. The prior page (back of page 1) ended at 1219 hours on 11Jun06, and the third page began at 1248 hours on 11Jun06. Copies of the log book pages are appended as Enclosure (A).

## ENCLOSURE

(A) Copy of log book/10-12Jun06

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