

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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[REDACTED], Corrections Officer at Bureau of Prison's (BOP) METROPOLITAN CORRECTIONAL CENTER (MCC), 150 Park Row, New York, New York, date of birth (DOB) [REDACTED], was interviewed by FBI Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED], FBI Task Force Officer (TFO) [REDACTED], and Office of the Inspector General (OIG) SA [REDACTED] at the United States Attorneys Office (USAO), Southern District of New York (SDNY), 1 St. Andrews Plaza, New York, New York. TFO [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that there is an on-going criminal investigation and he has an obligation to answer questions truthfully and that it would be a federal crime to lie to a federal agent during the meeting. SA [REDACTED] provided [REDACTED] with an OIG "Warnings and Assurances to Employee Requested to Provide Information on a Voluntary Bases" form, which [REDACTED] signed and was witnessed by SAs [REDACTED] and Moore. SA [REDACTED] retained the original and a copy is attached in the 1A section of this report.

After being advised of the identity of the interviewing investigators and the nature of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] has worked for BOP for four years. [REDACTED] was working an overtime shift in the Special Housing Unit (SHU), 10 South, on a 12am-8am shift at the time that JEFFREY EPSTEIN was found unresponsive in his cell. [REDACTED] couldn't recall the exact date but did recall that it was the previous Saturday. [REDACTED] had worked a 12pm-8pm shift the previous day, had a four hour break, and then started the overtime shift of 12a-8a. Unit 10 South is a completely locked down unit where the Corrections Officer is alone in the unit.

[REDACTED] recalled he did the 12am count with [REDACTED] and that Officer NOEL helped him do the 3am and 5am counts. [REDACTED] further stated that for the 3am and 5am counts, the control center had called about the counts and he advised control that he wanted someone to assist him in doing the counts

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because he was by himself. [REDACTED] said that there should always be a double staff count and that he always wanted a partner to do the count and wouldn't do a count without a partner. [REDACTED] advised that while doing the counts, an officer should see breathing flesh. When [REDACTED] and NOEL did the 3am and 5am counts, they counted five inmates.

Officer THOMAS relieved [REDACTED] at some point during the shift to give him a break. Lieutenant [REDACTED] came by at some point to check on [REDACTED], however, [REDACTED] didn't remember the exact time.

[REDACTED] was in 10 South when the call came over, referring to when EPSTEIN was found unresponsive in his cell. [REDACTED] then worked another shift in the SHU, 8am-4pm.

[REDACTED] stated that he once fed EPSTEIN because EPSTEIN had not received his meal and that EPSTEIN was grateful. [REDACTED] said that EPSTEIN didn't appear to be dangerous and that EPSTEIN never offered him money for anything. [REDACTED] stated that he was shocked that this had happened, referring to EPSTEIN's death. [REDACTED] said that EPSTEIN was supposed to be watched more closely and that the rounds should have been conducted regardless of whether EPSTEIN had previously been on suicide watch or not.

[REDACTED] was then shown a picture of [REDACTED]. When [REDACTED] looked at the picture, [REDACTED] said that he wanted a lawyer. Investigators discontinued questioning at that time.

On his own accord, [REDACTED] then stated something to the effect of "I want to be clear, I never brought stuff into the jail or allowed stuff in. I never did that."

[REDACTED] was advised that his cell phone, which had been surrendered at the security checkpoint at the entrance of the USAO, was seized by the FBI. The cell phone, a Motorola G6/XT1921-5, IMEI 99000544589395, was seized pursuant to a search warrant issued by SDNY. [REDACTED] was then told that he could get his phone back that day if he gave investigators his passcode. [REDACTED] told investigators that he was not going to give them his passcode. [REDACTED] was given an FD-597, receipt for property, which was signed by [REDACTED] and TFO [REDACTED].