

**SWORN STATEMENT**

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**PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT**

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1. LOCATION FOB BOSTICK, AFGHANISTAN	2. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 2009/10/20	3. TIME 1934	4. FILE NUMBER
5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME (b)(3), (b)(6)	6. SSN	7. GRADE/STATUS E-9/RA	
8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS HQ, 3RD SQN-61ST CAV REGT, 4IBCT-4ID, APO AE 09354			

9. I, (b)(3), (b)(6), WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

I assumed responsibilities as the Squadron CSM in April 2008. I previously deployed with 3d BDE, 1st Infantry Division, to FOB Warhorse, Iraq from 2004 to 2005.

I saw Keating for the first time in September 2008 during our pre-deployment site survey (PDSS). My initial reaction was, "Who selected this site?". I had established good lines of communication with the unit that was occupying Keating at the time (I-91) and obtained information, intelligence reports, and photographs of Keating.

The PDSS had 7 days BOG time and upon our return to Carson we began implementing some of the lessons learned and started taking our Soldiers on long foot patrols over the roughest terrain we could find in order to get them properly conditioned for running operations during the deployment.

At some point prior to our arrival I-91 changed out with 6-4 CAV. 6-4 CAV was not conducting as many patrols of the AO and the patrols they were conducting did not range out very far from Keating.

My guidance to 1S (b)(3), (b)(6) and Bravo Troop was to prepare to remain at Keating throughout the entire deployment. I stayed in contact with 1S (b)(3), (b)(6) on a weekly basis via phone and e-mail. B Troop put in HESCO barriers and started sandbagging areas to improve force protection and provide cover on locations such as walkways, latrines, and the generators. Day one at Keating 1SG (b)(3), (b)(6) implemented the policy to have all his Soldiers wear their full kit/PPE when outside the building. This included going to the showers and the chow hall. During our deployment I was at Keating 3 times, once for 5 days.

To my knowledge, the squadron did not push down specific guidance to the troops on how and when to conduct stand to. We allowed each element to assess the threat in their AO and the TTPs used by the enemy in that area to establish force protection manning and schedules. On 3 October 2009, Keating had one man per truck during the hours of stand to. This number had been adjusted down from earlier levels based on their knowledge of the area and previous TICs.

On 3 October 2009, I received word B Trp., was in contact and made my way to the TOC. As the fight progressed my primary concern became getting a helo into the LZ and getting out our WIAs and KIAs. With the LZ taking heavy and sustained fire there was not a way to insert our QRF at Keating. We put a plan together to get the QRF into OP Fritche and have them make the walk down to Keating. During the planning phase we identified personnel at Fritche to link up with the QRF and lead them down and also planned to have a link up point outside of Keating to prevent any instances of friendly fire. It was a long and dark walk for the QRF from the OP to Keating. The SQD CDR and I had previously made the walk in about (b)(2)High but it was daylight at the time and we were not under fire.

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STATEMENT OF CSM (b)(3), (b)(6) TAKEN AT FOB Bostic DATED 2009/10/20

9. STATEMENT (Continued)

CO (b)(3), (b)(6) the SQD CDR, and I all wanted to pull out of Keating and Fritche by the end of June 2009. However, with Barge Matal going on and 4-25th looking for their missing Soldier we lacked the ability to obtain th (b)(2)High movement assets we needed. We really did not receive a lot of Intel from higher and most of our intel came from (b)(2)High

It was a constant problem to get food, water, mail, ammo, and fuel out to Keating. I believe it was a combination of weather issues, maintenance issues on aircraft, and the aircrews just did not want to fly into Keating. Keating was a tight spot to fly into and the birds would get shot at when they did. I do not know of any instance of a helo actually taking a hit from SAF around Keating. If you took a look at the scheduled flights into Keating against how many actually flew into Keating you would discover a large discrepancy between the two.

IS (b)(3), (b)(6) and B Trp., did what they could with what they had to improve force protection and add cover to Keating. All the fighting positions had overhead cover but the non-standard fighting positions did not have overhead cover. It's a real challenge to dig into rock and the bulldozer they had could not do a very good job.

END OF STATEMENT

INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT

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

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9. STATEMENT (Continued)

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**AFFIDAVIT**

I, (b)(3), (b)(6) \_\_\_\_\_, HAVE READ OR HAVE HAD READ TO ME THIS STATEMENT WHICH BEGINS ON PAGE 1, AND ENDS ON PAGE 2. I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THE ENTIRE STATEMENT MADE BY ME. THE STATEMENT IS TRUE. I HAVE INITIALED ALL CORRECTIONS AND HAVE INITIALED THE BOTTOM OF EACH PAGE CONTAINING THE STATEMENT. I HAVE MADE THIS STATEMENT FREELY WITHOUT HOPE OF BENEFIT OR REWARD, WITHOUT THREAT OF PUNISHMENT, AND WITHOUT COERCION, UNLAWFUL INFLU!

(b)(3), (b)(6)  
*(Signature of Person Making Statement)* \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESSES:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 20 day of October, 2009 at FOB BOSTICK, AFGHANISTAN, APO AE 09354 \_\_\_\_\_

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(b)(3), (b)(6) SFC, USA  
*(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)*  
ARTICLE 136, UCMJ  
*(Authority To Administer Oaths)* \_\_\_\_\_

INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT (b)(3), (b)(6)