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# SWORN STATEMENT

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**PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT**

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| **AUTHORITY:** | Title 10 USC Section 301; Title 5 USC Section 2951; E.O. 9397 dated November 22, 1943 *(SSN)*. |
| **PRINCIPAL PURPOSE:** | To provide commanders and law enforcement officials with means by which information may be accurately identified. |
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| 1. LOCATION | 2. DATE *(YYYYMMDD)* | 3. TIME | 4. FILE NUMBER |
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| BAGRAM, AF | 2010/10/18 | | |

| 5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME | 6. SSN | 7. GRADE/STATUS |
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| Thomas, Raymond, Anthony | (b)(3), (b)(6) | BG |

8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

TF (b)(2)High

9.

I, BG Raymond Anthony Thomas, WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

The situation leading up to the assault on OBJ (b)(2)High had developed several days before I deployed and I was under the impression that TF (b)(2)High had go/no go authority with a prior notification requirement to the British Ambassador (this based upon the brief to GEN Petraeus the morning of the raid, when he merely asked, "has the British Ambassador been notified?") The response was the intent to do so hours prior to the operation, which GEN Petraeus approved.

I was pretty confident that Linda Norgrove was in the vicinity of the target compound based upon the (b)(2)High I'd heard from the TF collection which seemed to pinpoint her captors there and indicated that he/they were unable/unwilling to move her elsewhere (corroborated to a degree by the constant look ISR which didn't indicate any movement from the target area and a consistent perceived enemy presence). I was very confident of the force employed as they had excelled in numerous high risk operations during the course of a (b)(2)High deployment (they are in the (b)(2)High weeks of this rotation). I, specifically, asked if we thought we had (b)(2)High correlation to A building in the compound and was told it was not of sufficient fidelity to discern to that level, but the collective wisdom was that she was in one of the buildings in the target area.

As we tracked actions on the objective in the JOC, we heard sequential reporting which indicated that we had identified the hostage on target, and, subsequently, that she was KIA. At that point, the preliminary discussions/questions about cause of death were pretty slim on detail, but indicated that about the moment the assault force closed with the enemy (and Miss Norgrove) there was a large explosion. Subsequent to that we got the pictures of both the insurgent who was proximate to the hostage (the individual who lost a large portion of his upper left torso) and the hostage which led to initial speculation as to a) the source of the explosion that cleaved the insurgent's upper torso and b) her cause of death. Subsequent reporting from the objective indicated that the assault force had discovered chest racks with grenades with the pins pulled. Lastly, the TF (b)(2)High CDR specifically asked the assault force if they had employed any explosive devices and was told "NO." The conventional wisdom at that moment which was captured in the reporting that we transmitted to ISAF was based on the belief that Ms. Norgrove's captors had initiated some type of explosive device that had resulted in her death.

Following the completion of the operation and the exfiltration of the force, and after we had pushed the initial SITREPs, I departed for Qatar for the CC Cdr's conference the following AM. That night COL (b)(3), (b)(6) called me in Qatar to inform me that he had reviewed the tape and believed that the force had used a grenade on the objective. I directed him to contact VADM McRaven to inform him and get his guidance on how to rectify our reporting and investigate this incident.

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*THE BOTTOM OF EACH ADDITIONAL PAGE MUST BEAR THE INITIALS OF THE PERSON MAKING THE STATEMENT, AND PAGE NUMBER MUST BE BE INDICATED.*



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STATEMENT OF BG Raymond Anthony Thomas TAKEN AT BAGRAM, AF DATED 2010/10/18

9. STATEMENT *(Continued)*

**AFFIDAVIT**

I, BG Raymond Anthony Thomas, 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 INFLUENCE, OR UNLAWFUL INDUCEMENT.

*(Signature of Person Making Statement)*

WITNESSES:

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 18th day of October, 2010 at Bagram, Airfield, Afghanistan

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

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

*(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)*

Judge Advocate

*(Authority To Administer Oaths)*

INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT