

**SWORN STATEMENT**

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**PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT**

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1. LOCATION DFIP, Camp Sabalu-Harrison, BAF, Afghanistan	2. DATE (YYYYMM) 2012/02/22	3. TIME (b)(6) (b)(3), (b)(7)c 1552	4. FILE NUMBER 0053-12-CID369-
5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c	6. SSN (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c	7. GRADE/STATUS (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c	
8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS 42D Military Police Brigade, TF Protector/42D, Camp Sabalu-Harrison, Afghanistan			

9. (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c, WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

On 18 February 2012, (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c came to my office at TF Protector S2. He asked if I had time to help go through books in the DFIP library looking for writing or notes. Books with writing and notes were set aside for the linguists to translate. Material that could not be translated or had possible intelligence value was placed in a burn bag for further exploitation. Markings in the books that could not be translated or had intelligence value were photographed. I worked in the library from 1500-1800 on 18th February. I continued on 19 February from 1000-1200, and 20 February from 1000-1930. On 20 February, the books that had been looked through were looked at by the linguists for radical or extremist material. Those books were set aside to be removed from the library. We finished searching all the books at 1930 on 20 February. At that time (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c if he needed any help getting the books deemed extremist from the library, (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c said he didn't need help. The library was locked and both keys given to a soldier working for (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c.

- Q (b)(6), (b)(7)c
- A. (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c
- Q. Did you type the above narrative?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Approximately how many books were removed from the DFIP library?
- A. I was not there for the removal of the books, only the identification of the books. The last time I was in the DFIP library, books had been identified for removal; however, had not been removed.
- Q. Who identified the books to be removed?
- A. One of the linguists. I don't know his name.
- Q. Do you know how he identified the books for removal or what the parameters of his decision was?
- A. No. I was still scanning other books at the time.
- Q. When you say you were scanning other books, what do you mean?
- A. I would scan for any writing, string, duct tape, pens, etc, and then provide the book to the linguist.
- Q. What was the plan for the books that were identified and/or removed?
- A. I was not told as to what would happen to the books.
- Q. Do you have any further information to provide to this statement?
- A. No.///END OF STATEMENT (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c

10. EXHIBIT	11. INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c	PAGE 1 OF 2 PAGES
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ADDITIONAL PAGES MUST CONTAIN THE HEADING "STATEMENT OF \_\_\_\_\_ TAKEN AT \_\_\_\_\_ DATED \_\_\_\_\_"

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

STATEMENT OF (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c

TAKEN AT DFIP, AFG

DATED 2012/02/22

9. STATEMENT (Continued)

**AFFIDAVIT**

I, (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c, 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,

WITNESSES:

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(b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c  
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Authorized by law to  
administer oaths, this 22nd day of February, 2012

at DFIP, OSU, DAF  
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(b)(6), (b)(7)c  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

(b)(6), (b)(7)c  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)  
10 USC 936  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Authority To Administer Oaths)

INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT  
(b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c

2 March 2012, 1644 hrs

Interview of (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c

At 1645 hrs, BG Watson advised (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c of her rights for the offense under UCMJ, Art 92, allegations of false official statements. At 1647 hrs, (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c waived her right to counsel and agreed to make a statement.

At 1648 hrs, BG Watson administered the oath to (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c

I am (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c assigned to the 42d Military Police Brigade, Task Force Protector, at Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan. I am the CI NCO in the S2 shop and have been in that position since September 2011 when I PCSd to the Brigade. My duty position has not been clarified and I currently work as a liaison between Team COIN and the CI section in the DFIP with the interrogators. The Team COIN OIC is (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c the deputy is (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c and the NCOIC is (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c they all work out of the S2 section. My daily duties are with the CI team, but I am only on loan there, I am not permanently assigned with them. I am part of the Brigade, not part of the 535th. (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c is the CI Team OIC; he is just part of the CI team. I met him a couple of days after I arrived in theatre approximately 3 weeks ago, but I have only worked with him for 2 weeks. I believe that he is extremely knowledgeable and his briefings provide good information for force protection. Their office just works with the DFIP and so they focus their efforts there.

This is my fourth deployment. It is my first deployment to Afghanistan. I've had other deployments to Iraq, Kuwait, and Qatar.

To prep for the deployment, half of the unit had an exercise that I was an instructor for. I taught COIN, and my office also taught a country brief, IED lanes. We repeated the exercise at a later time for more soldiers who had been TDY at Ft Bliss for detainee operations. A month later we had 350-1 training, mortuary affairs, legal came to talk to us, and we had biometrics training.

Based on my training, if I came across a book I knew was Quran, I would treat it with respect, but I would still pick it up. The mindset is, and especially as an intel Soldier, the bottom line is, if it's going to save a Soldier's life, I'm going to pick it up and look at it. I taught COIN so I know that if I mess up their stuff, I'm not winning their hearts and minds. I was taught in the country brief not to show the bottom of your feet, not to look at the females, and that the Quran was their holy book. We were not given specific instructions about how to handle the Quran.

I really wasn't briefed a lot prior to the search. On Saturday, the day of the search, I started working on (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c team. That afternoon, I was asked if I wanted to help with a search of a library and I agreed. I wasn't really briefed about what we were searching for. I had been previously told that the library was run by a pretty shitty local national, so I assumed that was why the search was being conducted. We searched the books page-by-page and looked for large pieces of writings, strings, tape, notes, etc... and took anything we found to the interpreters and thought it might be ways that the prisoners were communicating. Those items were placed on a cart for the interpreter to review. We took things that the interpreter determined to have intel

value and put them in one bag; all that information was retained. Anything that was determined useless was put into different burn bags. I believe both those burn bags went back to the CI team's office. I didn't know if any of the books were Qurans or religious in nature. Any book that had no writing on it, I placed back on the shelves. We knew the detainees were getting information they shouldn't have, so that first day anything I saw, I passed over. I asked other members of the CI team what to do with the papers I found and followed their guidance. There was only one linguist assisting in the search. I don't recall his name but he was an older gentleman, pretty tall – maybe 6 foot, clean shaven, salt & pepper hair. I can't clarify which one of the two interpreters whose names I was provided was actually the person there. I assisted with searches on Saturday afternoon, Sunday morning, and all day Monday. On Saturday, (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c from CID was with me in the CI office, as well as some of the other CI members (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c and I think the other person was (b)(6), (b)(7)c but that's not his real name, that's just the easiest way to say his name. (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c the team leader was also there for a little bit that day. (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c only participated in the search on Monday. (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c was only there on Saturday to drop off me and (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c

A lot of the books were dusty and in poor condition. I thought the layout of the library was interesting. On the third day, it was brought to my attention that all of the self-help books, such as learning to speak English, were in the back and had never been touched. The books that were more insurgent in nature were in the front and easily accessible to pass out to the detainees. Those books were characterized as extremist books by one of the linguists on Monday.

Once I passed a book off to the linguist, I didn't really pay attention to what happened to those particular books. On the first day, less than 50 books were left out on a table. I believe those books were left out because they were books that were extremist nature, but I wasn't told that specifically. On Saturday, there was just one linguist present. He did not give us any caution that any of the books were religious material and should be handled in a particular manner. He didn't say what any of the books were about.

On Saturday, (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c stopped by to visit us during the search. He asked how we were doing. He thought it was amazing how much stuff was in there and how much had been spent on the library. He expressed his unhappiness about how much stuff was being found. He seemed like he knew what was going on. He had been walking on the catwalks above the library while we were conducting the search.

I left to meet my shop for dinner on Saturday night and didn't return to the library.

I arrived at about 1000 hrs on Sunday and there were two linguists were present. I was only there about 2-3 hours that morning and left at about 1300 hrs for lunch. Again, we received no information from the linguists that any of the materials were religious in nature. We conducted our search in the same manner as we had the previous day.

On Sunday morning, the table had at least double the amount of books on it; it was obvious they had continued working after I left on Saturday. By Sunday afternoon, it appeared the number of books on the table had tripled.

On one of the days, one of the linguists told us that one of the books had text in it that said “long live Osama Bin Laden, may he live forever.” That was text actually in the book, not a hand written statement by a detainee.

I arrived about 1000 hrs on Monday and spent the entire day in the library. (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c said he was trying to get help with the search because there was pressure to finish searching all the books. When I arrived, there were a couple of (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c helping as well as (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c (?). I told them to wait until the CI Team arrived to tell them what to do. There were the same 2 linguists there in the morning. In the afternoon, (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c was also there for a couple of hours, but he had to leave for a mission. (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c assisted with the search.

On Monday, the table had so many books on it; there was hardly any room to work there. The search continued in the same manner as it had on Saturday and Sunday. (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c came back that afternoon and helped us search. At about 1400 hrs, he and one of the linguists began going through the books and the linguist was telling him which books were extremist in nature. They started their search from the front. The linguist would pull a book off the shelf and indicate whether it was extremist, who wrote the book, and what type of material the book contained. The books with writing of that nature were stacked on the floor, near the door. These were books we had already searched in the front of the library. We continued to search books in the back of the library. The second linguist made no comment about those books, (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c helped a little, but seemed disinterested. He would look at short notes written in the books and tell us what the writing was and whether we could put the book back on the shelf. None of the linguists expressed any concern about the way the books were being handled. One of the linguists was placing the books in the stacks on the floor. The team was still searching books in the back while (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c and the younger linguist were going through the books we had already searched in the front. As described by MG Watson, the linguist was probably (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c

After lunch, in the late afternoon, (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c were talking at one point about removing the books. I had to leave for a section meeting and dinner at about 1800 hrs. I returned about 1900-1930 hrs and it seemed like a decision had been reached that (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c team would take the books out and deal with them. When I came back after dinner, the search was done. There were a lot of books on the floor. It was almost impossible to walk through the library.

I had no idea any of the books were religious. Some of the books had pretty ornate covers and I had seen books like that in some of the detainees’ cells. The books in the library looked similar, but some of the colorings were different. As far as I knew, we were just searching books in the library. Some of the books were torn up and trashed, the covers were falling off, the pages were coming out, and some had duct tape on them. All those books were separated and set aside for disposal. They were so torn up, there was no point in having them in there.

Before the interviews began, (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c did talk to us and told us just to tell the truth.

In retrospect, it does appear there were 2 stages to the operation. The first being the search and the second being the disposal of materials deemed to be extremist in nature.

Everyone wore gloves during the search because it is normal procedure to wear gloves. In this particular instance, we were aware that a lot detainees throw and handle feces, so it was really a self-protection measure to wear the gloves during the search.

During the RIP, no procedures or SOPs were covered and no real briefings were provided to me on the operations in the DFIP. I don't know what type of training the soldiers received at Ft Bliss. I didn't see any SOPs until after the fact. I am familiar with an SOP about the handling of contraband, but was just shown it by (b)(6), (b)(3), (b)(7)c a couple of days ago.

Interview terminated at 1756 hrs.