

SWORN STATEMENT

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| 1. LOCATION FOI(b)(1.4a, (b)(1) Afghanistan | 2. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 2011/08/06 | 3. TIME 2200 | 4. FILE NUMBER |
| 5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME (b)(3),(b)(6) | 6. SSN (b)(3),(b)(6) | 7. GRADE/STATUS (b)(3),(b)(d) | |
| 8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS HHC/TASK FORCE (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c AFGHANISTAN, APO AE 09264 | | | |

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

On 5 Aug 2011, I was selected as the Air Mission Commander for the Team (b)(3),(b)(6) Mission which was scheduled for 5-6 Aug 2011. Upon starting my duty day, I proceeded to the Team (b)(3),(b)(6) compound with (b)(3),(b)(6) for mission planning and face-to-face coordination. The LZs selected were those that were previously selected and approved by the 10th CAB chain of command. Planning went normally and I proceeded back to TF (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c area for the mission brief and mission execution.

After receiving the mission brief from (b)(3),(b)(6) I conducted the AMC brief. We discussed all elements including a downed aircraft procedure and actions on contact. I updated our weather and proceeded to the aircraft.

The mission proceeded normally. We conducted infil of 47 rangers to the briefed LZs. After infil, we proceeded back to (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c maintained REDCON 2 status awaiting exfil of the Rangers. For approximately two hours, we waited. At approximately 0200, (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c called and told us to proceed to REDCON 1 and move to the East Gravel to pick up an additional 17 Team (b)(3),(b)(6) personnel. Also at that time, (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c gave us the grid for the LZ to put the additional forces into. Once we arrived at East Gravel, and after waiting approximately 30 minutes, 3 buses arrived with 32 Team (b)(3),(b)(6) personnel and one dog.

I had made the decision to put all personnel on the lead aircraft. Power margins were absolutely no issue. During our power checks, we only hovered 4 % above predicted hover torque (about 4000 lbs of personnel weight). The initial check was with 24 personnel, and an additional eight personnel would only equate to about another 3000 lbs (total of 7000 lbs). This coupled with the fact that about 2000 lbs of fuel had been consumed resulted in exceptionally low hover torque. I also made the decision to use one aircraft so as to minimize the risk to both aircraft.

At approximately 0230-0245, we took off and proceeded to the Tangi Valley. I elected to hold 4-5 miles from the LZ so as to allow the AH-64s to cover the infil. I observed chalk 1 (A/C 175) proceed inbound. I lost sight of the aircraft over a spur, but also noticed the AH-64s covering the CH-47. I heard the 6 minute and 3 minute calls, triggers to allow the AH-64s to (b)(1)1.4a as we had 0% illumination. The final (b)(3),(b)(6) for illumination is 1 minute and I never heard the call. About 5 minutes after I started to hold, our CE's noticed the AH-64s engaging an area behind the spur. I then noticed a bright glow behind the ridgeline. We moved our aircraft closer to the valley so as to observe what was going on. At this time, we were around 9500 feet MSL. Once clear of the spur, we saw a fire and had no contact with our sister aircraft. Shortly thereafter, the AH-64 referenced a crash site. I contacted (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c and (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c told us to return (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c REDCON 3.

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