

INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]

CASE NO. A09098

TAKEN: September 11, 2009

16:45 HOURS

INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY:

SGT. QUANICO #1429

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SGT. QUANICO:

Okay, we're on. Today is uh, Friday, September 11th, 2009. The time of this interview is uh, 16:45 hours. My name is uh, Sergeant Quanico, Q-U-A-N-I-C-O, star number 1429. I'm an investigator with the San Francisco Sheriff's Department Investigative Services Unit. Um, this is a uh, uh, an interview being conducted at County Jail number one, the sixth floor, interview room C. Uh, and this is once again for case A09098. And uh, we're here today with Mr. [REDACTED] is that correct?

[REDACTED] Yes.

SGT. QUANICO:

And Mr. [REDACTED] can you please spell your name for the record?

[REDACTED] Uh, [REDACTED]

SGT. QUANICO:

And what's your jail number?

[REDACTED] My jail number is [REDACTED]

SGT. QUANICO:

Great. And Mr. [REDACTED] uh, you understand you're just a witness uh--

[REDACTED] I understand.

SGT. QUANICO:

And uh, this is being recorded. Uh, I-I asked you if you recall an incident on Labor Day regarding an inmate that was being escorted either in or out of K tank. And you said you didn't see anything, but you did hear some noise, or you heard a ruckus. Tell me what you did hear.

[REDACTED] I-I heard first a verbal exchange. Uh, I believe uh, uh, the inmate said something like uh, "I can't breathe." And I believe he was being asked to come out of the [cage]. The guy was upset. He couldn't breathe. And uh, I heard the officer say something like, "Don't resist." And I heard uh, the inmate say something to the

nature of, "I can't breathe. I can't bend--I can't bend over. I can't breathe. I need my medication. I can't breathe." And uh, I heard, "Don't resist, don't resist." And basically that was all I heard. "I can't breathe, I can't breathe." And I turned away and watched television because people were asked to leave uh, the gate area.

SGT. QUANICO: Okay.

So uh, I didn't see anything, I just heard that verbal exchange.

SGT. QUANICO: So you didn't see anybody?

No.

SGT. QUANICO: Did see who the--what the inmate looked like?

No.

SGT. QUANICO: Didn't see what the de--what deputies are involved?

No.

SGT. QUANICO: So basically--what time did this take place about?

Oh, man. It was in the evening. It might have been eight, nine o'clock. I'm not even sure. I know it was after dinner. I was watching television.

SGT. QUANICO: Okay. Did you hear anybody say, "Safety cell," or anybody say, "You're going to Toper?" Did you hear that?

No. I-I heard uh, "Come out," and "Don't resist." And I heard, "I can't bend over, I can't breathe. I can't bend over, I can't breathe."

SGT. QUANICO: Do-do you recall recognizing any of the voices from the deputies that are--that were there?

No, I didn't.

SGT. QUANICO: How-how long have you been here?

Approximately two months.

SGT. QUANICO: And in [all] two months and then four?

[REDACTED] Yes.

SGT. QUANICO: Do you know--did you hear anything about what happened later on to this particular inmate?

[REDACTED] Yes, I did.

SGT. QUANICO: What did you hear?

[REDACTED] I heard that uh, he went to uh, the Toper I guess and uh, and he died.

SGT. QUANICO: Okay. And who told you that?

[REDACTED] Actually, I didn't hear he died. No, I didn't. I didn't hear until the next day he died.

SGT. QUANICO: Okay.

[REDACTED] Yeah. Someone-someone was told over the phone--a friend of mine was talking to his mom, I believe, and his mom told him on the phone. It was on the news I guess.

SGT. QUANICO: Anything else?

[REDACTED] No.

SGT. QUANICO: Anything else that you'd like to add that I might have missed?

[REDACTED] Uh, that's all I heard.

SGT. QUANICO: Later on, when inmates were talking about it at the dorm, did they--did anybody put names in with what was going on?

[REDACTED] Yeah, I heard uh--yeah, I heard one of the guys say it was the Asian officer with glasses--

SGT. QUANICO: Okay.

[REDACTED] --that-that was--that was causing most of the ruckus with the guy.
But--

SGT. QUANICO: Did they--

[REDACTED] --I didn't see it, so I can't really [unintelligible]. I can't say for sure
because I didn't--you know. All I heard was some guy say that.
[unintelligible]

SGT. QUANICO: [unintelligible]

[REDACTED] Should I open that for him?

SGT. QUANICO: Yeah. Okay, if that's it I'll go ahead and just end it. Anything
else?

[REDACTED] No.

SGT. QUANICO: All right. The time is 16:50 hours. This will conclude my interview
with Mr. [REDACTED]

[End of Recorded Material]