

INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]

CASE NO. A09098
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16:42 HOURS

INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY:
SR. DEP. CHEW #809

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SR. DEP. CHEW: Okay, the uh, date is September 11th, 2009. The time now is 16:42 hours. I am Senior Deputy Chew, C-H-E-W, star number 809. I am an investigator with the Sheriff's Department Investigative Service Unit. I am at County Jail number one interview room, and I am here with--can I get your--

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
SR. DEP. CHEW: Okay, could you spell your last name.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
SR. DEP. CHEW: And your jail number.

[REDACTED] Is [REDACTED]

SR. DEP. CHEW: Okay, uh, [REDACTED] I just want to confirm uh, you were housed in uh, K8--

[REDACTED] Yes.

SR. DEP. CHEW: --on September 7th, 2009.

[REDACTED] Yes, sir.

SR. DEP. CHEW: Okay. And uh, do you recall an incident that happened uh, around almost around this time on swing shift on that Monday night? Uh, an inmate [REDACTED] was brought over to K?

[REDACTED] Uh, they brought him into K, and they were going to put him in the first cell, which is cell number one when you come into the doors to the left.

SR. DEP. CHEW: Mm-hmm.

[REDACTED] And he refused to go in there.

SR. DEP. CHEW: Okay. Uh, may I ask you uh, from your housing--K8--uh, is that across from you?

[REDACTED] No, it's diagonal. I could see--it was a straight shot from the diagonal.

SR. DEP. CHEW: Okay. And from uh--where--where were you that night exactly?

[REDACTED] Uh, at first I was laying on my bed, but when I heard the gate open--every time I hear the gate open, I always jump up to see who's coming in.

SR. DEP. CHEW: Okay, and were you able to see?

[REDACTED] Yeah, I saw them. I saw the--

SR. DEP. CHEW: Okay.

[REDACTED] --I saw the deputies uh, bring him in and him refuse. And then uh, they just pulled him back out. And um, then I just heard like a [unintelligible] in the hall, you know, and they slammed the gate shut and that's all I heard.

SR. DEP. CHEW: Okay. Uh, you mentioned that uh, Mr. [REDACTED] was brought in by uh, another deputy.

[REDACTED] Mm-hmm.

SR. DEP. CHEW: Uh, do you know who they were?

[REDACTED] I know it was Deputy [Wong] and--

SR. DEP. CHEW: You mean Senior Deputy [Wong] or Deputy [Wong]?

[REDACTED] I think it was Deputy [unintelligible] so many, you know? I don't really know which one is uh--but uh, he's Asian and um--

SR. DEP. CHEW: Okay, and anyone else?

[REDACTED] I recognized [White] was there.

SR. DEP. CHEW: Okay.

[REDACTED] And I don't remember [unintelligible].

SR. DEP. CHEW: And uh, could you tell me how many deputies were there?

[REDACTED] It was three or four.

SR. DEP. CHEW: And uh, Mr. [REDACTED] uh, could you describe to me uh, when he was brought in uh, how was he?

[REDACTED] He seemed very uh, aggravated--like-like very combative with the uh, deputies.

SR. DEP. CHEW: When he first came in?

[REDACTED] When he first first came in--as soon as they opened the-the--the cell block opened, but as soon as they walked in the [unintelligible] into the cell, he just was like, "I'm not going in there." You know, like really aggressive.

SR. DEP. CHEW: Okay. Could--could you tell me uh, Mr. [REDACTED] uh, uh--was he restrained in any way?

[REDACTED] They just had him in the regular handcuffs, you know, hands behind his back, just like they do everyone. You know, nothing--no unnecessary force or, you know, anything like that. In fact they were being very--you know, they were--like they were very nice to him.

SR. DEP. CHEW: Okay. You--

[REDACTED] I don't understand why he was being so aggressive.

SR. DEP. CHEW: Okay, you mentioned they were being very nice to him. Uh, could you describe that?

[REDACTED] Yeah, they were like--they were like, "Okay, we're going to put you in this cell." They let him know exactly what they were doing. "We're gonna place you in this cell. When you close the door, put

your hands through the hole and we'll take the cuffs off of you."
He just would not even go in the cell.

SR. DEP. CHEW: Okay. Uh, who was saying that?

Uh, Wong.

SR. DEP. CHEW: Okay. And uh, could you describe uh, the deputies' demeanor?
What were they doing?

They were just--like they always are very just, you know--

SR. DEP. CHEW: Were they just standing around?

They were--the other guys were standing around making, you know like--I guess they do this like-like uh, like watch each others' back just in case something does go wrong with the inmate. They all, you know, just like--just standing there. And [Wong] was being very polite. He's like, "Okay," just--you know, just he said, "Really, I just need you to step inside. And once I close the gate, we'll take the cuffs off." So I think the guy wanted the cuffs off.

SR. DEP. CHEW: Okay. And uh, Mr. [REDACTED] could you describe uh, if anyone was holding him, or was he uh, standing by himself?

The only person that was holding him was [Wong].

SR. DEP. CHEW: Okay. And uh--

At that time.

SR. DEP. CHEW: And could you describe to me uh, how he was doing that?

He just was holding him um, by his arms. His arms were behind his back--

SR. DEP. CHEW: Mm-hmm.

--and he was holding him by his hands, you know, just like trying to walk him into the cell.

SR. DEP. CHEW:

Okay. [unintelligible] you're saying [Wong] was trying to walk him into his cell. Uh, you're saying he was holding him by his hands?

[REDACTED]

Yeah, just like--he'll hold him by his arm like right here, you know?

SR. DEP. CHEW:

Okay, so you're describing where biceps are?

[REDACTED]

Yeah, where the bicep is.

SR. DEP. CHEW:

Okay, one hand, two hands?

[REDACTED]

One hand on each side--each side of him trying to guide him to the cell.

SR. DEP. CHEW:

Okay, and uh, what was Mr. [REDACTED] doing?

[REDACTED]

He just--he just all of a sudden just stopped and like pushed back. He was like, "I'm not going in there."

SR. DEP. CHEW:

Okay.

[REDACTED]

He was like, "I'm not f-ing going in there."

SR. DEP. CHEW:

Okay, so-so when--you mentioned he pushed back. How hard?

[REDACTED]

Pretty hard.

SR. DEP. CHEW:

Pretty hard?

[REDACTED]

Yeah, he was being very aggressive with them.

SR. DEP. CHEW:

Okay.

[REDACTED]

Very aggressive with them.

SR. DEP. CHEW:

Okay. Uh, could you describe to me how he was being aggressive?

[REDACTED]

Like when he--when they went to push him in and he just like with all his force like pushed back.

SR. DEP. CHEW: And what happened to the deputy?

[REDACTED] And [Wong]-[Wong] grabbed--[Wong] like [unintelligible] [Wong] followed him, and I think it was [White]--I can't remember--you know, the deputies that was um, coming. They came to like assist him to get him to come out of the K tank. So like out the front door. Because they came in the front door--

SR. DEP. CHEW: Okay, so-so you're-you're telling me someone made the decision to take him out?

[REDACTED] Yeah. They just--they--usually they just take them out.

SR. DEP. CHEW: Oh, okay. Uh, any instructions given to Mr. [REDACTED]?

[REDACTED] They were just like, "Stop resisting, stop resisting."

SR. DEP. CHEW: Okay. And uh, was anything said beforehand?

[REDACTED] Nuh-uh.

SR. DEP. CHEW: Did [Wong] say anything besides, "Just enter the tank"?

[REDACTED] No.

SR. DEP. CHEW: You didn't hear anything--a conversation or argument between--

[REDACTED] I may have--I think I heard--before they even came into the tank, I was hearing them--I heard a little bit of arguing going on outside the tank right before they came in the main door.

SR. DEP. CHEW: What did you hear?

[REDACTED] I really couldn't make it out. Like I said, I was laying down.

SR. DEP. CHEW: Okay. So-so what you're telling me is uh, when [REDACTED] was being placed in, he pushed back.

[REDACTED] Mm-hmm.

SR. DEP. CHEW: At that point uh, the deputies [immediately] had to pull him back--

[REDACTED]: --to keep him--keep him from falling, and then took him out of the front.

SR. DEP. CHEW: Okay, how many?

[REDACTED]: Two. It was just two of them at a time. The other was--the other was just staying back.

SR. DEP. CHEW: Okay, uh, once they go out of the tank--out of K--

[REDACTED]: That's when I heard--I heard loud--I heard just like a [thud]. I didn't know what it was.

SR. DEP. CHEW: But did you see anything?

[REDACTED]: No.

SR. DEP. CHEW: Were you able to see anything at that point?

[REDACTED]: Nuh-uh.

SR. DEP. CHEW: Okay. You heard a thud, okay. Uh, anything else besides hearing the thud? Voices?

[REDACTED]: Voices, but I really couldn't make out what they were saying because uh, everybody was--at that time, everybody started talking like, "What was that all about?" You know, like they were just talking so I didn't really pay attention.

SR. DEP. CHEW: Mm-hmm. Okay. Uh, when you heard the thud, okay, what did you think it was?

[REDACTED]: I thought maybe one of the deputies probably fell or something, you know. I didn't think it was something like major.

SR. DEP. CHEW: Okay. Anything after the thud? Any voices?

[REDACTED]: I really couldn't make out anything that was said in the hallway. Because then--by that time everybody had started to do their conversations and things like that.

SR. DEP. CHEW: Okay. Uh, was the tank slider still open?

	Mm-hmm.
SR. DEP. CHEW:	It was still open?
	Mm-hmm.
SR. DEP. CHEW:	And--but from your angle, you're not able to see it?
	Yeah, because--
SR. DEP. CHEW:	And you couldn't make anything else out? Okay. How long--did the--
	Commotion go on outside the room?
SR. DEP. CHEW:	Yeah, the commotion and uh--
	The deputies leaving.
SR. DEP. CHEW:	How long did it take--did the slider remain open?
	It was--the slider stayed open for like about probably maybe five minutes.
SR. DEP. CHEW:	Five minutes?
	Yeah, five minutes.
SR. DEP. CHEW:	And were they still out there?
	They were out there. They were out there in the hall. But I mean I couldn't make out anything that was said.
SR. DEP. CHEW:	For five minutes?
	Longer than that. I would say close to five they were still in the hallway.
SR. DEP. CHEW:	For how long?
	Um, I don't know because I went and lied down.

SR. DEP. CHEW:

Okay. Did you recall when they left?

[REDACTED] Mmm, I think it was like maybe ten minutes at the most. Not--they weren't out there that long. They-they must have taken him down the hall or brought him down this way or something.

SR. DEP. CHEW:

And you didn't hear anything else after that?

[REDACTED] No.

SR. DEP. CHEW:

Okay. Um, before we conclude the uh, interview, [REDACTED] is there anything that you want to tell me more or discuss?

[REDACTED] Just that I mean the of--the deputies here are cool. They don't--I mean they really don't--they're--they don't like use excessive force unless you really make them, you know what I'm saying? They're--this is a really good group of deputies I think. [unintelligible] they're very protective of-of everyone and, you know, if you have a problem, they be there quick to respond and stuff like that usually, you know.

SR. DEP. CHEW:

Okay. Okay, thank you. Uh, the time now is uh, 16:52, and this concludes the interview.

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