

INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]

CASE NO. A09098
TAKEN: September 10, 2009
12:10 HOURS

INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY:
SGT. QUANICO #1429
AND
SEN. DEP. LUQUIN #1815
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SGT. QUANICO: Okay, we're on. Today is um, Thursday, and it's September 10th, 2009. The time of this interview is 12:10 hours. Uh, this is a case for uh--excuse me, this is an interview for case A09098. I am currently at 850 Bryant Street, sixth floor, using the post 11 office. Uh, I'm Sergeant Quanico, Q-U-A-N-I-C-O, star number 1429. Also with me is--

SEN. DEP. LUQUIN: Senior Deputy Luquin, L-U-Q-U-I-N, star number 1815.

SGT. QUANICO: We're both investigators with the San Francisco Sheriff's Department Investigative Services Unit, and we are conducting an-an investigation into the death in custody of inmate [REDACTED]. And uh, we're here today with uh, inmate [REDACTED] is that correct? Now can you speak up just so the recorder?

[REDACTED] Yes.

SGT. QUANICO: And Mr. [REDACTED] can you spell your last name for the record?

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

SGT. QUANICO: Great, Mr. [REDACTED] And your first name is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This is correct.

SGT. QUANICO: And what's your jail number?

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

SGT. QUANICO: Great. And Mr. [REDACTED] and on the 7th uh, you uh, you were also interviewed by some inspectors from the police department, correct?

[REDACTED] Yes.

SGT. QUANICO: Okay. Now this is the administrative investigation. Please understand you're just a witness. You understand that? Okay. Um, why don't you go ahead and tell me--first of all, are you still in dorm 13?

[REDACTED] Yes.

SGT. QUANICO: Um, and how--and how many uh--are the same people that were there--of course except Mr. [REDACTED] are the same individuals that were there on Monday still there today?

[REDACTED] Yes, I think so.

SGT. QUANICO: Okay. Uh, why don't you go ahead and tell me what exactly happened. And I know you don't have access to clocks, watches, but I know the TV was on. So if you have approximate time when this exactly started uh, try and tell me what time uh, the issue with Mr. [REDACTED] and the deputies started, okay? Go ahead.

[REDACTED] Uh, [unintelligible] before dinner. But he came by. He said uh, he said he talked to uh, somebody--a sheriff about being transferred to the mainline.

SGT. QUANICO: And he talked to someone from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Yeah. He said uh, [unintelligible] she was going to come down here and pick him up and change him to the Mainline.

SGT. QUANICO: Do you remember which uh, jail [REDACTED] person it was?

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

SGT. QUANICO: [REDACTED] Have you talked to [REDACTED] before too?

[REDACTED] Uh, one time.

SGT. QUANICO: What nationality is she?

[REDACTED] I think she's white.

SGT. QUANICO: Okay. So [REDACTED] talked to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] told him that, "We're going to try to get you on the main line"?

[REDACTED] Yeah.

SGT. QUANICO: Okay. Go on.

[REDACTED] Uh, they came back about two days later.

SGT. QUANICO: So it this two days before the incident?

[REDACTED] Yeah, they came back two days later. When he was telling him to roll his stuff up.

SGT. QUANICO: So that's the deputy?

[REDACTED] Yeah.

SGT. QUANICO: Do you remember what deputy told him to "roll up?" Okay. What did he look like, do you know?

[REDACTED] All I know he [unintelligible]. He was just describing to him [unintelligible].

SGT. QUANICO: So he was happy he was leaving?

[REDACTED] Yeah.

SGT. QUANICO: Okay, so [REDACTED] was told by this deputy--now this is the day of the incident, right, when he left?

[REDACTED] [unintelligible]

SGT. QUANICO: Okay. So on Monday, a deputy said, "Roll your stuff up."

[REDACTED] Yeah.

SGT. QUANICO: Okay, go on.

[redacted] [unintelligible] roll his stuff up. So-so he came by and got him, and um, cuffed to him, picked up his bag, and he left. [unintelligible]

SGT. QUANICO: Okay. Now, hey [redacted] do you remember earlier--before he was transferred out, meaning [redacted] did he get into some kind of argument with uh, Deputy Al-Ghani over the TVs? The volume was too loud and then the deputy turned it off?

[redacted] Yeah, there was like [77. You can blame it on me or something I did]. He was just [here].

SGT. QUANICO: He was upset?

[redacted] Yes.

SGT. QUANICO: Tell-tell me more about that. What happened exactly?

[redacted] Well, that was like the TV came on came in and said the TV was too loud. He said, "Why don't you turn the TV off?" He said, "All right." But [unintelligible] stuff like that. [unintelligible] so he got the TV off about 30 minutes.

SGT. QUANICO: So he set your off?

[redacted] Yeah, and came down and got him, picked him up.

SGT. QUANICO: So he was upset over that?

[redacted] Yeah.

SGT. QUANICO: And uh, that was on Monday, right?

[redacted] I don't remember.

SGT. QUANICO: Okay. Do you remember what deputy um--[I said Smith Al-Ghani was it her that gave him a hard time about the TV, or was it somebody else?

[redacted] I think it [was].

SGT. QUANICO: Okay. And what does she look like?

[REDACTED] I think she [has black hair, straight down] [unintelligible].

SGT. QUANICO: Anything else out of the ordinary happen that day?

[REDACTED] No. [unintelligible] that's about it.

SGT. QUANICO: Was uh, was [REDACTED] fighting with the deputies at all, or was there anything physical uh, when-when he was taken out after he complained about the TVs?

[REDACTED] [unintelligible] I think he might have fought one or two of them, but I don't remember.

SGT. QUANICO: On the way out?

[REDACTED] Right in front of the room here. [unintelligible] confrontation, that's about it.

SGT. QUANICO: Okay. Anything else that happened that day when he left? Okay. And what have you heard? What did you hear had happened after that?

[REDACTED] They just said how he died. That's all they said.

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

[REDACTED] Uh, [unintelligible] one of my [unintelligible] sleep right underneath him.

SGT. QUANICO: All right, all right. Well, thank you, Mr. [REDACTED] There's nothing else I needed to ask you, so [unintelligible] some follow up questions.

SEN. DEP. LUQUIN: Uh, Mr. [REDACTED] uh, how long have you been housed with uh, Mr. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I would say about--I just came back--[unintelligible] so it's been about a week now.

SEN. DEP. LUQUIN: About a week?

[REDACTED] Yeah.

SEN. DEP. LUQUIN: And [that week process] that you can--or your--you get to house together, did you notice anything different about Mr. [REDACTED] that evening?

[REDACTED] Uh, not really. Like [unintelligible]--not really. He was kind of like--he was like kind of shaky. I don't know.

SEN. DEP. LUQUIN: He was shaky before the deputies came in?

[REDACTED] [unintelligible] yeah.

SEN. DEP. LUQUIN: And shaky meaning the whole body, just a little, or anything like that?

[REDACTED] He was doing a whole of work out--calisthenics.

SEN. DEP. LUQUIN: I'm sorry?

[REDACTED] He was doing a whole lot of calisthenics up in here, so I don't know.

SEN. DEP. LUQUIN: Okay, now was this prior to the contact with the deputies that he was doing his calisthenics?

[REDACTED] Yeah, I think [unintelligible].

SEN. DEP. LUQUIN: I'm sorry?

[REDACTED] I think he [unintelligible] walking [unintelligible] calisthenics, so I don't know.

SEN. DEP. LUQUIN: Okay. So right before the deputies came in, he was exercising or doing calisthenics.

[REDACTED] Yeah.

SEN. DEP. LUQUIN: How long was--what exercise process was he doing?

[REDACTED] pushups

SEN. DEP. LUQUIN: Okay. So did you notice any sweating or anything come out? You know, was he [refusing]--

[REDACTED] Probably just a little bit.

SEN. DEP. LUQUIN: Okay. And then uh, I'm sorry, did you say about an hour before the deputies came in or so?

[REDACTED] Yeah.

SEN. DEP. LUQUIN: Did you notice that he was exerted at some point, you know, where he just couldn't catch his wind, he was just too tired to talk or anything of that sort?

[REDACTED] [unintelligible] exercising [unintelligible].

SEN. DEP. LUQUIN: Out of breath? Did he have to sit down or anything of that sort?

[REDACTED] He had [unintelligible].

SEN. DEP. LUQUIN: Okay. And is this something that he normally did every day or not?

[REDACTED] Uh--

SEN. DEP. LUQUIN: [unintelligible]

[REDACTED] [unintelligible] yeah [unintelligible].

SEN. DEP. LUQUIN: So it-it was for you in the week noticed it was unusual for him to do so much or him to be [profusing] as much or sounding exhausted?

[REDACTED] [unintelligible]

SGT. QUANICO: Did uh, [REDACTED] get in a pretty heated argument with uh, Miss Al-Ghani regarding the TV?

[REDACTED] Uh, they were [unintelligible].

SGT. QUANICO: So he was yelling and screaming at her?

[REDACTED] Yeah, I think he [unintelligible].

SGT. QUANICO: Anything out of the ord--out of the ordinary health wise with [REDACTED] that day? Did he look sick at all or?

[REDACTED] No, [unintelligible] he was like bloated.

SGT. QUANICO: He was bloated?

[REDACTED] Yeah.

SGT. QUANICO: Okay, so he was a little heavier than usual?

[REDACTED] Yeah.

SEN. DEP. LUQUIN: As far as you know--and again it's one of these questions I need to ask--when you uh--[unintelligible] said if he was under the influence of some medication or anything of that sort?

[REDACTED] [unintelligible] he was--he was taking some prescription drugs, I don't know.

SEN. DEP. LUQUIN: Do you know if he was taking his-his personal prescription, would he share that with you or would he [unintelligible] somebody else's?

[REDACTED] [unintelligible] so I don't know.

SGT. QUANICO: [unintelligible] some coffee?

SEN. DEP. LUQUIN: As far as you know, would he be taking somebody else's medication?

[REDACTED] I don't know, maybe. [unintelligible]

SEN. DEP. LUQUIN: Okay.

SGT. QUANICO: Hey, thank a lot uh, [REDACTED] I don't have any other questions here, do you?

SEN. DEP. LUQUIN: No.

SGT. QUANICO: All right. Uh, you know, it's-it's over with. You know, he has passed. But this is an open investigation. [REDACTED] uh, don't

discuss it with the rest of the inmates. I mean I--basically don't, you know, let's keep it to a standstill at this time, okay?

[REDACTED] All right.

SGT. QUANICO:

All right. The time is uh, 12:19 hours. This concludes our interview with [REDACTED] Thanks a lot.

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