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7 **INTERVIEW WITH**

8 **Q=Sgt. Leon**

9 **Q1=Sgt. Cortez**

10 **A=**

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13 Woman: (Unintelligible).

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15 Q1: All right.

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17 Q: You want that rollin' for back up (unintelligible)?

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19 Q1: It don't matter. Yeah, go ahead.

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21 Q: Today is September 11, and it's about 10 after 3:00, almost, in the afternoon.

22
23 A: Okay.

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25 Q: I'm Sergeant Leon from the Sheriff's Office, Sergeant Cortez from the
26 Sheriff's Office. And...

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28 A: Uh-huh. Okay.

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30 Q: ...you are who?

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32 A:

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34 Q:

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36 A: Yeah.

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38 Q: Can I see your wristband, please?

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40 A: Yeah.

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42 Q:

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44 Man: (Unintelligible).
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46 Q: Okay. Can you (unintelligible)?
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48 Man: (Unintelligible).
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50 A: (Unintelligible).
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52 Q: Um, , do you have any idea why we're here?
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54 A: No.
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56 Q: Okay. First of all, you're not in any trouble.
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58 A: Okay. Great. (Unintelligible).
59
60 Man: Yeah.
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62 A: (Unintelligible).
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64 Man: Good stuff. (Unintelligible).
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66 Q: (Unintelligible) - let's get the preliminaries...
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68 A: (Unintelligible).
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70 Q: ...out of the way...
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72 A: Oh, man.
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74 Q: ...'cause you probably see two guys in suits, and you see...
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76 A: Yeah.
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78 Q: ...all this...
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80 A: Yeah.
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82 Q: ...activity.
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84 A: Right. Right.

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86 Q: It's like, "What the heck is goin' on?"
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88 A: Right. (Unintelligible).
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90 Q: All right. Bear with me for a second here.
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92 A: Okay.
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94 Q: Um...
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96 Man: (Unintelligible).
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98 Q: All right. Uh, the reason we're here is we're detectives from
99 the Sheriff's Office. And...
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101 A: Okay.
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103 Q: ...um...
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105 Man: (Unintelligible).
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107 Q: ...were ye-...
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109 Man: (Unintelligible).
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111 Q: Are you familiar with the recent in custody death that occurred in 6B?
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113 A: Yeah. It happened the day before I got here.
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115 Q: So you weren't even housed in there...
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117 A: No.
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119 Q: ... at the time?
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121 A: No. Yeah.
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123 Q: Okay.
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125 A: It happened ri- yeah, it happened du- actually they were gonna to put me in 39
126 in that cell. There (unintelligible) bad mojo. The officers are talkin' amongst
127 themselves. And I go...
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129 Q: Mm-hm.
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131 A: ..."Man what I do wrong?" And that's - they don- they end up put me in 40,
132 but it was actually the cell right underneath me.
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134 Q: Yeah. Yeah.
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136 A: Yeah.
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138 Q: It is.
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140 A: This happened the day before I got there.
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142 Q: Okay.
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144 A: Yeah.
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146 Q: So - so what day did you - when did you get booked in or when did...
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148 A: I think it was the 28th. It was on a Friday.
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150 Q: Friday the 28th of September?
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152 A: September, yeah.
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154 Q: And you got housed from Intake...
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156 A: No. No.
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158 Q: ...directly into there?
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160 A: No, August.
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162 Q: August?
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164 A: Yeah, last month.
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166 Q: Well that's true, 'cause we're not even...

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168 A: Yeah.
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170 Q: ...nowhere near it.
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172 A: Yeah.
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174 Q: That's how bad my memory is.
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176 A: Right. Yeah, mine's bad too.
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178 Q: Okay, so you think somewhere around Friday, August, 28?
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180 A: Yeah, but...
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182 Q: Do you remember the...
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184 A: ...uh, actually I got arrested, like, Friday evening, so I was here, like...
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186 Man: (Unintelligible).
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188 A: ...'til - they didn't house me 'til the next morning.
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190 Q: Early...
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192 A: So...
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194 Q: ...the next morning?
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196 A: Er- yeah.
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198 Man: (Unintelligible).
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200 Q: Okay. Okay, so while you've been housed there, right, you said you were in
201 40?
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203 A: Uh, no, they actually moved me to 1 now. I'm in Cell 1.
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205 Q: But you started in 40?
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207 A: Yeah.
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209 Q: And then now you're in Number 1?
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211 A: One, yeah.
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213 Q: Mm-kay. Since you've been in there...
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215 Man: (Unintelligible).
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217 Q: ...has anybody talked to you about...
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219 Man: (Unintelligible).
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221 Q: ...uh, Tyree's death? That's the name of the inmate that - that (unintelligible).
222
223 A: Yeah. No. I don't know too much about it. I just been, like, catchin' stuff on
224 the news. They've been puttin' stuff...
225
226 Q: Okay.
227
228 A: Yeah.
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230 Q: Has - has it - have other investigators talked to you about it?
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232 A: No.
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234 Q: No?
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236 A: This the first time, yeah.
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238 Q: Have other inmates talked to you about it?
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240 A: I kinda heard a little bit of stuff here and there but...
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242 Q: Okay.
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244 A: ...yeah, just that he was mentally ill and that, uh - that's pretty much it. That,
245 you know, they - the - the guy was - he wasn't a bad guy just - and, uh, the -
246 he was actually going home in a few days.
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248 Q: Okay.
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250 A: That - that I also heard, but not other than that, not too much more.

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252 Q: Okay. Have you heard the officers discussing it?
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254 A: No. No. I haven't heard nothin' - nothin' - nothin' about the officers, no.
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256 Q: Okay. Um, have you heard anything negative coming from the officers?
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258 A: No. No.
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260 Q: No?
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262 A: Yeah. No, I don't know. It's just - you know, they've kinda just been - yeah,
263 they haven't been sayin' too much. There was some comments made inside the
264 building. A couple - uh, one of the officers got upset sayin', "Keep the
265 comments, you know, to yourselves regardless of what's happenin'."
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267 Man: (Unintelligible).
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269 Q: Who said that?
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271 A: I don't n- remember the officer but it - it was...
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273 Man: (Unintelligible).
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275 A: ...somebody was - they were jokin' around the guys inside there, like...
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277 Q: Mm-hm.
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279 A: "I'm scared," and somethin', like - somethin' like that. And the officer got - I
280 think he - he didn't get upset. He just said, "K- keep the comments. We know
281 there's a lot of stuff goin' on. Just keep comments. You know, we'll talk to you
282 if we needed to talk. If you guys wanna to talk (unintelligible)." He was - he
283 wasn't being bad.
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285 Man: (Unintelligible).
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287 A: He was just kinda, like, tryin' to keep things on a cool level, I guess.
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289 Q: Okay. So it was other prisoners that we're talking about it?
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291 A: Yeah. Yeah.
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293 Q: And then the officer made that statement to them?
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295 A: Yeah.
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297 Q: Okay. How would you describe - while you've been here, how y- would you
298 describe the attitude of the officers towards you and the other...
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300 A: They've been...
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302 Q: ... inmates?
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304 A: They've been okay. They've been all right.
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306 Q: Mm-kay.
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308 A: Yeah, they haven't - there was one officer that came in, and he was kinda, like,
309 younger officer...
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311 Q: Mm-hm.
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313 A: ... (unintelligible) program twice. He came in, and he just, like - there was
314 somethin' that happened, uh, (unintelligible), I guess, broke a window or
315 somethin' by accident. He locked us down. But two times he came in, he didn't
316 wanna let us program, but other - the officers have been okay about it.
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318 ((Crosstalk))
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320 Q: Okay. So no type of pressures against you...
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322 A: No. No.
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324 Q: ...that you've...
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326 A: No.
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328 Q: ...or to the others that you've seen or heard?
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330 A: No. No.
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332 Man: (Unintelligible).
333
334 Q: Okay.

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336 Man: (Unintelligible).
337
338 Q: Does it just seem like they're tryin' to do their job then or...
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340 A: Yeah, pretty much. Yeah.
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342 Q: Okay. All right. If - if anyone in the dorm -- yourself or others -- were to feel
343 pressured by the officers that work in there...
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345 A: Mm-hm.
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347 Q: ...do you guys know what recourses you have as far as...
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349 A: Yeah, they all...
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351 Q: ...like...
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353 A: There's some phone numbers on the - on the wall and stuff, like, for, uh...
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355 Man: (Unintelligible).
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357 A: ...um, Internal Affairs I do believe.
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359 Q: Okay.
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361 A: Yeah, so I - I know that if you're havin' an issue, like, with officers, you know,
362 you can call that number.
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364 Q: You can call that number, you know, you can do grievances.
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366 A: Oh, grievances. Yeah, okay.
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368 Q: All right? Are you...
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370 A: All right.
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372 Q: Do you know that you can ask to talk to a supervisor...
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374 A: Um, no.
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376 Q: ...as well?

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378 A: No. But, yeah, that's good to know.
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380 Q: Yeah. I mean, do you see those supervisors walk in and...
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382 A: Yeah, they've been comin' through, yeah.
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384 Q: ...and check the logs. And...
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386 A: Yeah. Yeah.
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388 Q: Yeah, so at the very least you can talk to one of them when they enter.
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390 Man: (Unintelligible).
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392 A: Okay.
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394 Q: Okay?
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396 A: All right.
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398 Man: (Unintelligible).
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400 Q: All right. That's - I mean, unless you can think of...
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402 Q1: Yeah. No.
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404 Q: ...any. That's why we're just tryin' to make sure that everything's goin' okay.
405
406 A: Okay. All right.
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408 Q: You know, just got an - an abundance of caution.
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410 A: Okay. That's...
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412 Q: Okay?
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414 A: Okay.
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416 Q: So if - if anything (unintelligible) does happen, definitely feel free to take
417 advantage of the different methods that we've already discussed, like, the
418 phone numbers...

419
420 A: Okay.
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422 Q: ...asking to speak to supervisors, grievances, so on and so forth.
423
424 A: Okay. That's fine.
425
426 Q: That sounds fair?
427
428 A: Yeah, it sounds fair.
429
430 Q: You feel okay now?
431
432 A: Yeah, I'm okay.
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434 Q: I know we should have started off with, "Hey nobody's in trouble."
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436 A: (Unintelligible). Okay.
437
438 Q: You have any questions for us?
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440 A: No. That's it.
441
442 Q: You feel good?
443
444 A: Yeah.
445
446 Q: Thank you.
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448 A: All right. Sure.
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450 Q: Appreciate it.
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452 A: No problem.
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454 Q1: All right.
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456 Q: All right.
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458 A: You guys have a good one.
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460 Q: You too.

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462 A: All right.

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464 Q: And it's, uh, oh, 3:15, and the interview's over.

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466 Man: Okay.

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469 This transcript has been reviewed with the audio recording submitted and it is an accurate
470 transcription.

471 Signed _____