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INTERVIEW WITH
Q=Sgt. Owens
Q1=Sgt. Glatz
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A: Oh, I'm all right.

Q: I'm gonna record this. All right?

A: All right.

Q: Just 'cause we've got to interview a lot of people.

A: Right.

Q: And so, you know, things - stories will all start sounding the same, so we're just going to record it, all right? All right, we're recordin'. what's your first name?

A:

Q: And your (unintelligible)?

A:

Q: Okay. Uh, do you have your wristband?

A: Yes, I do.

Q: All right. All right, cool, thanks. All right. All right. You mind - do you mind if I call you

A: Yeah.

42 Q: All right. I'm Sergeant Owens. This is Sergeant Glaatx with - with the Sheriff's
43 Office, uh, Investigations Division. All right. Um, I'm gonna ask you some
44 questions right now about kind of what's goin' on, um, in the dorm, if that's all
45 right with you.

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47 A: All right.

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49 Q: Okay, cool. Um, you're not in any type of trouble or anything like that. Just
50 right off the bat. Uh, actually, it has really nothing to do with you.

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52 Man: (Unintelligible).

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54 Q: Um, but uh, you're - you're aware of, uh, the inmate that was killed
55 (unintelligible)?

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57 A: Yeah, absolutely.

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59 Q: (Tyree)?

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61 A: Yeah.

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63 Q: Okay. Were you housed up in this unit at that time?

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65 A: I was.

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67 Q: You were? Okay. Good.

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69 A: Yeah.

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71 Q: Um, have you already provided a statement to the Sheriff's Office?

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73 A: Uh, I did.

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75 Q: You did? Okay.

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77 A: Yeah.

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79 Q: All right. Um, and right now you're still currently housed...

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81 A: Yeah.

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83 Q: ...in that dorm?
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85 A: (Unintelligible).
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87 Q: And that's 6...
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89 ((Crosstalk))
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91 A: 6B.
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93 Q: 6B, okay. Um, and, uh, have you been approached - since you've given your
94 statement, have you been approached by anybody, whether it be the, uh,
95 investigative staff...
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97 Man: (Unintelligible).
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99 Q: ...or...
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101 Man: (Unintelligible).
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103 Q: ...custody staff...
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105 Man: (Unintelligible).
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107 A: Um...
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109 Q: ...regarding the incident?
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111 ((Crosstalk))
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113 A: I mean, not on - on - on a serious - um, not in a serious situation. I mean, you -
114 you got staff all the time that go up there and inquire about it or make
115 comments as to what hap- was happening.
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117 Man: (Unintelligible).
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119 A: And obviously, they know who - 'cause I don't hide it.
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121 Man: (Unintelligible).
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123 A: They asked me, "Hey, did you see somethin'?" I said, "Yeah." I told him
124 exactly what I heard. You know, I couldn't see nothin' 'cause I'm all the way
125 on the other side of the dorm. But...
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127 Man: (Unintelligible), sir.
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129 A: ...you know what I mean? Uh, I'm not scared to sit there and say I'm over here
130 because I want to make my own choices. So part of that comes along with,
131 you know, me being able to speak wh- whatever it is that's on my mind.
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133 Man: (Unintelligible).
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135 A: And, uh, I told him, I said - I said - when they investigated me, they asked me
136 a question, I told him what I heard. I heard him screaming, "Stop it. Stop it." I
137 heard him say, um, "Leave me alone." Then I heard them make a comment as
138 to, "We better not hear nothin' out of you no more." And then they slammed
139 the door. And then it - I - I'm assuming that when they slammed the door, it
140 popped back open because I heard it bang twice.
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142 ((Crosstalk))
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144 A: And then, you know, they'll make their little comments, oh, yeah, you know.
145 And then I asked them, too, it's - it's kind of like, an open conversation, like,
146 an open book thing. Like, 'cause obviously, they know what happened. And
147 when you ask them, I was like, "Oh, what do you guys think about that?" "Oh,
148 them guys, them guys are - them guys are crazy. Them guys are - they are out
149 of it." (Unintelligible).
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151 Q: Now, who - who was sayin' that?
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153 A: As far as, like - just, uh, other - other correctional officers in general, 'cause,
154 you know, they all know about it. So when it comes on the news, they'll stand
155 there, and they'll look at the news, and then we'll start a conversation about it
156 or whatever. But, um, nothing serious as far as, like, somebody comin' up
157 there and threatening us or anything of that nature.
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159 Q: Okay.
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161 A: Well, not me.
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163 Q: Not you. Okay. So that's (Unintelligible) kinda one of my questions there. Is,
164 uh - has any of the, uh, correctional, um, deputies and their officers in there,

165 um, made any comments as far as what has happened and maybe you guys
166 talking to investigators (unintelligible) about that?

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168 A: Um, not to me specifically. And I can't say that I've heard - heard anything
169 like that. But I'm pretty sure it happens, you know? 'Cause the - I mean, that's
170 the way they are, man, uh, it's just - it's just how it happens.

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172 Q: Has there been any threats that you've heard...

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174 A: No.

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176 Q: ...made to you or anybody else?

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178 A: I have - I haven't heard nothing firsthand. And if I did, I wouldn't be - I
179 wouldn't be scared or anything to - to say it, you know? Um, they already got
180 my file and they know that I'm - I'm far from scared of them beatin' me up.

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182 Man: (Unintelligible).

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184 A: But, um, I haven't heard them say nothin' or anything, but I - I'm pretty sure
185 it's happened, you know? It - uh, that's the way these guys are. Just...

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187 Q: Have you heard any of the other inmates talkin' about it or anything?

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189 A: Nah, it's - it's a pretty - it's a pretty big thing in our pod 'cause it happened
190 there. So it's like...

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192 Q: Oh, I'm sure, yeah.

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194 A: We're always talkin' about it. It's always on the news. People - and people are
195 pretty open with what's going on. Like, people get off the phone, and they're
196 like, "Man, I just talked to my mom about it. She's gonna call, uh, (Mercury)
197 or whatever." So it's, like, it'd be easy for an officer to walk up and be like,
198 hey, man, don't be talkin' about that. And it wouldn't be a secretive thing, you
199 know? It would be somethin' that was out in the open. Because especially,
200 like, even right now, they just pulled somebody out of our pod...

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202 Man: (Unintelligible).

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204 A: ...um, because he broke the window. And, like, they were all looking around
205 the pod, like, you could tell they were worried. Like, if we don't do the right
206 thing...

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208 Q: Mm-hm.

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210 A: ...one of these dudes will get on the phone and say somethin'. It's like - yeah,
211 because that could be any one of us, that could be any one of us. All it takes is
212 for one of these correctional officers to not like you or like the way that you
213 do something or even like what you're here for. And all it takes is for them to
214 go in your cell, two or three or four of them at one time, and the next thing
215 you know, you're getting dragged out. Maybe not beat up to the point where
216 you're gonna die, but I mean, I've even been pulled out of my cell and
217 slammed around.

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219 Q: Okay.

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221 A: So it's like - it's - it's not - people can't...

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223 Q: Have you ever recorded that? I mean, was it justified?

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225 A: No, I...

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227 Q: Was it not justified?

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229 A: ...to be honest, like, you know when you catch a little attitude with these
230 dudes, they have the tendency to get attitude back with you, you know? And
231 um, may - it might not be professional because they're supposed to conduct
232 themselves in a certain fashion. But it's like, I understand it 'cause sometimes,
233 I'll get mad, and I'll mouth off, and they'll pull me out, and they'll bring me in
234 here, just - you know what I mean? Like, that's why stuff like this happens,
235 man. You know what I mean? Because they're pushing people around, you
236 know, trying to get their point across. And I ain't gonna say that I - I - it's
237 justifiable or anything, by any means, 'cause they're supposed to conduct
238 themselves in a certain fashion. But I understand it because they deal with 60
239 inmates, and it's only one of them.

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241 Q: Mm-hm.

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243 A: So it's like...

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245 Q: Yeah.

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247 A: ...they're - it's kind of like they're always under fire.

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249 Q: True.
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251 A: You know? So I understand why it would come to that, but at the same time,
252 it's like, you're supposed to maintain a certain type of professional conduct,
253 and sometimes, they don't do that.
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255 Q: Uh-huh. Very good. So nothin' right now (unintelligible), that, uh, has, uh...
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257 A: No, nothin' as far as threats...
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259 Q: Okay.
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261 A: ...or anything of that nature, you know...
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263 Q: All right.
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265 A: ...most - most of the COs that go up there, they're pretty, like, cool about it.
266 Like, not really cool about it, but they just - it's not really their business, you
267 know, they just stay out of it.
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269 Q: Right now - the guys you got up there right now are cool?
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271 A: Yeah, they're pretty cool. They're pretty decent. They're shifting people
272 around so - 'cause they got a bunch of, uh, trainees up there now, so...
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274 Q: Okay. All right, cool. Do you have any other questions? All right.
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276 Q1: Anything else you want to talk to us about or...
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278 A: Nah.
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280 Q1: Cool.
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282 A: I mean, gettin' out of jail.
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284 ((Crosstalk))
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286 Q: Well, I can't help you with that.
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288 ((Crosstalk))
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290 A: Yeah, but all right. All right.

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292 Q: Can't help you with that one.
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294 A: All right.
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296 Q1: Hey, we - we appreciate you coming down here...
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298 A: All right.
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300 Q1: ...(unintelligible) with us.
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302 A: Yeah.
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304 Q: Yeah, and - you know, and all's we ask is that you be honest, you know?
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306 A: I tell people all the time, man, that could have been any one of us, you know?
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308 Q: Sure. Uh-huh.
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310 A: I said, uh, I tell people up there, like, I'm a gang dropout.
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312 Man: Oh, yeah?
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314 A: So it's, like, uh - Northern.
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316 Q: Northern.
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318 A: So it's, like, I, um, I don't have no problem speaking my mind. I've done it
319 before and, uh, I've done it against cops. I've - I've - you know I mean? I've
320 got assault against cops because of the fact that I d- I stick up for myself. But,
321 um, I tell these dudes all - up there all the time, if you guys feel you guys got
322 somethin' to say, just say it, man. 'Cause that could have been any one of us.
323 Just because it happened to be him, doesn't mean that it couldn't be one of us.
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325 Man: Sure.
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327 A: Know what I'm saying? So, it's like...
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329 Man: Yeah. No, (unintelligible).
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331 A: ...these cops already know me, man.
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333 Q: How long have you been here?

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335 A: I've been back and forth here since I was uh, 19, and I'm 32 now, so...

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337 Q: You've got some time in.

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339 A: Yeah.

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341 Q: (Unintelligible). All right, cool, man. I apprec- I appreciate it.

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343 A: All right.

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345 Q: Well, sit tight. Let's see if we can't get you moved.

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347 A: All right.

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

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