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Q: I'm Sergeant Brown, like the...
A: How you doin', Sergeant?
Q: ...color with the sheriff's office. Okay? I'm doing well. How are you?
A: I'm blessed in spite of where I am.
Q: I love it. I love it. What's your name, man?
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Q: Do you know what cell you're in?
A: I'm in 3- 35.
Q: You saw me this morning, right?
A: Yes sir.
Q: All right. You want to tell me what happened this morning, or last night? You want to start with last night, maybe - do you take pill call?
A: Yes, I do.
Q: Do you want to tell me what happened last night, starting with pill call?
A: Um...
Q: Everything.
A: ...I'm a victim of that same crew, man.
Q: That's why I..
A: They broke my jaw.
Q: ...want to - that's what I want to hear.
A: Um, that's why I'm the way I am, because of that same crew. And I (unintelligible) to instigate it. I'm old school. And look at me now. And that's why I'm scared of repercussion. You know? I - I seen everything. I heard everything. But who's to say that I'm not going to become a victim? I'm only here on some misdemeanors. You know? They try to strike me out on less than \$10 worth of dope, but I know they're probably not going to. But, o- you guys can't guarantee my safety, or - I never cried about what that crew did to

43 me. But - but after what I seen last night, bothered me a great deal. I mean,
44 I've seen a lot happen in my life. But, that kid didn't - that young man didn't
45 deserve what they dd to him.

46 Q: Well...

47 A: During pill call, you know...

48 Q: Do you want to - before you start man, you understand that, see we, as
49 investigators, we have a duty to the truth. And where the truth leads, is where
50 we go. And whatever truth is, we accept it, we report it, and we run with it.
51 We're not trying to help people out that don't deserve help. Um, we're not
52 trying to cover things up that don't need to be covered. We do the truth. That's
53 all we do. And we accept it for what it is. And we run with it. I know where
54 you're coming from. And, you know, I know the concerns that you have. But
55 the point that you brought up about, you know, that's that young man's life,
56 I think is very important. So, and that's why we're here. So, and that's why
57 we're here. If we were - I mean, you saw us leave. Right?

58 A: Yes.

59 Q: We obviously came back for a reason.

60 A: Yes, you did.

61 Q: So, we must clearly care, right?

62 A: Yes. Absolutely.

63 Q: So, you know, you - you - you - you have a choice to do, you know, what you
64 want. But, you know, we're here like I said, to find that truth. So if you want
65 to tell it, I - I want to hear it.

66 A: It all started with pill call. Um, the young man, like I said, I didn't speak to
67 him much but, you know, I assisted him a lot with coffee and stuff. He tried to
68 cheek his pill. He got caught.

69 Q: Last night?

70 A: Yes sir.

71 Q: Mm-hm.

72 A: Um, they con- confronted him. He swallowed his pill. Um, went to his cell.
73 Make a long story short, it was, uh, after dayroom recall, they had a, um, a
74 laundry search. And, uh, I'm only two cells down from that cell, so. What
75 I heard is, when they went in started do laundry, the shower doors right there
76 so I can see the reflection. They turned his light off. And then I heard this
77 young man, um, screaming, "Okay stop. I'm sorry, I'm sorry, I'm sorry." And
78 then I heard some choking, gurgling. I didn't hear no more. And they left,
79 came back to his cell, they opened his door and asked him if he was okay.
80 And started kicking him in the head, "Are you okay? Hey? Shuriff," or
81 whatever his name was, "Are you okay? Are you okay?" Then, uh, he locked
82 down a couple cells. And then I heard Luna ask somebody in between 31 and
83 25 if - do - "Are you guys aware that - if he's ever shit on himself?" And I
84 don't know what the response was, that he was given, but ten they called the

85 rest of everybody. And then they came, opened his door, and pulled him out. I
86 knew he was dead. I seen death in the - in - in the joints before. I've been
87 through the worst prisons ever. And, I knew he was gone. And, um, it broke
88 my heart man, you know, 'cause he was just a We're all little
89 You know? We all got issues. You know? But, he didn't deserve that
90 man. And that bothered me. You know? I - I - it bothered me all - everything
91 that manifested and how they were laughing and stuff, you know, while they
92 were trying to revive him and stuff. That's not cool man. Um, that's all I heard.
93 You know? I - I - I heard the choking. I knew they were choking him out.
94 They choked me out. They broke my jaw, for crying out loud. I wasn't that
95 particular - I was in A dormer there. Um...

96 Q: So you went from A to B?

97 A: I - I got arrested. I got remanded for misdemeanor court, the 24th of last
98 month. I came in here at 8 o'clock. They didn't house me 'til like 12 something
99 in the morning, and I kept complaining, "Hey, I'm tired. I'm tired." Finally
100 they got tired, I guess, of me complaining. I was laying down right here. They
101 snatched me up, dragged me out, pulled me up. I split my head on this. My
102 pants fell down. My underwear fell down because they were too big. And they
103 dragged me up the stairs. And they put me in my cell and they beat the
104 fucking shit out of me.

105 Q: This was in A?

106 A: Yes.

107 Q: This was the day that you - well...

108 A: It was...

109 Q: ...I was gonna say the day you got remanded, but you said it was like 12:30, 1
110 o'clock in the morning?

111 A: It - it - it - the 25th of July. And they threw me on the floor and they just
112 proceeded to beat the fuck out of me.

113 Q: When they - when they took you into A, you...

114 A: They dragged me in with my pants and underwear down.

115 Q: And you said they drug you up the stairs.

116 A: Up the stairs.

117 Q: What - to what cell?

118 A: To Cell 42.

119 Q: 42.

120 A: And then they slammed my face against the wall. And they started beating the
121 fuck out of me. Twisted my arms, to where I couldn't endure the pain no
122 more. But I didn't make a sound. Then they threw me on the floor, and I hit
123 the corner of the bed. And I knew I was hurt. I knew right then and there I was
124 hurt. Then they threw me on the ground. They started beating me up. And
125 telling me, "Who's the bitch now? Why aren't you crying now?" And I didn't
126 say nothing, 'cause I knew if I say something, that would irate them even

127 more. And here I am. I went to specialist yesterday at UMC. They have to
128 give me surgery. They got to re-break my jaw and wire it shut because it - it's
129 not healing right. 'Cause it's just - it's d- hairline fracture didn't heal right, so.
130 Q: They didn't take you to the hospital?
131 A: Yes. Mr. Mohaffy did.
132 Q: On the night - the night that this happened?
133 A: Yes, Mr. Mohaffy and Sergeant - I mean, uh, Officer Deputy, um, he's out
134 there man.
135 Q: Okay.
136 A: And - and - and I kept telling 'em that my jaw hurt. So the x-ray said a hair-
137 had a hairline fracture. But my tooth was already dangling. It was no use in
138 keeping it. So like a moron, I pulled it out. And it - it scared the x-ray's,
139 because they thought it was my tooth. But in fact it was my jaw broken. And
140 when I went to here, he thought I had a piece of tooth in there. So he x-rayed
141 me and he was pretty shocked at what he saw. And he showed me the x-
142 ray and my jaw had actually broken. And, uh, the - yesterday morning, I went
143 to the dental here on Tuesday, and Wednesday morning I went to William C
144 to see the nose, face and specialist, and - and face specialist. That's when they
145 concluded that I - I need to have my jaw r- re-broken. I have to have surgery,
146 re-broken, set, and wired shut.
147 Q: Did you cut your head?
148 A: They split my head open.
149 Q: Did you get stitches or staples?
150 A: Um, I got stitches on my eye but the cut on my head, they didn't see. And I
151 didn't even realize it 'til I was going to get a haircut, and I had a big old gash.
152 That's where all the blood was coming from. I thought it was my eye.
153 Q: Left or right?
154 A: It was my right eye. It - the stitches were all across my eye. And I told
155 Mohaffy, 'cause I know Mo- I know Mr. Mohaffy for a long time. And I told
156 him and Sergeant Aguilar, I - I - I grew up with Ser- Sergeant Aguilar. I'm
157 proud of him that he got out of it, you know, and became what he is now. I
158 told him, "Man, look what the deputies did to me man."
159 Q: What'd he say?
160 A: Couldn't believe it.
161 Q: Why do you think they did that?
162 A: 'Cause I was yelling out the door right here, telling 'em to house me and
163 quit being lazy. I just wanted to get housed. Pissed 'em off. Never - I - I - I - I
164 first came here in 1984. Never had no problems with the deputies man. I've
165 always conducted myself right. That day, I was tired. I just wanted to go to
166 sleep. I was heartbroken that they remanded me and that they're trying to
167 strike me out for less than \$10 worth of dope. You know? I just wanted to just
168 go to sleep and I - I kept - I - I - I kept persisting housing. Then I - I - I - I got

169 a derogatory, you know, "You guys are fucking lazy," and whatnot. But
170 nothing to - to deserve this, man.
171 Q: Um, wh- there were three officers you said?
172 A: There was two that beat me up, when they dragged me in.
173 Q: Who - who were they?
174 A: I just remember Lee.
175 Q: I'm sorry, Lee?
176 A: Yep.
177 Q: L-E or...
178 A: L-E. That was it. L-E.
179 Q: L-E and not L-I? L-E?
180 A: L-E.
181 Q: Uh, Asian cat?
182 A: Yes.
183 Q: Um, you don't know who the other one was?
184 A: No. He's a youngster.
185 Q: What about Lee, is he a youngster?
186 A: Yeah. They're all young to me. I mean, they're (unintelligible) now. You
187 know? They're not old school now.
188 Q: Um, you...
189 A: He's the one that kept punching me in my face.
190 Q: Were any of those officers from that date, involved in last night?
191 A: No sir.
192 Q: They're all di- whole different crew?
193 A: Yes sir. The same - the - the same...
194 Q: Different generation?
195 A: No. The same, um, how do I say, like you know you have, uh - uh,
196 different, um, like A - A - A - A - A - A - A Crew, B Crew, D Crew?
197 Q: Oh, team.
198 A: You know? Team.
199 Q: Team.
200 A: Same team, different individuals.
201 Q: Different - different staff. Okay.
202 A: Okay? Um, yeah, it - it was Loonberm...
203 Q: Oh, last night?
204 A: Yes. Loonberm, um, I think his - I want to say Fields. The Caucasian one.
205 Ex-bodybuilder guy. I don't know his - I'm - I'm trying to think it's Fields. And
206 a young, who I think is Latino, Hispanic guy. Combs his hair.
207 Q: Slick back hair?
208 A: Combs his hair to the side, little curl on the top. You know? Kind of like
209 Superman hair do, you know, so to speak.

210 Q: Those would the - be last night?
211 A: Yes sir. Um, that's all I heard is when they, uh, went - went in there for
212 clothing. I heard that young man just, "Please. Okay. Stop. Please. Please stop,
213 owe, owe, owe, owe, ah, ah, ah." That's all I heard.
214 Q: So, let's go back to laundry. Okay? Last night.
215 A: Mm-hm.
216 Q: Well, first off, you saw the guy get caught trying to cheek pills.
217 A: Absolutely.
218 Q: And they called him out.
219 A: We've all gotten caught doing that...
220 Q: Right.
221 A: ...at one point or another.
222 Q: They - they called him out. He swallowed.
223 A: Absolutely.
224 Q: Went back to his dorm.
225 A: And he - and they didn't even call - no, Loonberm was right there. It's like you
226 caught me cheeking, right? They have the little door open right there.
227 Q: Yep.
228 A: At the door.
229 Q: Yep, yep.
230 A: You caught - the nurse caught me cheeking and you're the deputy inside. And
231 you said, " come on man. What's up? Take your pills." So I, "Okay. I'm
232 caught." And I take my pills and - and I swallow 'em and then you thoroughly
233 check my mouth.
234 Q: And what happened then, did he go back to his cell?
235 A: Yeah. He went to his cell and then he came and asked me for a shot of
236 coffee.
237 Q: Did he make any remarks about the nurse?
238 A: Yes he did.
239 Q: Do you remember what he said?
240 A: Called her a rapist.
241 Q: A rapist?
242 A: Yes sir.
243 Q: Did that make sense to you?
244 A: Absolutely not.
245 Q: Kind of - kind of strange, right?
246 A: Absolutely.
247 Q: How long - you know what I forgot to ask? When you came back from the
248 hospital, did you go back to 6A or did you go to 6B?
249 A: I've been in 6B.
250 Q: Ever since?
251 A: Ever since they threw me out of 6A.

252 Q: Okay. Okay. So you've been there about a month.
253 A: Yes sir.
254 Q: Okay.
255 A: A month and a couple of days maybe.
256 Q: So you've had some interaction with this guy before, right? You said you tried
257 to, you know, help him with coffee.
258 A: Absolutely.
259 Q: You know?
260 A: Good guy.
261 Q: Describe him to me though. I mean, not...
262 A: Um...
263 Q: ...not physically, but just kind of his personality.
264 A: Personality? Um, kind. Um, always asking for something to read. Going
265 through the garbage cans, looking for stuff to eat. So that's what
266 (unintelligible) maybe he was homeless, didn't have no...
267 Q: Right.
268 A: ...you know, getting any kind of financial support in here.
269 Q: Right.
270 A: So, one day I was just sitting down and he sat down. He goes, "How you
271 doing?" And - and I said, "I'm - I'm blessed, man. I woke up this
272 morning." And we started talking, correlating with one another. And he goes,
273 "Heybrother, what - is there any way you can spare some coffee?" 'Cause I
274 was drinking some coffee. And I looked at him and I said, "Sure man." I gave
275 him the whole cup of coffee I was drinking. And from that point on, you
276 know, he periodically ask me for coffee, which I never denied him, 'cause I
277 know what it's like to be here and not have nothing. And, um, you know, he's
278 off. He's a little strange. You know? Talk to himself. You know?
279 Q: Sure.
280 A: I, myself, suffer from PTSD. I talk to myself too. Um...
281 Q: He keep to himself mostly?
282 A: Yes, never cause no problems. Never disrespected anybody in there. His
283 thing was just asking for coffee and - and food, going through the garbage
284 cans.
285 Q: So like the yelling and the - the names that he was, uh, calling the nurse, did
286 you ever see him do that before?
287 A: No.
288 Q: Maybe with the deputies or other nurses...
289 A: No.
290 Q: ...or anybody?
291 A: That's why I told him, I said, "Young man, come on. This ain't you." And
292 then Loonberm just started laughing and Loonberm goes, "Hey, he's your
293 peer, not mine. You're the one that's always giving him coffee." And I said,

294 "Absolutely, Loonberm. I'd give you coffee if you were in here and you didn't
295 have nothing." And, um, we left it at that. You know? Um, he walked around.
296 That's the first time I've ever seen him, um, give any kind of disrespect or
297 derogatory remark towards staff. And I've been there over a month.
298 Q: Did it shock you?
299 A: I was pretty shocked. You know? I was like wow, dude. Like ah, and - and
300 - and he goes, "She's a rapist." And he walked away.
301 Q: What about his physical appearance?
302 A: Malnourished. Thin. Um...
303 Q: Did he keep his hygiene up?
304 A: No. But, I mean he'd shower. But...
305 Q: Would he do laundry?
306 A: He was...
307 Q: So- sometimes?
308 A: ...changing his laundry every - every laundry day, that I seen. Um, a
309 couple times he asked me for soap. Um, I've never seen him come out with
310 feces on himself or anything like that. You know?
311 Q: Did he have an odor to him sometimes?
312 A: Underarms. He smelled like underarms.
313 Q: Like body odor?
314 A: You know - you know, periodically. I mean, you know...
315 Q: So, after pill call, eventually you guys got the laundry, right?
316 A: Yes.
317 Q: Um, did he participate in laundry just like...
318 A: Yes.
319 Q: ...everybody else?
320 A: He was there.
321 Q: No issues?
322 A: No issues. None at all.
323 Q: Afterwards, you guys picked up your stuff and you guys went and, you know,
324 did your changing. And eventually, um...
325 A: They called dayroom recall.
326 Q: Okay.
327 A: And then that's when Loonberm goes, "Hey, I'm going to do an extra laundry
328 search. If you have any launddry, gentlemen, put your extras out. You can
329 turn 'em in now."
330 Q: And you're 35, right?
331 A: Yes sir. I'm right here.
332 Q: Okay. On the bottom.
333 A: Yes sir.
334 Q: So you've got even numbers at the top. And this is 39.
335 A: Yes sir.

- 336 Q: So, where did they start doing the shakedown? And we'll call it a light
337 shakedown. I know it wasn't...
- 338 A: He started, um, you know what? I - I can't really say because I wasn't at my
339 door. I was writing - I was writing a letter actually. I was writing my boss a
340 letter, which is still in there, in the mailbox. Because it didn't get taken out.
341 So, when they got close to that side, that's when I heard, uh, Loonberm
342 opening the door. So I got up. I got my extra laundry. I had, uh, extra shirt,
343 extra socks, and extra underwear. And I threw it right there by my door. So I
344 stood at my door at that time, watching 'em. And then that's when they got
345 to...
- 346 Q: So when they came around the bottom, from over here...
- 347 A: Yes.
- 348 Q: ...by the shower?
- 349 A: I believe he started from the top and came around here.
- 350 Q: So came around the bottom. And they were by the shower. And you're telling
351 me that from the door, at your cell and 35, you can actually see - 'cause the
352 stairs are right there, right?
- 353 A: But then the shower's right here.
- 354 Q: But the shower's right there. And you can actually see the reflection.
- 355 A: The reflection.
- 356 Q: Of what's going on?
- 357 A: And I can hear everything because of the vent.
- 358 Q: Yeah. How far - without having to look in the - at the shower door, how far
359 can you actually see? What - how - what cells can you see? Any of them?
- 360 A: I can see 48 and 44.
- 361 Q: So, actually the odd number. The lower level, right?
- 362 A: Yes.
- 363 Q: So lower's 4- the, uh, so 47 and 45.
- 364 A: Yes.
- 365 Q: So you can see that. But...
- 366 A: And - and half of 44.
- 367 Q: Half of 43? So...
- 368 A: Well...
- 369 Q: ...4- half of 43, 41, 39, 37.
- 370 A: I cannot see 41.
- 371 Q: But you have to look in the - the - the - the reflection.
- 372 A: Yes.
- 373 Q: Okay.
- 374 A: So I can hear everything.
- 375 Q: Did you watch them do 47 or 45?
- 376 A: Yes.
- 377 Q: And so...

378 A: In and out.
379 Q: ...i- in and out?
380 A: In and out.
381 Q: Real quick. Um, did you happen to watch them when they were upstairs doing
382 48?
383 A: 48's Um, I heard 'em.
384 Q: Was there any problems with
385 A: always has problems. He calls - he calls everybody crook man.
386 Q: Oh...
387 A: You got to appreciate his little, you know...
388 Q: ...uh, yeah, yeah I see...
389 A: ...(unintelligible).
390 Q: ...the humor. I see the humor.
391 A: You got to see the humor.
392 Q: Yeah, I - I...
393 A: You go - you go crazy man.
394 Q: ...I do. Okay. So and so you watch in the reflection, probably as they did 43
395 and 41.
396 A: Yeah, I can see.
397 Q: Okay.
398 A: Open the door. I can see 'em open the door.
399 Q: At this point though, are all the lights on over here?
400 A: Yes sir.
401 Q: But you said to me that when they opened 39, and how many officers were
402 there? Just the...
403 A: Three.
404 Q: ...three of 'em? Okay. They closed 41.
405 A: Mm-hm.
406 Q: Then they opened 39.
407 A: Mm-hm.
408 Q: And what happened?
409 A: I heard all the ruckus.
410 Q: You said that they shut the light off?
411 A: When they left.
412 Q: When they left.
413 A: When they left they cut the light off. And then they said, "Be quiet," but he
414 wasn't making no noise after that.
415 Q: When they left 47, 45, 43, and 41, did they shut the lights off in any of...
416 A: No.
417 Q: ...those?
418 A: No sir.
419 Q: But they...

420 A: They didn't even shut the light off on mine.
421 Q: They opened 39. You heard a ruckus.
422 A: Mm-hm.
423 Q: What did you hear - do you know the guy's name?
424 A: I don't.
425 Q: His name's Michael, okay?
426 A: Okay.
427 Q: Did you - what did you hear Michael saying?
428 A: "Stop. Stop. Okay, I'm sorry. Owe, owe, owe, owe. Okay, I'm sorry. Stop.
429 I'm so- ah, ah, ah, ah."
430 Q: Okay.
431 A: That's all I heard man.
432 Q: That's all you heard. Um, how long did that last?
433 A: About 15 seconds, 20 seconds maybe. Wasn't long at all.
434 Q: From the reflection, could you see what was going on?
435 A: No. I can hear more of it.
436 Q: You could hear more instead of see it?
437 A: Hear it.
438 Q: But you knew that they were in 39.
439 A: Yes sir, because it's - like if you go to my cell and you stand at my door, when
440 they open 35 the door swings. You can look right there. You can actually see
441 the officer talking. I seen 'em going in. Then I heard all that. And at first I
442 thought okay, you - you know, it's for disrespecting the nurse. And I didn't
443 think nothing of it. Until I heard the like gurgling sound. And then I did find it
444 odd that they shut his light off. I did, honestly, because Officer Loonberm's
445 never done that.
446 Q: When they left and walked to 37...
447 A: They went to my neighbor.
448 Q: ...they shut the light off.
449 A: Mm-hm.
450 Q: Before they...
451 A: Shut the door.
452 Q: ...shut the light off, could you see Michael in there?
453 A: No. I didn't hear Michael at all.
454 Q: Did you hear Michael after they left?
455 A: No sir.
456 Q: Ever?
457 A: No sir.
458 Q: Did you hear anything coming from Michael's cell?
459 A: No sir.
460 Q: Did you hear him use the shitter?
461 A: No sir.

462 Q: Did you hear him wash his hands?
463 A: No sir.
464 Q: Lay down on his bunk?
465 A: No sir.
466 Q: Shuffle his feet?
467 A: No sir. I didn't hear nothing.
468 Q: Breathe, yell, scream.
469 A: I didn't hear nothing.
470 Q: Um, did he know your name?
471 A: Um, I told my name was when I introduced myself.
472 Q: Would he call you
473 A: He called me
474 Q: Did he call out, " help?"
475 A: No. No sir.
476 Q: Um, so they went to 37.
477 A: Mm-hm.
478 Q: Any problems in 37?
479 A: No sir.
480 Q: Did you hear anything from 37? Did you hear...
481 A: Yeah...
482 Q: ...what they were saying?
483 A: ...I heard my, uh, I - I heard 'em say, "Laundry sweep," and, uh, my
484 neighbor's OG. He's an older man. He goes, "Okay. Cool." And they were in
485 and out.
486 Q: And then they came to you.
487 A: And I was in my - I was sitting like this on my bed and I was writing my mom
488 a letter. And they...
489 Q: But your clothes were already at the door.
490 A: ...came - yes, they were there. But I always respect the deputies so when they
491 open my door, they said, "Laundry sweep," I got up, and I went to the...
492 Q: Went to the spot.
493 A: ...side of the...
494 Q: Yeah.
495 A: ...(unintelligible) and I sit by the door.
496 Q: Yep.
497 A: And then Loonberm goes, "He's okay. He's okay." They were in and out of my
498 cell. They didn't shut my light or anything.
499 Q: Did they search your shit?
500 A: Yeah they took what I had on the floor.
501 Q: But did they look through your stuff?
502 A: No.
503 Q: They didn't open anything?

504 A: No. Look...

505 Q: Did they check your mattress?

506 A: No.

507 Q: Did they check...

508 A: No sir.

509 Q: ...you have commissary in there?

510 A: Yes sir.

511 Q: Did they check any of that?

512 A: No sir.

513 Q: Did they search anything?

514 A: No sir.

515 Q: Um, what about...

516 A: You know what I found odd? Is they - they actually gave me back my extra

517 underwear. They kicked it towards me. And I have it in there now. That's what

518 I found odd.

519 Q: Have they ever done anything like that before?

520 A: No.

521 Q: How do you get along with Loonberm?

522 A: Great.

523 Q: How is his personality? Is he quiet, is he just...

524 A: Sarcastic.

525 Q: ...normal? Sarcastic? Does - I mean does he seem nervous at all? Is he, uh -

526 uh, let's face it man, you've been around.

527 A: Yeah, absolutely.

528 Q: You - you know the difference between some - some, uh, deputy that's going

529 to come in there and you know he's scared. You know he's new. You know he

530 doesn't know what he's doing. You know he's nervous to - to - to deal with

531 you. Versus a guy...

532 A: He's calm, cool and collected.

533 Q: ...you know, kind of more like me who's just going to be able to talk to you,

534 right? Was he more like me or is he more like some nervous guy?

535 A: He's more like you. He's very confrontable. Um, little sarcastic at times.

536 Q: Yeah.

537 A: But, um...

538 Q: Tries to be funny, maybe sometimes not so funny.

539 A: I personally like Loonberm.

540 Q: Mm-hm.

541 A: Never had problems with Loonberm. But honest to God, um, I seen something

542 in him last night that I've never seen.

543 Q: Like what?

544 A: Fear.

545 Q: Does it make sense why I'm asking the questions that I'm asking?
546 A: Absolutely. Um...

547 Q: So he was kind of acting different last night?
548 A: Absolutely.

549 Q: Do you think it's - I mean, let's face it man. I'm a homicide sergeant. Okay?
550 A: I'm - yes.

551 Q: Do you think it's because here's Loonberm talking to a group of homicide
552 sergeants? You know? And it doesn't mean that it's a homicide. We just - we
553 do all the deaths in the jail. Okay?
554 A: Yeah.

555 Q: That's just what that means. So, even if it's just a - a - a - man that dies, okay?
556 A: Mm-hm.

557 Q: But when I show up and, you know, Loonberm, who's probably, you know,
558 doesn't have much time on, do you think it's nervous because I'm here, or
559 nervous for some other reason?
560 A: I'm talking about before you guys got there, sir.

561 Q: Oh, okay. Tell me about that.
562 A: I just seen it in him.

563 Q: We'll get back to that. They finish the cell checks, right? The - the - the
564 laundry checks in the cell.
565 A: Yes.

566 Q: Any other issues? They left your light on. They left your spare underwear.
567 Any other issues as they went around?
568 A: No. But when they proceeded to leave and walk out, they kept looking at
569 the cell, 39. I'm right there. I'm watching everything. And I noticed that. I
570 noticed that. And I didn't think nothing of it. I just went back, I finished my
571 letter, and I made a soup. And I ate. And, uh, I brushed my teeth, as best as I
572 can 'cause of my jaw.

573 Q: Right.
574 A: And - and I - and I laid down. And then, that's when I heard the ruckus. And I
575 got up and that's when I looked at Loonberm and - and - and - and I just seen a
576 - a 380 change in him, man.

577 Q: What about the other two? You familiar with them much at all? I know you
578 don't know their names, but...
579 A: I don't know their names that well.

580 Q: ...their personality? You know their personalities?
581 A: Um...

582 Q: Did they - how'd they...
583 A: ...I spoken to the Caucasian cop before because, you know, I'm - I'm - I'm
584 pretty - I'm in pretty good shape right now. I'm pretty cut up still...

585 Q: Right.
586 A: ...for being old man.

587 Q: Right.
588 A: And one day he asked me, "Hey, hey man, you ever get -" and like, you know,
589 we got into conversation of being fit.
590 Q: He works out too. Yeah.
591 A: Yeah. He was telling me, "Yeah, I used to be an ex-bodybuilder." They're
592 taking me to medical. He goes, "Yeah OG, you're all right man. You
593 okay." I said, "Man, thank you man." You know? And that was it. But, I know
594 Loonberm more. I known Loonberm for a little while. Um, I remember when
595 he was a rookie, I came and did a couple parole violations when I was on
596 parole.
597 Q: When was that?
598 A: Oh God, um, I don't remember. But it was few - couple years ago.
599 Q: Couple years ago?
600 A: Yeah. Couple years. 'Cause I've been off parole for a while.
601 Q: So they finished these checks, right?
602 A: Mm-hm.
603 Q: What - where did - where did the three guys go then?
604 A: They came and gathered everything.
605 Q: That they had taken out.
606 A: In the middle.
607 Q: Okay.
608 A: Or the - in the dorm.
609 Q: Okay.
610 A: The table, like this is the middle...
611 Q: Right.
612 A: ...(unintelligible).
613 Q: This is the officer's station right here. Right.
614 A: And they started questioning everything out. Dragged the mattresses, threw
615 'em by the multi-purpose door. And when they all proceeded to walk out, I
616 just found it odd that they all looked in the direction of 39.
617 Q: Did Loonberm leave?
618 A: Loonberm was the last one to leave.
619 Q: Was he ever in there by himself?
620 A: Um, no. He was standing there for about 10 seconds, when I can see the
621 other officers exiting. And he took off his belt, he threw 'em in the garbage
622 can. Took 'em off, threw 'em in the garbage can, and looked at 39, and walked
623 out.
624 Q: Did you see Loonberm come back in?
625 A: I heard him come back in. I - I didn't...
626 Q: You didn't see him?
627 A: ...I didn't see him, no sir.
628 Q: Um, do you know when he came back in, were you still writing? Were you...

629 A: I - I - I was - I was eating a soup.
630 Q: Eating the soup.
631 A: Still writing, yes.
632 Q: And so your lights were on?
633 A: Yes sir.
634 Q: Did you get up and look?
635 A: Yes sir.
636 Q: And what'd you see?
637 A: Um, what ma- what made me get up is when I heard Loonberm say, "Hey,
638 are you okay? Are you okay? Shuriff," called him something like that.
639 Q: Las- last name's Tyree.
640 A: Tyree. There you go. That's what he was saying, "Tyree, Tyree." And - and I
641 seen, you know, the motion, "Tyree, Tyree," you know, you can see the body
642 motion.
643 Q: When you're seeing this, are you seeing this in the reflection?
644 A: I'm seeing this like this out my window.
645 Q: So you're able to look down and see...
646 A: Mm-hm. And I can see the body motion on Loonberm.
647 Q: ...and you can see Loonberm...
648 A: Yeah, you know...
649 Q: ...kind of like...
650 A: ...I - I - yeah, I - I...
651 Q: ...like kicking a little bit?
652 A: Yeah. And - and then it turns out that his head was facing...
653 Q: Wass Michael's door open or shut?
654 A: Yes sir, it was open.
655 Q: It was open. Um...
656 A: And then Loonberm shut it. Walked by my cell. Walked a few ways. And
657 then I heard him say specifically to, I don't know who, "Are you aware of this
658 guy shitting on himself?" I don't know what they told him. But he didn't finish
659 the security check. He went straight back to 39. Opened the door. Dragged
660 him out. And when I seen Michael's eyes, man, I knew Michael was gone
661 man.
662 Q: What did Loonberm do after he dragged him out?
663 A: Panicked. Called the other deputies. Same three deputies came in. And,
664 uh...
665 Q: Did he start pumpin' on him?
666 A: Yes.
667 Q: Did he start pumpin' on him before the other deputies showed up?
668 A: No.
669 Q: The other deputies were already there?
670 A: Yes.

671 Q: When Loonberm walked in, and you could hear him, "Hey man, you
672 okay? You okay?"
673 A: Mm-hm.
674 Q: Was that right away after he walked in? Or was there enough time, follow me
675 here...
676 A: Mm-hm.
677 Q: ...was there enough time for him to go up, check the top tier, come down,
678 check the bottom tier, find Michael, check the rest of the tier, and then come
679 back to Michael?
680 A: What? No. Loonberm came this way.
681 Q: Loonberm came in - this is the door, okay?
682 A: Yes, this is the door.
683 Q: Yeah.
684 A: Loonberm came this way. He always comes this way.
685 Q: He always comes this way. Did he go up to the top?
686 A: Goes in the bottom first.
687 Q: Bottom first.
688 A: Come - I - yeah, always. I know he...
689 Q: So he went to the bottom first. So he went straight from the...
690 A: (Unintelligible). Boom.
691 Q: ...door, 47, 45, 43...
692 A: That's when I heard...
693 Q: ...41...
694 A: Yes.
695 Q: ...39.
696 A: 39.
697 Q: "Hey, are you okay?"
698 A: "Are you okay? I - Tyree, Tyree, are you okay? Are you okay?" Then that's
699 when I got up and I looked. And I could see Loonberm's motion.
700 Q: So we're talking within like a minute or two of him coming in.
701 A: Mm-hm.
702 Q: He's already asking, "Are you okay? Are you okay?"
703 A: Yes.
704 Q: Okay.
705 A: Then he proceeded to take off. Shuts the door. Took off. Got somewhere
706 between, like I said, 31 and 25. And I heard him specifically say, "Are -" if -
707 whoever he asked, "Are you guys aware of him shitting on himself?" I don't
708 know the response. He went a few cells down, went straight back to 39.
709 Q: So he never went to the top?
710 A: Nope. Not that I seen.
711 Q: Before - so he had the door open before he came down...
712 A: Then again I wasn't that focused.

713 Q: Oh yeah, I know. I know. I understand. Um, so he opened the door, "Are you
714 okay?" Shut it. Went down here, "Anybody aware he shitting on himself?"
715 A: Mm-hm.
716 Q: Walked, went back, opened it again. Are you...
717 A: Mm-hm.
718 Q: ...am I good? Did he call for help, or did he drag the guy out first?
719 A: Dragged him out.
720 Q: Then he called for help.
721 A: No wait a minute. Called for help first.
722 Q: Then drug the guy out?
723 A: Then they drug him out.
724 Q: They drug him out together?
725 A: Yes.
726 Q: So two of 'em drug him out?
727 A: Yes.
728 Q: Okay. All right. Cool. We're getting somewhere.
729 A: Yes.
730 Q: So, they started working on him. But you could tell, hey man...
731 A: I knew he was gone man. That's when - and I'm gonna keep it real with you
732 man. I just started crying man. And I just said a prayer for him man, 'cause
733 I knew he was dead. I seen dead bodies in prison before. I knew he was gone
734 man. I knew he was gone man. I started crying, you know, 'cause it hurt me.
735 Q: Pretty soon the nurses showed up.
736 A: Yes.
737 Q: How were the deputies acting before the nurses showed up?
738 A: That's when I noticed Loonberm. He was lost in thought. He looked
739 discombobulated. And he looked at my cell. He looked at my neighbor first
740 and he goes, "Did you hear anything?" I heard my neighbor say, "No." Did- it
741 was just the way he looked at me man. It's the way he fucking looked at me. I
742 looked at him and he goes, "Did you hear anything?" I didn't even respond
743 man. I just turned around and sat down man. 'Cause I knew man, I - I - I - I
744 knew man. I - I - I knew man. The whole - his whole facial ex- expression,
745 everything changed. Like getting caught with your hand in the cookie jar man,
746 so to speak. You know?
747 Q: You said earlier that you heard laughing.
748 A: I watched them laugh. You know?
749 Q: The - those three deputies?
750 A: When they were reviving him.
751 Q: Before the nurses showed up?
752 A: No, it was afterwards and during.
753 Q: Afterwards? Was it before the paramedics and the fire department showed up?
754 A: Mm-hm.

755 Q: So, after the nurses, but before the fire department. When you said they're
756 laugh - like, were they laughing at Michael? Were they telling jokes? Were,
757 uh...

758 A: It's hard to say sir, because even some of the EMT's were talking amongst
759 each other, laughing. I don't think it was...

760 Q: Well like us. I mean, you watched us there.

761 A: Yeah.

762 Q: You know?

763 A: I - exactly.

764 Q: Yeah.

765 A: And I watched...

766 Q: I mean...

767 A: ...you guys...

768 Q: Yeah.

769 A: ...you know, it doesn't mean that you're specifically laughing at his person or...

770 Q: Right.

771 A: ...what's manifesting.

772 Q: Right.

773 A: You know? It could be something that you...

774 Q: Completely unrelated.

775 A: ...a case that you...

776 Q: Yeah.

777 A: ...uh, are doing that you found something humorous and you guys are
778 correlating about.

779 Q: Right.

780 A: And, yeah, so I'm not saying that they specifically laughed at Michael, because
781 I don't know.

782 Q: Did they appear nervous?

783 A: Absolutely.

784 Q: Scared?

785 A: Absolutely.

786 Q: But they were trying to help - do you figure - do you...

787 A: Mm-hm.

788 Q: ...think in your personal...

789 A: The only one who took the initiative to pump him was Loonberm.

790 Q: What were the other two doing?

791 A: Standing there.

792 Q: Um, they brought in that little machine?

793 A: Yes.

794 Q: Who hooked it up to the guy?

795 A: The nurse.

796 Q: The nurse?
797 A: Yes.
798 Q: Some fourth deputy brought that in, right? Do you remember who brought -
799 well, you know what, that's kind of a bad question because there were actually
800 a bunch of those machines that were brought in.
801 A: There was quite a few, yeah.
802 Q: Yeah. Okay.
803 A: There was a big one and then there's a little...
804 Q: The little red boxes?
805 A: ...portable one.
806 Q: Um, but the nurse hooked up, uh, a machine?
807 A: A male nurse.
808 Q: Okay.
809 A: 'Cause I remember watching, because he was like panicking. Like, "I got to
810 save this guy, man."
811 Q: Eventually, Michael was pronounced dead. Right? The doctors, the nurses, the
812 fire personnel, the paramedics, they eventually all left, right?
813 A: Mm-hm.
814 Q: What was going on with the deputies after that, and before we came?
815 A: Sergeant Aguilar walked in. Another sergeant who was bald, and the other
816 little ser- sergeant, little thin, kind of little bald spot on his head.
817 Q: Right, right, right.
818 A: Took Loonberm. Called Loonberm to the multi-purpose room immediately.
819 And I didn't see Loonberm after that.
820 Q: What about the other two, what - did you see them?
821 A: Didn't see 'em after that.
822 Q: Did you talk to anybody else in any of these dorm rooms about anything that
823 happened?
824 A: Um, not until this afternoon when we came out for program.
825 Q: You guys had program this afternoon?
826 A: Yes, sir.
827 Q: And who did you speak to?
828 A: Um, a couple of individuals who were...
829 Q: Do you know their names, or just their cells? Well you know
830 A: I didn't - I don't speak to He's - we're all crooks to him. Um, I spoke to
831 14.
832 Q: Okay.
833 A: And he confirmed - I said, "Hey man, that was messed up man." He
834 goes, "Man, dude," you know, he - he goes, "You know what I tripped out
835 on?" And I said, "What's that brother, man?" He goes, "How when Loonberm
836 opened the door, and was kicking him in the head, asking him if he's
837 okay." And I said, "Oh my God dude, that - that - I seen the body motion on

838 that dude." And he goes, "Yeah that's what he was doing." And I said, "You
839 know what, brother man? I - I don't want to talk about it 'cause it bothered me.
840 That young man didn't deserve to die, man."
841 Q: When Michael's in his cell, and you're in your cell, I know you guys can
842 hear kind of...
843 A: Mm-hm.
844 Q: ...you know, pretty well. Could you hear a lot of the things that he was doing
845 in his cell?
846 A: Prior to that?
847 Q: Yeah, yeah.
848 A: Yeah, I'd be able to hear him.
849 Q: Like on a daily basis. Like on a daily basis.
850 A: Yeah.
851 Q: Could you hear him walking around?
852 A: Yeah. Yeah, I hear him flushing his toilet, I hear my - 'cause, you know,
853 you can hear everything.
854 Q: Right.
855 A: You know? It - it's pretty quiet in there at night.
856 Q: Right.
857 A: So it kind of echoes. You know?
858 Q: So, was it unusual to you to not hear anything during that time?
859 A: I can't really say that I'm that aware of it, but I, you know, when I was up
860 and I was, you know, on doing washing my clothes or whatever, yeah, um,
861 I could hear his water run. Um, I'll hear him flush his toilet. I'll hear him talk
862 to himself. 'Cause Michael was loud. Um, you know, my neighbor in 3...
863 Q: 37?
864 A: ...37's quiet. He's so...
865 Q: So mostly from...
866 A: ...he's still coming down on that shit.
867 Q: So mostly - oh, I see.
868 A: Yeah.
869 Q: So mostly from this side it's pretty much, you know, a lot of Michael.
870 A: Yeah. You can hear Michael. Yeah. Yeah.
871 Q: But you didn't hear anything after they went in there.
872 A: No man. After they left, I didn't hear nothing man.
873 Q: Um, take me back to the 25th. You said they choked you out.
874 A: Mm-hm.
875 Q: Uh, how'd they do that?
876 A: Mmm. Well I'm like this, first of all. I'm chained up. Then, uh, they took
877 me to the cell. They slammed me against the wall. And I think that's actually
878 when I freaked my jaw up, because they slammed me like this. And then they

879 grabbed me. And I was like, "Hey man." Come on man, come on man. I'm not
880 resisting, man."
881 Q: Are they holding you by the arms?
882 A: Ye- they got my fingers bent.
883 Q: Mm-hm.
884 A: I was surprised they didn't break.
885 Q: Mm-hm.
886 A: And then they started stepping on my ankles, shoving the ankle thing in my
887 skin. And then Lee grabbed me. He finally let go of me and he grabbed me
888 and threw me down. And when he threw me down, I hit the corner of the bed.
889 Q: Okay.
890 A: And I was pissed by then because I felt the warm blood running down my
891 face.
892 Q: Did you ever get any - 'cause, and here's why I'm asking this. You mentioned
893 Michael, you know, "Don't. I'm sorry," and then you heard like the gurgling
894 noise, right?
895 A: Mm-hm.
896 Q: Um, did they do anything to you, and I know that they were different deputies,
897 did they do anything to you that would cause you to make the same sounds
898 that Michael did last night?
899 A: No.
900 Q: They never had up around your neck?
901 A: No.
902 Q: Okay.
903 A: I mean they - they had me in - in a little hold, but it wasn't like that. No.
904 Q: Do you think that - well, let me ask you this. When they first went into
905 Michael's cell.
906 A: Mm-hm.
907 Q: Uh, last night, uh, during the - the shakedown, well, like I said, um, did you
908 hear them tell him, "Get up."
909 A: In all honesty, all I heard was Michael saying, "Okay. Stop. Okay. Please, stop
910 it. Stop."
911 Q: Did you hear him cussing at them?
912 A: No.
913 Q: Did you hear him using foul...
914 A: No.
915 Q: ...uh, telling 'em, uh, stuff about the devil, or satan or...
916 A: No sir.
917 Q: ...get out of my cell?
918 A: No sir.

919 Q: Um, did you hear them saying, uh, "Fine. Get down on your bunk. Get down
920 on your bunk?"
921 A: No sir.

922 Q: Just Michael?
923 A: It's - it's protocol that when they come in for laundry search, that we stand
924 up and face the wall. Unless like myself, I know a lot of the deputies man. I
925 get - I - I get along with them really good. Um, it - that's protocol. So, and
926 one time the youngster with the Superman haircut I call it, I remember the
927 first time I met him, he went in my cell and when I got against the wall, he
928 said, "Do you have any extra underwear?" And he grabbed me like this, and
929 he pulled me. And I said, "Hey, what the fuck you trying to manhandle me
930 for, fool?" And then Loonberm goes, "No man, he's cool. He's cool man. OG's
931 cool." And he goes, "Okay," and check for underwear and I didn't have no
932 extras. And he never stopped and spoke to me. But last night, I found it odd
933 that he spoke to me and asked how I was doing, how was my jaw.

934 Q: Was this after what happened?
935 A: After they left Michael. This ha- so when they came to mine, Loonberm
936 came in, kicked me my extra underwear back, because I felt it hit my ankle
937 and I turned around and looked, it was my underwear. And Loonberm then
938 walked out. Youngster was walking out, and he stopped at my door and he
939 goes, "Hey, so how's the jaw healing, man?" And I said, "Well it didn't heal. It
940 actually got a little worse because they - I went to a special," and I told him
941 briefly what happened. And I gotta go have it re-broken and wired. And he
942 goes, "Oh man, that sucks." And he left. But I found it odd that he talked to
943 me, because he never do.

944 Q: Do you know if there was any ever - any reports made about what happened
945 to you?
946 A: No.

947 Q: Did you...
948 A: I don't know. I never heard nothing about...
949 Q: Did you report it to anybody?
950 A: ...that. No, I didn't say nothing man.

951 Q: Yeah. You don't - yeah.
952 A: I'm old school man.
953 Q: You - yeah, yeah.
954 A: And - and that's what my flesh is gonna heal man.
955 Q: Yeah. I figured that's what you were going to tell me.
956 A: Yeah. I - I didn't...
957 Q: Um...
958 A: ...do nothing. You know? But they did come and apologize to me the next
959 morning when they came on shift, that evening. On the 25th. Came to my
960 door and he apologized to me. And I said, "You know what? That was fucked

961 up. Look what you did to me man. Look at my eye. Look at my head man." I
962 go, "That's fucked up man. You're fucking coward, dude." I'm gonna be
963 honest. Like I told him, "You're a fucking coward dude. I'll beat your ass one
964 on one, fool." Then that's when he goes, "Well, I'm sorry And I said,
965 "You know what man? It w- it happened. It is what it is man." He goes,
966 "Okay. Welcome to my dorm." Then that's when some Northern rider tried to
967 push up on me. Walked in my cell. I tried to talk to this big fucking kid, man.
968 Tried to talk to him. He's cold cocked me. I shut my door and it was on.
969 Q: Even though you were hurt?
970 A: Yeah. It was on and cracking man. That motherfucker cold cocked me.
971 And then Lee started spraying but I wouldn't stop. I'm old school man. I'm - I -
972 I'm the epitome of that old s- can't stop, won't stop bullshit.
973 Q: This is after you got back from the hospital?
974 A: No, this is, uh, after he apologized me and ran dayroom. I didn't go to the
975 hospital that night. I didn't go to the hospital until after that fight.
976 Q: So this was in A then?
977 A: Mm-hm.
978 Q: Okay.
979 A: And then after the fight, I - I wouldn't stop, and then they fucked me up again
980 man.
981 Q: And then you went to the hospital?
982 A: Then I went to the hospital.
983 Q: Okay. So do you know what day - date it was that you went...
984 A: On the 25th of July sir.
985 Q: That you went to the hospital?
986 A: Yes sir.
987 Q: Okay. So, the deputies did that to you on the - in the early morning hours.
988 A: Deputy, um...
989 Q: Then you went to your cell.
990 A: ...Mohaffy.
991 Q: Lee apologized.
992 A: He came in that next day, at 6 o'clock, on his shift. He did his rounds.
993 Q: In the evening or in the...
994 A: And I'm watching him.
995 Q: ...morning?
996 A: In the evening.
997 Q: Okay. So on his next shift.
998 A: He's doing rounds. And I'm watching him. And then he looks - he looks up at
999 my cell. And then he walks up the stairs. And I said oh fuck, man.
1000 Q: So you sat there bleeding with a broken jaw all day?
1001 A: All day man. I didn't even know my jaw was broken.
1002 Q: But bleeding? Did anybody come and...

1003 A: My head was gushing...
1004 Q: ...treat your bleeding?
1005 A: No. No.
1006 Q: And then he came at about 6 o'clock, apologized...
1007 A: Apologizing.
1008 Q: ...does his rounds. And then the other dude comes in. It's on.
1009 A: It's on and cracking.
1010 Q: How long did that go on?
1011 A: Oh...
1012 Q: Couple - couple seconds?
1013 A: ...shit. No man, I shut my door and I didn't want to stop. I wanted to
1014 annihilate that fucking kid for punching me the way he did.
1015 Q: And what happened to him?
1016 A: I don't know man. I - I - I - I don't know, 'cause I didn't stop. Then I heard all
1017 the troops coming. Then that's when I finally stopped and opened my door.
1018 And they all rushed in.
1019 Q: And they just...
1020 A: They dragged me out.
1021 Q: ...took you right to the hospital?
1022 A: They dragged me out. Punched me in my ribs. Punched me in my head.
1023 Dragged me down here. And then that's when I seen Mohaffy. Say, "Mohaffy
1024 it's me." And he goes, I go, "Mohaffy, look what they did to me
1025 man." Then I - then Mohaffy was the escort. And McMan? I think that's his
1026 name. He's out there.
1027 Q: Yeah.
1028 A: They're the - they - they were my transport to UMC that night. And -
1029 and Mohaffy, when they were coming - when they took me out to UMC,
1030 Mo- Mohaffy goes, "What happened, OG?" And I - and I told him everything.
1031 And I go, "Mohaffy, man, th- they're not like you guys. They're not old
1032 school. They're fucking all young gung-ho motherfuckers, man. New
1033 generation. Look what they did to me," and I explained him what happened.
1034 Q: And when you came back, you went to B?
1035 A: Yes 'cause Loonberm saw me and - and I - like I said, I've always gotten
1036 along with Loonberm. And Loonberm goes, "Hey you want to come
1037 to my dorm man? It's cool in there." I said, "Sure, Mr. Loonberm. I'll go to
1038 your dorm." And that's where I'm at now.
1039 Q: You nervous about talking to me?
1040 A: Hm?
1041 Q: Are you nervous about talking to me?
1042 A: No. When you tell the truth, you don't need to be nervous.
1043 Q: Well, I don't mean nervous about what's going to happen, or what I'm going to
1044 do.

1045 A: I'm scared of what's going to happen to me.
1046 Q: That's what I'm talking about.
1047 A: Yeah.
1048 Q: Do you like your housing?
1049 A: Yeah I like my housing.
1050 Q: Would you want new housing?
1051 A: No.
1052 Q: You're not that scared. Or you just don't want to be rolled up.
1053 A: Don't matter where I'm at, man. I'm in jail. They gonna come and reach out
1054 and touch me wherever I'm at, if that's the case.
1055 Q: So you want me to leave - leave you alone?
1056 A: You make it sound like I'm the only one that's talking to you.
1057 Q: Uh, well you're only the second person I've talked to. I just...
1058 A: Oh.
1059 Q: ...started - I just started.
1060 A: Oh. Um...
1061 Q: I just started. But I wanted to address your concerns. You know? I ge- I mean,
1062 I think...
1063 A: I expressed it to Rogie. I've known Rogie a long - I've known Rogie for
1064 decades man.
1065 Q: Um, th- I - I - I have to ask so I'm going to. Mental health is standing by. Did
1066 you want to talk to them?
1067 A: No.
1068 Q: You sure? Chaplain's standing by. Did you want to talk to him? They're both
1069 standing by for anybody who wants to talk to 'em.
1070 A: No. I just feel bad what happened to Michael, man.
1071 Q: Yeah, me too.
1072 A: It's fucked up man.
1073 Q: I agree. That's why I'm here.
1074 A: Are they going to find out that I talked to you?
1075 Q: Who?
1076 A: Well the - the deputies. That's - particularly that shift that comes on
1077 tonight.
1078 Q: No.
1079 A: Then I'm okay.
1080 Q: Um, you know, um, you remember my name, right? Brown, like the color.
1081 A: Your name?
1082 Q: Like your shirt.
1083 A: Of course I remember your name, yeah.
1084 Q: Like your shirt.
1085 A: Just...

- 1086 Q: Here's why I say that. Because, you can reach out whenever you want. And I'll
1087 - and I'll help you.
- 1088 A: I just think that what they did was wrong, man. I mean look what they did to
1089 me, man. Just 'cause I wanted to get housed man. Same crew, not Loonberm
1090 and them, but damn man, same fucking crew man. Look what they did to me
1091 man. Ended up getting a huge fucking abscess underneath my chin that's cut
1092 open now. It's still draining. Lost the tube, fucking my jaw's cracked, and then
1093 I - turns out that I got to have surgery. Told my family. And they're all like
1094 wow man, you serious? Yeah, I got to go get my jaw wired. And, sucks man.
1095 It's not the same no more, um, Officer. The demeanor of the deputies is
1096 absolutely and utterly different from the demeanor this new generation.
1097 They're gung-ho man. I was in Corcoran with green squad, man, with - with -
1098 with the fuckin' I - I - I was there with the, you know, I - I was there when
1099 they would send us out to the yard with eight Southerners and just me, my
1100 cellie and I man. They used to bet on us. I was there man. I know that. I know
1101 what happens when you get deputies who are not as professional as others
1102 man. And I also seen deputies in prison and in jail get all slick down,
1103 becoming their own little gang man. I've watched it all. You know? And I've
1104 been a victim of it. I - I - I see fight every 10 days in the shoe man. It be, you
1105 know, myself and my cellie, they're betting on us. I've been there and done
1106 that man. I'm older now man. I'm only here on some misdemeanors. I want to
1107 go home. I think they're going to strike me out on this. But I want to go home.
1108 I mean, I'm drooling and shit. Never, you know, I never thought this would
1109 happen to me here. 'Cause I've always had a good rapport with all the deputies
1110 here. Nursing staff, I don't - I don't swear at none of 'em. I'm very professional
1111 when I speak to 'em because they're here to assist me. And I'm here because of
1112 my own bad decisions. I'm not - I don't take it out on nobody else. Yesterday
1113 was wrong. What - what they did to me, was wrong. But I didn't make a big
1114 stink about it. Because maybe I did get disrespectful by calling 'em lazy and
1115 all that shit.
- 1116 Q: Well you are OG, aren't you?
- 1117 A: Yeah. You know? So, that's - it is what it is. You know?
- 1118 Q: It is what it is.
- 1119 A: Hey man, little ass whoopin' builds character sometimes. You know? You
1120 know? That's precisely how I inventory it man. And I - and I - and - and I
1121 inventory my secondary thought process to always remember never do that
1122 again, man. You know? So...
- 1123 Q: Mistakes are only good mistakes if you learn from 'em.
- 1124 A: That's right man. You know? So when you - when you - when you lose, you
1125 win sometimes. You know? And that's precisely what happened with me.
- 1126 Q: Is there anything more that you want to tell me?

1127 A: Just don't let that kid's death go in vain man. He's good kid. Yeah he's little

1128 , but...

1129 Q: You think they hurt that man?

1130 A: Yes.

1131 Q: Do you think they killed that man?

1132 A: Yes.

1133 Q: And that's because of what you saw and what you heard?

1134 A: Yes.

1135 Q: All right.

1136 A: But what spoke the most significant volume to me, is Loonbern's face when

1137 I seen it.

1138 Q: How he reacted.

1139 A: Yes.

1140 Q: All right man. Is that it?

1141 A: That's it man.

1142 Q: I'm going to let you go back, okay?

1143 A: Yes.

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1146 This transcript has been reviewed with the audio recording submitted and it is an accurate

1147 transcription.

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