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7 **INTERVIEW WITH**  
8 **Q=Sgt. Jason Brown**  
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Q: ...the recorder so I can record what we're saying.

A: All right. All right.

Q: No problem?

A: No.

Q: I'm Sergeant Brown with the Sheriff's Office.

A: Yeah.

Q: Can you say your name for me?

A: Uh,

Q: And what's your birthday,

A:

Q: What cell are you in?

A: I'm up in the top. I'm not sure.

Q: You're on the top? You're not sure which one it is.

A: No.

Q: All right. Did you see us here this morning?

A: I'm not sure. Well I see a whole bunch of people.

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44 Q: Oh, you saw - so okay, you saw a whole bunch of people here this morning.  
45 Um, do you know what happened?  
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47 A: No.  
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49 Q: You have no idea what happened down there?  
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51 A: No - no.  
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53 Q: Um, let's talk about last night. Not this morning, but last night.  
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55 A: I don't know what happened.  
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57 Q: You guys have pill call. Do you get pill call?  
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59 A: Yeah.  
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61 Q: It was, like, say 7:30. Does that sound about right, maybe?  
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63 A: Yeah.  
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65 Q: After pill call, you guys did clothing exchange, right?  
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67 A: Yeah. Canteen too.  
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69 Q: Canteen too?  
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71 A: Yeah.  
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73 Q: When you did clothing exchange, do you go down to the officer station to get  
74 clothes or do they bring it to your cell?  
75  
76 A: No, we go down there where the canteen is at.  
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78 Q: Okay, so you go down where the canteen is at. You pick up your clothes.  
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80 A: And to the canteen in the same place.  
81  
82 Q: And the canteen. And you go back to your cell, right?  
83  
84 A: Yeah.

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86 Q: When you went back to your cell and changed your clothes, right?  
87  
88 A: Yeah.  
89  
90 Q: Did the officers come and pick up your old clothes?  
91  
92 A: No, we, uh, give it all then right there and they give us a (unintelligible) and  
93 all the clothes right there. We - we carry we - we roll ourselves up i- with a  
94 sheet.  
95  
96 Q: So you roll it all up with a sheet, all your clothes...  
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98 A: We take it all off and give it to them and - and put a sheet around us.  
99  
100 Q: Where does that take place, downstairs at the canteen?  
101  
102 A: Downstairs where they give the canteen.  
103  
104 Q: Okay, so you give them your clothes...  
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106 A: (Unintelligible).  
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108 Q: And you take new clothes to the canteen...  
109  
110 A: Yeah.  
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112 Q: And you go back to your cell.  
113  
114 A: Yeah.  
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116 Q: And you put your clothes on, right?  
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118 A: Yeah.  
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120 Q: Okay. A little bit later, did the officers come and search your cell for extras?  
121  
122 A: Yeah - yeah. After - after canteen. After we - after we got our canteen in our  
123 room.  
124  
125 Q: And this is before lights out, right?  
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127 A: Yeah.  
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129 Q: Did they search your cell?  
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131 A: Yeah.  
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133 Q: How many officers were there?  
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135 A: Two.  
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137 Q: Two officers searched your cell?  
138  
139 A: Yeah.  
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141 Q: Do you know who they were?  
142  
143 A: No. Well I know - I remember they - they how they look like, but I don't know  
144 who they are.  
145  
146 Q: What did they look like?  
147  
148 A: One is like a Asian with no hair.  
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150 Q: Dark skin?  
151  
152 A: Yeah.  
153  
154 Q: Okay. Is he the guy that normally works in that unit?  
155  
156 A: Yeah - yeah.  
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158 Q: Okay. You don't know his name?  
159  
160 A: No.  
161  
162 Q: Okay. What about the other guy?  
163  
164 A: Is like some guy like you but skinnier and taller and skinnier.  
165  
166 Q: A white guy?  
167  
168 A: Yeah.

169  
170 Q: White guy but tall and skinny?  
171  
172 A: Yeah, blond.  
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174 Q: Blond hair?  
175  
176 A: And skinnier.  
177  
178 Q: Okay.  
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180 A: Okay.  
181  
182 Q: Young looking?  
183  
184 A: Yeah.  
185  
186 Q: Okay cool. Um, how were they with you?  
187  
188 A: Good. They just took some socks. That's it.  
189  
190 Q: Oh you got some extra socks?  
191  
192 A: Yeah.  
193  
194 Q: Um, did they give you a hard time?  
195  
196 A: No.  
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198 Q: Um, did you cooperate with them?  
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200 A: Yeah.  
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202 Q: Do you normally cooperate with them?  
203  
204 A: Yeah.  
205  
206 Q: That's cool. After that happened, okay?  
207  
208 A: Yeah.  
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210 Q: Did you hear anything, um, unusual i- in the dorm?  
211  
212 A: No.  
213  
214 Q: No. How long after they did your cell was lights off? Can you guess?  
215  
216 Man: (Unintelligible).  
217  
218 A: They didn't turn them off all night.  
219  
220 Man: Who?  
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222 Q: But I mean.  
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224 Man: (Unintelligible).  
225  
226 A: They didn't - they didn't turn them off 'cause somebody was out there. They - I  
227 seen a whole bunch of people. I was up at the top of there looking down. I was  
228 gonna watch some TV. I didn't watch TV 'cause I didn't wanna look down.  
229 There was so many people, ambulances and, uh, people down there with a  
230 body.  
231  
232 Q: It was busy, huh?  
233  
234 A: There was - there was one body down there was dead. It was dead - there was  
235 a dead body down there.  
236  
237 Q: There was a dead body down there?  
238  
239 A: Yeah.  
240  
241 Q: Do you know who it was?  
242  
243 A: No - no.  
244  
245 Q: Do - do - do you talk to many of the other guys in there?  
246  
247 A: Yeah but I haven't talked to the dead body. I don't know who it was.  
248  
249 Q: Well, yeah, nobody talks to a dead body, right?  
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251 A: But I don't know who - who kn- I don't know who died though. I don't know.  
252 But there was a - there was one guy who was dead down there and they didn't  
253 turn the lights off and then when that happened, uh, when - when...  
254  
255 Q: They never got a chance to turn them off, huh?  
256  
257 A: They didn't turn, they left them on all night. They usually turn them on and off  
258 - on and off - on and off. But they never turned them off yesterday.  
259  
260 Q: How long you've been in?  
261  
262 A: Where?  
263  
264 Q: 6B.  
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266 A: Uh, maybe a month.  
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268 Q: About maybe a month. Have there ever been any, uh, I don't know, fights in  
269 6B?  
270  
271 A: No.  
272  
273 Q: Since you been there?  
274  
275 A: No.  
276  
277 Q: If you were to hear a - a fight happening in 6B, would it sound different?  
278 Would you know that it was a fight? Even if you didn't see it?  
279  
280 A: Yeah, y- y- you could hear it.  
281  
282 Q: Like if someone was getting roughed up?  
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284 A: Yeah.  
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286 Q: Did you hear that last night?  
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288 A: No.  
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290 Q: Never?  
291  
292 A: No.

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294 Q: Okay. Um, you said you saw somebody, you know, had died down there. Do  
295 you know w- how they died?  
296  
297 A: No.  
298  
299 Q: Um, did you know (Michael)?  
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301 A: No.  
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303 Q: Y- didn't know anybody in there named (Michael)?  
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305 A: No.  
306  
307 Q: Okay. Um, did it look like the officers were trying to help the guy who had  
308 died?  
309  
310 A: Yeah.  
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312 Q: Um, and then the - the nurses came?  
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314 A: Yeah.  
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316 Q: And they tried to help?  
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318 A: Yeah.  
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320 Q: Um, the fire department?  
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322 A: Yeah.  
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324 Q: The ambulance?  
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326 A: Yeah.  
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328 Q: They all tried to help him?  
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330 A: Yeah.  
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332 Q: But didn't work, right?  
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334 A: Yeah.



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336 Q: Did you see anything that you thought happened that wasn't right? Like  
337 maybe somebody was doing something wrong?

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339 A: No.

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341 Q: No? Nothing like that?

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343 A: No.

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345 Q: Um, do you have anything maybe that you could think of to add about what  
346 happened last night and this morning that may- maybe I should know about  
347 about what happened to the - to the dead guy in there?

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349 A: No.

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351 Q: You don't know what happened?

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353 A: No.

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355 Q: Okay. See this map right here?

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357 A: Yeah.

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359 Q: Okay. This is the lobby. These are the visiting rooms.

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361 A: Yeah.

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363 Q: Okay. And this is the door.

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365 A: Yeah.

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367 Q: When I come in the door and this is the officer station.

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369 A: Yeah.

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371 Q: I think this is canteen, right?

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373 A: No.

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375 Q: No, where's canteen?

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377 A: Right there before the officer. Right here. All this.  
378  
379 Q: Okay. All of that. Like the lunchroom?  
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381 A: Yeah.  
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383 Q: Okay. So that's where they do the clo- where is your cell?  
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385 A: My cell is - me see.  
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387 Q: So this is the off..  
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389 A: 21 - 22 right here.  
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391 Q: 21 - 22?  
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393 A: Yeah.  
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395 Q: Okay. And you're on the top, right?  
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397 A: Yeah.  
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399 Q: Okay. So you're probably in 22.  
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401 A: Yeah.  
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403 Q: Because the 22 is on the top. Does that sound about right?  
404  
405 A: 21.  
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407 Q: 21 (unintelligible) 22? Okay.  
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409 A: 21.  
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411 Q: And so, if you're looking out your door and you saw the dead guy he was over  
412 here by the stairs?  
413  
414 A: Yeah.  
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416 Q: You said you were maybe looking to - can you see the TV from your cell?  
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418 A: Over here.

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420 Q: This TV?

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422 A: Yeah.

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424 Q: All right. And so is that what you were - you were trying to see the TV and  
425 then you saw th- everything that was going on down there?

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427 A: And the lights they didn't turn off the lights when they - when they - when  
428 they turn off the lights the better it - th- you watch TV better with lights off.

429

430 Q: Yeah.

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432 A: And when - and when there's lights you can't even see - you can't...

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434 Q: The glare?

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436 A: Yeah.

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438 Q: Okay I get that. All right so you're over here and you had a clear view of what  
439 was going on over here?

440

441 A: Yeah.

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443 Q: After they were done searching your cell, how long do you think it was until  
444 all of this commotion started going on down here with the dead guy?

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446 A: After, uh, the officers that went (unintelligible) they - they were doing the, uh,  
447 shakedown were taking all the people's things.

448

449 Q: Okay.

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451 A: The two officers went up to the cell up here by the shower 47 and 48. They  
452 went in there - they went in there and, uh, the - the guy in that cell, uh, was  
453 getting, uh, roughed up by two officers. He was gonna fight 'em and he was  
454 wrestling them and they were putting him down to the bed and putting  
455 something to his neck to - to calm him down. Uh, the - uh, the sheriff know  
456 how to calm him down. And they talked to him and they c- they stayed there  
457 maybe about a half-hour in there trying to - trying to, uh, calm him down.  
458 They left the room. Then they went downstairs. And - and that's when right  
459 away when they went downstairs, that's when happened - they pulled the body  
460 out from the cell. I was in that cell right here 39. I was - that's where I was in

461 that cell before too in there. He - he - I was in that cell and - and, uh, before I  
462 - I moved over here up to 21 or 21. They pulled - after the two officers, uh,  
463 got into it with the guy in 47, 48, they went down and that's when a body  
464 came out and a whole bunch of, uh, drama and - and showtime was on for the  
465 body over here. After the officers went - went out and went down, that's when  
466 they pulled the body out and there was showtime with the body over here. All  
467 night long it was showtime.  
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469 Q: 4748. Let's talk about 4748. From where you are in your cell, you could see  
470 everything that was going on?  
471

472 A: Yeah.  
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474 Q: With - up there?  
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476 A: (Unintelligible) 'cause (unintelligible) went down there too with the body out  
477 here with, uh, showtime with the body. All night long it was showtime. A lot  
478 of people in there - in and out - in and out. Ambulances, fire department.  
479 Ambulances, uh...  
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481 Q: Guys like me?  
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483 A: Yeah, you, a whole bunch of you guys. Lot of people.  
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485 Q: Did anybody rough up - did you know the guy in 39?  
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487 A: No, I - I don't know. I don't think I knew him.  
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489 Q: Did you see anybody rough him up? Did the deputies try and calm him down  
490 at all?  
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492 A: I - we - we - I - I see they were doing his chest. (Unintelligible) the officers  
493 doing something...  
494

495 Q: Trying to save his life.  
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497 A: Yeah.  
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499 Q: (Unintelligible).  
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501 A: I seen the officer do - doing his chest. Something - something with his chest  
502 so they could get him up again, but he - he...

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504 Q: But before that, nothing that was wrong? Like during the cell search or after  
505 the - the shakedown?

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507 A: (Unintelligible) up - up with (unintelligible).

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509 Q: Just (unintelligible) 4748.

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511 A: Yeah, when - when he was - when he was going off with the two officers - he  
512 went off on them.

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514 Q: Upstairs though?

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516 A: Yeah.

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518 Q: Okay. All right. Was that before 4748? Was that be...

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520 A: Yeah right - right before - before it happened when they - they went  
521 downstairs right away, they pulled the body out from, uh, 39 and put it over  
522 here by - by where I could see him.

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524 Q: So, 4748 was after your shakedown?

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526 A: After my shakedown...

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528 Q: And before they pulled the body?

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530 A: Yeah.

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532 Q: Okay. All right. Anything else?

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534 A: No.

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536 Q: You didn't see anything that - that...

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538 A: All night long showtime with the body.

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540 Q: Oth- other than 4748?

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542 A: Yeah.

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544 Q: Okay. All right, I tell you what I'm gonna send you back to your cell.  
545 But let me let 'em know that you're done, okay?

546  
547 A: Yeah.

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549 Q: All right. Any- anything you else you need to tell me about?

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551 A: No.

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553 Q: All right, hold on, let me stop this.

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

558 Signed \_\_\_\_\_