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Q: I'm Sergeant Brown with the sheriff's office, okay?

A: How you doin', Sergeant Brown?

Q: (Unintelligible) - I'm well, man. What's your name again?

A: My name is

Q: And your birthday?

A:

Q: You know what cell you're, uh - you're in?

A: Uh, in 31, sir.

Q: Thirty-one. You know why I'm here?

A: (Unintelligible) incident that occurred last night.

Q: Overnight?

A: Yeah.

Q: All right. You wanna tell me about what happened last night?

A: Yeah, sure.

Q: Sure (unintelligible).

42 A: (Unintelligible), um, well, I just woke up. I heard a little bit of commotion. I
43 really didn't know what was going on, you know? I was laying down. And,
44 um, I just looked out the window and saw a guy on the floor. I thought maybe,
45 you know - I don't know what was wrong with him. And, um, kinda saw he
46 was, like, lifeless, you know? I mean, I (unintelligible) I didn't really know,
47 you know? And then I just sat there and watched, and, um, kinda figured, you
48 know, he didn't have no color, so I'm like, "Man, this dude looks like he's
49 dead, you know?"
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51 Q: Mm-hm.
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53 A: You know, not funny, but, you know...
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55 Q: Yeah, (unintelligible).
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57 A: You know, I was like, "Man, dude's dead." I'm like, "No, he can't be." I just
58 seen the dude walkin' around a little while ago, you know, earlier that night,
59 and, uh - and I just seen, um, the little medical crew around him tryin' to help
60 him out, and, uh, that's about it.
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62 Q: All right. Uh, (unintelligible)?
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64 A: No, I don't.
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66 Q: Mmm, uh, okay. Last night, uh, before all that happened, um, you guys did
67 your clothing exchange last night, right?
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69 A: Mm-hm.
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71 Q: And that happens, like, in the chow hall, right; canteen area?
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73 A: Yes.
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75 Q: So, ho- how does the - like, the clothing exchange work?
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77 A: Clothing exchange, the way it worked last night, is he just popped us out.
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79 Q: All of you at the same time?
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81 A: Ye- all - everybody at the same time. Everybody just formed a line, get in line,
82 and get your clothing, and then just continue with your rec, you know?
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84 Q: Okay. So, when he popped the door open, were you guys wearing, like, the
85 clothes you already have?
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87 A: Yes. Well, it depends because last night was tops and bottoms, which is pants
88 and shirt. So, some people came out, they didn't want to change
89 (unintelligible) and some people came out wearin' their little - you know, they,
90 you know, cover up their body.
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92 Q: Mm-hm.
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94 A: You know, they use a sheet or whatever (unintelligible)...
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96 Q: So the clothes that you want to exchange, you already have off?
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98 A: Yes.
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100 Q: Okay. And then you go into the exchange area and you give them the clothes
101 that you want to give them?
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103 A: Yeah, you just throw them in the bucket (unintelligible)...
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105 Q: Throw them in the bucket?
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107 A: Yeah.
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109 Q: And then you take the clothes that they're giving you?
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111 A: Yes.
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113 Q: Okay. And after you take the clothes, do you go back to your cell?
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115 A: Well - w- well, last night, he said, "If you want to change your outers, you
116 have to change them outside," which is like if you want to change your pants,
117 you have to do them - you have to change them outside, which is on the yard.
118 He said he didn't want you goin' back and forth to your cell, so...
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120 Q: Is that normal?
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122 A: ...last night was a little bit different.
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124 Q: So that's different?
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126 A: We- well, it depends. Every - every...
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128 Q: Officer's different?
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130 A: Yeah, every officer runs a different program, so...
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132 Q: Um, so last night, uh, after everybody was changed (unintelligible)?
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134 A: No. After we did laundry, we had a little bit of program.
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136 Q: Okay. For about how long?
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138 A: Maybe about an hour.
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140 Q: At some point, though, they kind of did a shakedown of everybody's cell; like,
141 lookin' for...
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143 A: A...
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145 Q: ...extras?
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147 A: After last night, yeah. I, uh - I heard - I heard, like, you know,
148 (unintelligible)...
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150 Q: I just want to know what you know.
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152 A: Well, yeah, yeah, yeah. Well, yeah, yeah, yeah. They did do a shakedown.
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154 Q: Mm-hm.
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156 A: Um, I didn't know what was going on. Like I said, after program, read a little
157 bit of my book and I crashed back out.
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159 Q: Mm-hm.
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161 A: But, um, I heard, you know, just people yelling and stuff getting thrown from,
162 like, you know, top tier, just noise. So I went to my door and I looked, and I
163 looked to the left, and they were doing a shakedown.
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165 Q: Did they, um - uh, did they go through your cell last night?
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167 A: Yes, they did.

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169 Q: They went through everybody's cell?

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171 A: They went through everybody's cell, yes.

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173 Q: Um, how many officers were there?

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175 A: Three.

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177 Q: Three officers?

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179 A: Yeah.

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181 Q: You know their names?

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183 A: I don't know.

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185 Q: What's the normal officer that works in there?

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187 A: You know what, I don't know (unintelligible)...

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189 Q: What does he look like?

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191 A: The guy that was in there last night?

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193 Q: Mm-hm.

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195 A: He's a bald-headed guy.

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197 Q: A little guy; dark skin?

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199 A: Yeah.

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201 Q: Okay.

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203 A: Not short, but...

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205 Q: Did all three of them come into your cell?

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207 A: Yes.

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209 Q: Did they give you a hard time or was it just like normal?
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211 A: Nah, just normal.
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213 Q: When they came into your cell, kind of shake it down a little bit, like I said, I
214 realize it was kind of an abbreviated one, um, were you already sleeping?
215
216 A: No, well, when I seen them, that they were doin' a shakedown, I turned my
217 light on, got ready...
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219 Q: Got ready?
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221 A: Got ready, put my clothes on, put my outer shirt on so I'm not, you know, half
222 naked when these guys come in, you know...
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224 Q: Right, right.
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226 A: ...what I'm saying? You know...
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228 Q: Right, right.
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230 A: ...just out of respect for the - you know, for those guys, and, um, I just waited.
231 You know, (unintelligible) I was just chillin', waiting for them, and, uh, soon
232 as they came, soon as they come to my door, I know routine; get up, stand by
233 the little - you know, (unintelligible)...
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235 Q: (Unintelligible)?
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237 A: Yeah, stand by the wall by the sink, you know, so it's - it's proper procedure.
238 That's what you gotta do when those guys come in. And, uh, they just asked
239 me if I had anything extra. "No." "Okay, cool." Popped my bin open, looked
240 around, (unintelligible) and they took off.
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242 Q: After they left - how about this. Did they do the top or the bottom first?
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244 A: I - I think they did the top first.
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246 Q: Top first?
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248 A: I think so.
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250 Q: And then they finished with you?
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252 A: Yes.
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254 Q: And when they left, did they go to 33 or did they go to 29?
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256 A: They went to 29.
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258 Q: So they went this way?
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260 A: Yes.
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262 Q: They finished over here?
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264 A: Yes.
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266 Q: Okay. Um, but when they were done with you, and while they were doing the
267 other cells on the bottom, what did you do?
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269 A: Nothin'. I just...
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271 Q: Is that when you turned your light off, went to sleep, or...
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273 A: Yeah, I just turned my light...
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275 Q: So you didn't even watch them finish?
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277 A: No.
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279 Q: How long do you think you'd been layin' there when all the sudden you started
280 hearing that commotion?
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282 A: Shit, at least, like, 15, 20 minutes.
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284 Q: And how long after the commotion started did you get up and go take a look?
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286 A: Maybe about - shoot. Maybe about a minute or two.
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288 Q: So, pretty quick?
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290 A: Pretty quick, yeah.
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292 Q: And when you got up and when you made it to the door, and you looked out
293 your window, you looked to the left 'cause that's where everything was going
294 on?
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296 A: Yeah.
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298 Q: And what did you see?
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300 A: I just seen the guy on the floor.
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302 Q: The inmate?
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304 A: The inmate on the floor, and, um - I looked, I seen him on the floor, and the
305 medical people around. This lady, she had this thing, I guess, and I seen, like,
306 throw-up come out of the dude's mouth. And, um, I seen, like, somethin'
307 comin' out. They had, like, this little suction thing. They were, like, cleaning it
308 out or whatever the hell they were doin' with it, you know? And, um, that was
309 it, and I just sat there and watched. And, um, I just looked and I was like,
310 "Man, you know, dude looks lifeless, you know, I - I - I don't want to see
311 this."
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313 Q: Yeah.
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315 A: You know what I mean? So I just went back and laid down.
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317 Q: Went back and laid down?
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319 A: Yeah.
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321 Q: Um, do you know that guy?
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323 A: I don't.
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325 Q: Did you ever talk to him?
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327 A: No, he's always just, like, a floater.
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329 Q: Kinda to himself, right?
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331 A: Just to himself, yeah.
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333 Q: Um, how was his behavior; normal, odd? I mean, would you say he was
334 aggressive; would you say he was passive? Uh...
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336 A: Just, like, in his own little world. Not, like, violent or angry kind of dude. Just
337 - just doin' his little thing, you know?
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339 Q: You ever hear him yellin' at the deputies?
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341 A: I didn't, no.
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343 Q: Um...
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345 A: Excuse me.
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347 Q: ...prior to your shakedown, did you hear any commotion, um, y- you know
348 what it would sound like, like if there was a fight or like somebody, uh - um...
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350 A: Like...
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352 Q: ...like resistin' the deputies?
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354 A: I did.
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356 Q: You did?
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358 A: Yeah.
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360 Q: Where was it?
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362 A: I - I don't know where it was coming from, but before they came to my cell, I
363 just heard like, "Ah, ah, stop, I'm sorry, I'm sorry, stop." I'm like, "What the
364 hell's going on," you know? I thought it was a fight.
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366 Q: Mm-hm.
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368 A: But that was before, you know - uh, that's what woke me up...
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370 Q: Before they did your cell?
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372 A: Before they did my cell, and that's when I went to my window and I'm like -
373 and I looked at - you know, you know those windows in there, they're...
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375 Q: Oh, yeah.
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377 A: ...big windows, you know? You can see everything.
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379 Q: Yeah.
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381 A: So, when I went and I look, I see everybody on their window, and I'm thinkin',
382 you know, "Is it a fight or somethin'," you know, so maybe two bunkie dudes
383 aren't gettin' along and they're...
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385 Q: Mm-hm.
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387 A: ...fighting or somethin', but I just heard like, you know, "Stop, stop, stop, you
388 know, I'm sorry, I'm sorry." And I - I didn't know what the hell was going on,
389 so - I just looked, seen everyone on their window, I didn't think nothin' of it.
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391 Q: But you didn't visually see anything; that's just what you were hearing?
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393 A: That's just what I heard, yeah. I couldn't...
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395 Q: Um...
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397 A: ...couldn't see anything.
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399 Q: ...do you know who it was that was yelling?
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401 A: I don't know.
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403 Q: Uh, how long did that go on?
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405 A: Probably for about a minute or two. Couple minutes. Few minutes.
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407 Q: How long before they got to your cell was that going on? I mean, it woke you
408 up, right?
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410 A: Well, yeah, yeah.
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412 Q: Or, I guess, alerted you...
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414 A: Alerted me...
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416 Q: Yeah.
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418 A: ...yeah, yeah, yeah. So, I don't know, maybe about a couple minutes. A few
419 (unintelligible) that went on for about a couple minutes, and then, um - that
420 went on for a couple minutes - well, first of all - first I had seen them comin'
421 around on the bottom when I heard all this stuff. Then I seen them goin'
422 around. Then I heard - I went and laid down - well, I got ready, put my shit
423 on, and I - I was already up. So, I was reading my book, and then I heard,
424 "Ah," you know, I didn't know what the hell was going on.
425
426 Q: Do you know where the officers were when you heard that yelling?
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428 A: I - I can't see that way.
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430 Q: But it was to the left, or was it to the right; was it up, down?
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432 A: Yeah, it had to have been to the left because it was before they got to my cell.
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434 Q: Before they got to your cell? And - but you didn't see them, it's just what you
435 heard, right?
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437 A: It's just what I heard, yeah. I didn't see anything.
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439 Q: And the guy that was yelling, do you know who it was?
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441 A: I - I don't know. I don't know who it was.
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443 Q: (Unintelligible), right?
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445 A: Yeah.
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447 Q: Thirty-one, that's you...
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449 A: Yes.
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451 Q: ...on the bottom? Um, and this is 39. So, y- you say that this - this yelling,
452 "Stop, I'm sorry," was coming from the left of your cell or the...
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454 A: Yeah.
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456 Q: ...right of your cell?
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458 A: It was comin' fro- I don't know where it was coming from.
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460 Q: But, I mean, the left direction; the right direction? Like, if you're looking out
461 your window, was...
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463 A: If I'm lookin' out the front window...
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465 Q: Yeah.
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467 A: ...I'm thinking - you know, I - I for- I didn't know.
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469 Q: Don't know.
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471 A: I don't know where...
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473 Q: Could you tell if it was on the top or the bottom level?
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475 A: I - I couldn't tell. I just heard it.
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477 Q: Couldn't tell?
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479 A: I just heard it.
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481 Q: Um, you ever seen, um, either that officer or the officers, you know, roughin'
482 the - the inmates up for any reason that - was everything pretty - pretty chill?
483
484 A: Yeah. You know, the dude's pretty cool. The CO that was workin' last night,
485 he's pretty chill (unintelligible)...
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487 Q: No problems with him? How long you been there?
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489 A: For, like, a week.
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491 Q: You only been in 6B for that week?
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493 A: Yeah.
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495 Q: Where'd you go - where - is - uh, is that when you came in or were you
496 somewhere else?
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498 A: Yeah, I came in last Thursday.
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- 500 Q: Oh, gotcha. Um, so, shoot. You probably didn't know that guy probably at all,
501 huh; just kinda seen him around?
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- 503 A: I just seen him around, yeah. The first couple days, I was asleep, so - and
504 people didn't even know I was here. They were like, "Dude, how long you
505 been in there." I was like, "I've been in there for, like, four or five days."
506 They're like, "Damn, man, haven't seen you, where you been," "I've been
507 asleep."
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- 509 Q: Um, and - but the next - the next time that you saw - actually saw someone
510 after they left, you know, your cell was when they were working on the guy.
511 They looked like they were trying to save his life? I mean, it's nurses, right?
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- 513 A: It's nurses, the - honestly, to be honest with you, like, they didn't know what
514 they were doing.
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- 516 Q: Um, did you see the deputies?
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- 518 A: The deputies were helping out. They were pumping up - you know what I
519 mean? Pumpin' his chest, tryin' to help out.
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- 521 Q: Did you see the deputies pumpin' on the guy before the nurses showed up, or
522 were the nurses already there when you looked?
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- 524 A: When I looked, it was, like, a little crew already.
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- 526 Q: So they were already there?
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- 528 A: Yeah.
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- 530 Q: All right. Um, what do you think happened to that guy?
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- 532 A: I have no clue. What do I think happened to him? Man, I - I don't know.
533
- 534 Q: He was pretty young?
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- 536 A: He was young. He looked like he was healthy. I seen him movin' around. I
537 mean, I wouldn't expect him just to...
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- 539 Q: Kinda weird that someone would just...
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- 541 A: Just...

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543 Q: ...die?

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545 A: Yeah. 'Cause he was healthy. He was movin' around (unintelligible) he was...

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547 Q: Would you say that the sounds that you heard, the yelling, would you say, uh,
548 that maybe it sounded like that guy or what - did it sound like somebody else,
549 or (unintelligible)...

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551 A: You know what, I don't really know what he sounds like 'cause I never talked
552 to him, so I couldn't tell you (unintelligible)...

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554 Q: Did you ever hear him yelling before?

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556 A: I've never heard him yelling. That's why I couldn't (unintelligible)...

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558 Q: So you really never heard him say anything?

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560 A: I've never really heard him. I heard him say somethin' to the cops, but I don't
561 really pay attention to anything that much, you know what I mean?

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563 Q: Mm-hm.

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565 A: It's not my business (unintelligible)...

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567 Q: Did it look like t- about - i- in the last week, since you came in, did it look like
568 the deputies had any issues with that guy; like, maybe there were verbal
569 confrontations between them, or did they pay special attention to him or
570 anything?

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572 A: Not really. But, you know, when I went to court, I think he went with me. You
573 know, he - he - he - his hygiene was kinda bad, so he was tryin' to come
574 around (unintelligible) tell him like, you know, "Stand back a little bit," 'cause
575 he would always have a bunch of knows what all over his damn clothes.

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577 Q: Really?

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579 A: You know, like, just - I don't know what it was. You know, his - his clothes to
580 be hella dirty, like, man, what the hell (unintelligible)...

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582 Q: You're sittin' in a - in a square, right? (Unintelligible)...

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584 A: Yeah.
585
586 Q: ...how'd you get so dirty?
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588 A: Yeah, exactly. Like, what the hell's on this dude, you know what I mean? But,
589 uh, other than that, I really didn't s- too much of anything. Like, payin' any
590 special attention to him. I seen him try to go - uh, I seen him ask a cop a
591 question, you know, and they answered him, you know. They just, you know,
592 stand back a little bit 'cause the dude's hygiene was kinda poor, you know?
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594 Q: Nothin' unusual, though? Not, like, with him, but just, like, interactions in the
595 - in the (unintelligible)...
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597 A: With him during interactions...
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599 Q: Yeah.
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601 A: ...with other people?
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603 Q: Other than him not interacting with people a lot, nothin', like, confrontational;
604 nothin', like, he was pissin' people off? Maybe his hygiene did, you know, but
605 it sounds to me, correct me if I'm wrong, but people would just say, "Hey,
606 man, you know"..
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608 A: People just - you know, people just tripped out on him 'cause, you know, his
609 actions.
610
611 Q: Yeah.
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613 A: You know, (unintelligible) go around and just he's dirty, you know what I
614 mean? And he's probably askin' people - he never asked me anything, but, you
615 know, he just - you just see him doin' his little thing and just probably kinda
616 looked weird, but I'm used to seein' weird stuff, so I don't really trip on this
617 shit, you know what I mean?
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619 Q: Mmm.
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621 A: 'Scuse my language.
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623 Q: That's cool.
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625 A: You know - you know, you come to jail, that's - you know, there's all different
626 types of people in here.
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628 Q: Would you say that yelling that you heard, um, sounded like just, like, a
629 verbal thing or, like, somebody was gettin' roughed up?
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631 A: Well, if he's saying, "Stop, you know, I'm sorry, please stop," apparently he's -
632 somebody's physically (unintelligible)...
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634 Q: (Unintelligible)...
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636 A: ...(unintelligible).
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638 Q: So, like, a, uh - if you and I got into a fistfight, all right, these guys would
639 know...
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641 A: Exactly.
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643 Q: ...right? Whether you yelled or not.
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645 A: Yeah.
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647 Q: Or I yelled or not, these guys would know. Did it sound like that or did it
648 sound like just somebody was yelling?
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650 A: It just sounded like someone was being restrained. Maybe he was getting a
651 little out of hand. Maybe he made a move. You know - you know wi - you
652 know with COs, they take very precaution and their - their job and their
653 safety. So, if someone makes a wrong move or tries to make any sudden
654 movement, they're gonna grab you and restrain you. And, you know, whatever
655 they do, and they just sound like, you know...
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657 Q: Just like that?
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659 A: Just- just (unintelligible)...
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661 Q: (Unintelligible) normal?
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663 A: Just - not...
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665 Q: Like a - like a normal restraint?
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667 A: Like a normal - yeah. You know, like a normal restraint. You know, they're
668 probably tellin' him, you know, "You - calm down, you know, what are you
669 doing." You know, dude probably like a little movin' or whatever it is - you
670 know, movin' a lot or whatever happened, and so they snagged him up, you
671 know what I mean? You know, maybe to restrain him or whatever it was that -
672 maybe to - you know, where they have to have control of the situation at all
673 times, you know what I mean? (Unintelligible)...
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675 Q: For sure.

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677 A: You know what I mean? Because, uh...

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679 Q: 'Cause you never know.

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681 A: You never know, yeah, yeah, exactly.

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683 Q: Um, is there anything about what happened last night or this morning that you
684 thought was unusual, um, or maybe that we as investigators into what
685 happened should know?
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687 A: I mean, it's a little unusual how a guy can just pass - pass on that's so healthy
688 and don't know, but, I mean, I don't know his health condition. I don't know
689 anything about the guy. I don't know his history, I don't know...
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691 Q: But you didn't necessarily hear anything last night that would be like, "Oh,
692 man, that happened and now he's gone?"
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694 A: No.

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696 Q: Not really?

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698 A: I don't think so.

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700 Q: Okay. Anything else to add about last night?
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702 A: No, that'd be it.

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704 Q: All right, dude, hold on. (Unintelligible), okay?
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706 A: Okay, cool.
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710 transcription.
711 Signed _____