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7 **INTERVIEW WITH WS2 NISHIJIMA**

8 **Q=Sgt. Carrasco**

9 **Q1=Sgt. Jason Brown**

10 **A=WS2 Nishijima**  
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13 Q: Today is September 3, 2015. It's approximately 2143 hours. My name is  
14 Sergeant Carrasco with the Sheriff's office. I have my partner here, Jason  
15 Brown, who works for the sheriff's office, and we're gonna be interviewing  
16 (Brent), go ahead with your last name.  
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18 A: Uh, Nishijima.  
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20 Q: Okay, uh, and this interview is gonna be tape-recorded, and this is regarding  
21 the Jail Inmate death of, uh, (Michael Tyree). And, (Brent), just tell me, uh,  
22 last Wednesday, the 26th, did you work that day?  
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24 A: Uh, yes, sir.  
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26 Q: Okay. That would have been August 26th, right?  
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28 A: I believe so, yes, sir.  
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30 Q: Okay, and you worked the night shift?  
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32 A: Yes, sir.  
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34 Q: Thank you. What's the night shift hours?  
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36 A: It's from, uh, 1800 hours to 0600 hours.  
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38 Q: Okay. And do you have a normal assignment where you're assigned?  
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40 A: Yes sir.  
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42 Q: What's that?

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44 A: It's the Infirmary, Module 2C.

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46 Q: 2C, what kind of Unit is that or Module?

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48 A: It's the Medical Floor unit, sir, regular module. We take care of inmates that,  
49 uh, have special medical needs. We have two nurses on-scene there, and an  
50 officer - an officer position as well.

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52 Q: Excellent. Let me just back up a little bit, how long have you been employed  
53 with the Sheriff's Office?

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55 A: Uh, for about nine months with, uh, Correctional Officer, as a - as a  
56 Correctional Deputy.

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58 Q: Okay. And have you always been on this team? What team is the C Team or  
59 D Team?

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61 A: This is D Team, sir.

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63 Q: D team, okay. So for the nine months have you always been D Team?

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65 A: Uh, no, sir, during our training we start on day shift. So three months of  
66 training was on B Team, and after those three months of training you switch  
67 over to the opposite team for the night shift.

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69 Q: Okay. And how long have you been at the Infirmary in 2C.

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71 A: Uh, approximately three months, sir.

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73 Q: Three months in 2C, all right. And now moving up to last Wednesday, the  
74 26th, uh, you went to your normal assignment?

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76 A: Yes, sir.

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78 Q: Okay, tell me - tell me how the day went or the shift went. You can just kinda  
79 summarize it.

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81 A: Regular shift got - got on-deck at approximately 1800 hours, um, to conduct  
82 the normal duties. Wednesday would have been commissary, so we would  
83 have done pill-all first.

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85 Q: What time does pill call normally...  
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87 A: Uh, normally, after pill count clears, um, generally, approximately, 1900  
88 hours.  
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90 Q: Okay, so an hour after you start?  
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92 A: About, sir.  
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94 Q: Okay.  
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96 A: It's, generally whenever count clears, whenever North Control lets us know.  
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98 Q: Oh I see. And is your pill call a little different from other floors? Does - does  
99 the nurse actually go inside your unit?  
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101 A: Uh, the nurses are on-deck already, so they're in the Unit.  
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103 Q: Oh okay.  
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105 A: And they have an office in - in the module as well, so it does conduct a little  
106 bit different. Nurses are always on-scene.  
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108 Q: Okay. How long does your pill-call normally take? Does it depend...  
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110 A: Uh, it varies, sir. I'd, generally, say between an hour and a half to two hours.  
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112 Q: Wow, okay, so one and a half to two hours. And on Wednesday, the 26th,  
113 did, uh, pill-call - did anything happen on pill-call, anything unusual?  
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115 A: Uh, not that I recall, sir, nothing unusual.  
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117 Q: What happened after pill-call?  
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119 A: Uh, after pill-call, would have conducted commissary, and after commissary I  
120 would have opened up for program.  
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122 Q: And if you can remember, is that - is that what happened?  
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124 A: I'd have to check my logbook to be sure, sir, but, uh, I believe that's what  
125 occurred on Wednesday.  
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127 Q: Okay, so commissary, and then programming?  
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129 A: And then program, yes, sir.  
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131 Q: And to the best of your recollection, did anything happen in your deck, in 2C,  
132 that would be significant.  
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134 A: Nothing out of the ordinary, sir, nothing I can recall.  
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136 Q: Okay. And do you - if you can remember, do you remember what time  
137 program time ended?  
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139 A: We always run late on programs, so program would have ended at 2300 hours.  
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141 Q: Oh okay. Um, did you get lunch relief?  
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143 A: Yes, sir.  
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145 Q: Do you remember what time you went to lunch?  
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147 A: Camera will note the exact time, sir, but I believe it was sometime after  
148 midnight.  
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150 Q: Okay. So we're goin' forward and backwards. I'll back up a little bit. Did you  
151 have a break in there? Some...  
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153 A: Uh, j- - no sir, I only get relief for lunch break.  
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155 Q: Okay. So you got relieved after midnight?  
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157 A: Yes sir.  
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159 Q: And then did something happen while you were on lunch relief? Who, I'm  
160 sorry, who relieved you? Do you remember the officer?  
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162 A: I can't recall the officer right now, sir.  
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164 Q: Okay. Did something happen in the facility when you were on lunch break?  
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166 A: As soon as I went on lunch break, uh, I heard over the radio - I can't remember  
167 the Unit that called for it, but they called for additional Deputies on the 6th  
168 floor.

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170 Q: And that was by radio.  
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172 A: Yes, sir.  
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174 Q: Do you know if it was a 415, or Medical call, or...  
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176 A: No, they just, uh, requested additional Deputies. And this was after, uh, the  
177 initial man-down call that...  
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179 Q: Okay.  
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181 A: ...happened.  
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183 Q: So it was actually a man-down?  
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185 A: Yes.  
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187 Q: And then you said it was the 6th floor?  
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189 A: Yes, sir.  
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191 Q: And did you respond?  
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193 A: I did.  
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195 Q: Did - where did you respond from - from - in the facility?  
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197 A: I responded from the first floor near North Control, when I heard the radio  
198 call, and from there I went from the elevators to the 6th floor.  
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200 Q: And what did you do when you got to the 6th floor?  
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202 A: I proceeded to head towards, uh, Module 6B.  
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204 Q: Did you go inside?  
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206 A: Uh, no, sir.  
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208 Q: What happened?  
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210 A: Uh, Sergeant (Brackett) said that they had sufficient staffing.

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212 Q: Okay. What happened next?  
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214 A: Uh, I headed back downstairs and, uh, took my lunch break.  
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216 Q: Uh, you weren't manning F6 for any period of time, or...  
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218 A: Uh, no, sir, on that day I was in my module in 2C, uh at my assignment.  
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220 Q: I meant, like, during the inc- - when you responded up to the 6th floor, and  
221 you were starting to go towards 6B...  
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223 A: Oh.  
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225 Q: ...and Sergeant (Brackett) said, "We - we're sufficient staff," and so you never  
226 made it into the module. When you turned around, did you stop anywhere to  
227 just help out, like, at F6, or anything like that?  
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229 A: Oh, no, sir, after that I just proceeded back down the elevators.  
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231 Q: Okay. So you just got on the elevator and went back downstairs?  
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233 A: Yes, sir.  
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235 Q: Okay, so if you can give me an estimate, how long do you think you were on  
236 the floor?  
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238 A: I'd say less than a minute, sir.  
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240 Q: Okay. If you can remember, do you remember who was at F6?  
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242 A: I can't recall at that time, sir.  
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244 Q: Okay, that's okay. Um, did you help out at all when you got back from lunch  
245 relief o- on this incident?  
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247 A: No, sir, after my lunch break I headed back to my module in 2C.  
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249 Q: Did anybody come into your unit to use the computer to write a report, or  
250 anything like that?  
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252 A: Uh, no, sir, we don't have a computer on deck in 2C.

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254 Q: All right. Did - were you asked, uh, any time after that to go relieve  
255 somebody, so they could work on a report, or did you go relieve anybody for  
256 anything?

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258 A: Uh, no, sir, I believe I was in my in mo- in module 2C for the remainder of  
259 my shift.

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261 Q: Okay. Um, tell me about when you came back to work on the 27th, did you  
262 go to 2C?

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264 A: Yes, sir.

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266 Q: Did anybody come on your deck to relieve you - I mean, uh, to work with  
267 you?

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269 A: Uh, no, sir.

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271 Q: Do you know a little bit about the incident about (Michael Tyree)'s, uh, death?

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273 A: Just from what I've heard from the news, sir.

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275 Q: What about from here? Has anybody sort of said what - what happened, or  
276 anything like that?

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278 A: No, I haven't heard anything like that.

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280 Q: When you came back to work on the 27th, did you have any contact with the  
281 officers, uh, (Luprene) (Farris), or (Rodriguez)?

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283 A: Uh, no, no, sir, no contact.

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285 Q: So you wouldn't have asked him any questions about what happened the night  
286 before?

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288 A: No, sir. I didn't have any contact with him that day.

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290 Q: Okay. Any questions you want to ask?

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292 Q1: Do you know those three?

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294 A: Just from working with them on my team, sir.

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296 Q1: But you've only been on this team, like, what?  
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298 A: For about - approximately six months...  
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300 Q1: Six months?  
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302 A: ...sir, so, no, I wouldn't say I know them on a personal level.  
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304 Q1: Prior working in 2C, where did you work?  
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306 A: Uh, just - I was on training, so I worked in different positions...  
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308 Q1: Various?  
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310 A: ...various positions every week, uh, according to my training schedule.  
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312 Q1: They're not Training Officers, are they? Do you know?  
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314 A: I don't believe so, sir.  
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316 Q1: Okay. Do you know Nurse                      You must, you work down there in  
317 the Infirmary, right?  
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319 A: Nurse  
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321 Q1: Yeah.  
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323 A: Uh, yes, sir.  
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325 Q1: I know there's more than one, um, did one of them happen to talk about the  
326 pill-call up in 6B that night...  
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328 A: Uh, no, sir.  
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330 Q1: ...or how, um, the person, (Michael Terrey), she had had problems, with either  
331 earlier that night, or any other - any other  
332 time?  
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334 A: No, sir, I don't believe I had contact with the Nurse                      at all.  
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336 Q: Is there anything I haven't asked that you think might be important to this  
337 investigation?

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339 A: Nothing comes to mind, sir.

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341 Q: Okay. Thank you for comin' down and talkin' to us, appreciate it.

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343 A: No problem, sir.

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345 Q: I'm gonna stop the tape. It's approximately 1950 hours, or 55 - 55.

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

350 Signed \_\_\_\_\_