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STATEMENT

Place: NCISRA Camp Ramadi, Iraq

Date: September 7, 2009

N. Carlton Milo Higbie IV, make the following free and voluntary statement to Special Agent John Stamp whom I know to be a Representative of the United States Naval Criminal Investigative Service. I make this statement of my own free will and without any threats made to me or promises extended. I fully understand that this statement is given concerning my knowledge of the allegation of detainee abuse of Ahmad Hashim Abd Al-Isawi.

For identification purposes, I am 26 years old and was born on 23 APR 83 in New York, NY. My social security number is 049-74-0569 and my race and sex are white male. I am approximately 5'10" tall am a member of the United States Navy currently assigned to Seal Team Ten, and my rank is E-5. I have a Secret security clearance. Out

On 01SEP09, at approximately 0510, while at Camp Schwedler, Baharia, Iraq I met SO1 Josh Mitchell and Ltjg Justin Freeh at the detention facility. I was going there to find out if HM1 Patrick Weatherman had finished the medical screening of detainee Ahmad Hashim Abd Al-Isawi. When I arrived at the detention facility Weatherman had just arrived also. I don't remember if Mccabe was at the detention facility or not, I might have seen him at the galley after we left the detention facility. Mitchell was at the detention facility for approximately a minute before he left. While I was there I looked in on the detainee and he was sitting in a chair with his hands behind his back and had a mask did not appear to be injured or in any kind of distress.

After looking at the detainee, I went to the galley got some food and went to the tactical operation center to make a phone call. A couple hours later I was called to a meeting with the rest of the team and LT Oneil. Oneil told us the detainee had a bloody lip and asked us if anyone touched the detainee while he was in our custody. No one admitted to mistreating the detainee, Ahmad Hashim Abd Al-

I next heard that some guys on our team were accused of abusing Ahmad on 04SEP09. I was surprised to hear this.

During this deployment the entire unit both team members and support personnel have gotten along and worked together well. I am not aware of any friction within the unit.

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Continuation of voluntary sworn statement of Carlton Milo Higbie IV on September 7, 2009

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STATEMENT

Place: NCISRA Ramadi, Iraq
Date: September 7, 2009

- I, <u>Justin William Freeh</u>, make the following free and voluntary statement to <u>Special Agent John Stamp</u> whom I know to be a Representative of the United States Naval Criminal Investigative Service. I make this statement of my own free will and without any threats made to me or promises extended. I fully understand that this statement is given concerning my knowledge of the allegation of detainee abuse of Ahmad Hashim Abd Al-Isawi.
- For identification purposes, I am 24 years old and was born on 09OCT1984 in Englewood, NJ. My social security number is 145-78-0277 and my race and sex are White Male. I am approximately 5'09" tall and I weigh approximately 180 lbs. I have blue eye and brown hair. I currently reside at Camp Schwedler, Baharia, Iraq. I am a member of the United States Navy currently assigned to Seal Team Ten, and my rank is O-2. I have a Top Secret security clearance. Je
- On 01SEP09, at approximately 0510, while aboard Camp Schwedler, Baharia, Iraq, I met SO2 Carlton Higbie at the Tactical Operations Center. Higbie and I then went to the detention facility so that I could check on HM1 Patrick Weatherman. I wanted to make sure he was finished with his medical screening of detainee, Ahmad Hashim Abd Al-Isawi. When we arrived at the detention facility I met with HM1 Weatherman outside the detention facility. Weatherman told me he was finished with the medical screening. I then went inside the detention facility and observed Ahmad, he was sitting in a chair with his hands bound behind his back, and a mask covered his face. At the time I saw him I did not observe any distress from Ahmad, and saw no apparent injury. I was in the detention facility for approximately one minute. When I left the detention facility I returned to the TOC. I was in the vicinity of the detention facility for approximately five minutes. I did not see MA3 Demartino while I was at the detention facility however I believe he and Weatherman may have been swapping custody of the detainee while they found some missing paperwork.
- I heard later in the morning that Ahmad had an apparent injury to his lip from Lt Oneil when he informed the team of the injury and asked us if anyone abused him. No one from the team admitted to abusing Ahmad. If
- I was surprised to hear about the allegations against Mccabe, Keefe, Huertas, and Weatherman, these men have been under my command for approximately two years and in that time I have never had any disciplinary issues with any of them.
- Q1. Did you at any time abuse detainee Ahmad Hashim Abd Al-Isawi, or did you witness any abuse of Ahmad?

 A. No.

Continuation of voluntary sworn statement of Justin William Freeh on September 7, 2009

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RESULTS OF INTERVIEW OF LTJG JUSTIN FREEH, USN

1. (U) On 14SEP09, RA attempted to interrogate LTJG Justin FREEH, USN, regarding MA3 Kevin DEMARTINO'S, USN allegation of obstruction of justice. FREEH was presented with and read a Military Suspects Waiver of rights form and elected to seek legal counsel.

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STATEMENT

Place: NCISRA Ramadi, Iraq
Date: September 6, 2009

- I, Joshua Arthur Mitchell, make the following free and voluntary statement to Special Agent John Stamp whom I know to be a Representative of the United States Naval Criminal Investigative Service. I make this statement of my own free will and without any threats made to me or promises extended. I fully understand that this statement is given concerning my knowledge of the allegation of detainee abuse of Ahmad Hashim Abd Al-Isawi.
- For identification purposes, I am 31 years old and was born on 19OCT78 in Willingboro, NJ. My social security number is 156-80-3000 and my race and sex are white male. I am approximately 6'05" and weigh 285lb. I have blue eyes and brown hair. I currently reside at Camp Schwedler, Baharia, Iraq. I am a member of the United States Navy currently assigned to Seal Team Ten, and my rank is E-6. I have a Secret security clearance.
- On 01SEP09 between 0500 to 0545, I'm not exactly sure of the time, while aboard Camp Schwedler, Baharia, Iraq, LT Oneil asked me to find SO2 Matt Mccabe and tell him to get the sensitive site exploitation camera to him. I went to the galley where I met Carl Higbie then he and I went to the detention facility. I found Mccabe at the detention facility where he was just inside the door to the screening facility. I told Mccabe to bring the camera to LT Oneil then I looked around the barricade and saw the detainee, Ahmad Hashim Abd Al-Isawi. Ahmad was sitting with his back to the wall wearing a mask. He did not seem to be in any distress and I did not notice any apparent injury to Ahmad. I then left the detention facility and went to the galley. Shortly after I got to the galley the rest of the team members came in and we ate breakfast.
- While I was at the screening facility I also saw MA3 Demartino outside the screening facility, and I remember seeing SO1 Tony Huertas near the detention facility but I don't remember exactly where. I did not see HM1 Patrick Weatherman while I was at the detention facility.
- A couple of hours after I left the detention facility I was called to a meeting by LT Oneil during which he advised myself and the team that Ahmad had a cut on his lip. LT Oneil asked us how he got the cut and if anyone knew what had happened, however no one spoke up or admitted responsibility.
- Q1. Did you at any time see any member of Seal Team 10 abuse or mistreat Ahmad Hashim Abd Al-Isawi.
 A. No.
- This statement, consisting of this page and 1 other page(s) was typed for me by Special Agent John Stamp as we discussed its contents. I have read and understand the above statement. I have been given the opportunity to make any changes or corrections I desire to make and have placed my initials over the changes or corrections. This statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Continuation of voluntary sworn statement of Joshua Arthur Mitchell on September 6, 2009

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RECEIPT OF SO1 JOSHUA MITCHELL'S HELMET VIDEO RECORDING OF CAPTURE OF AHMAD HASHIM ABD AL-ISAWI

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JOHN R. STAMP, SPECIAL AGENT

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SPECIAL INQUIRY - DETAINEE ABUSE (II) CONTROL: 14SEP09-24IZ-0152-7XNA

I/NSW10/CAMP SCHWEDLER, IRAQ/SUSPECTED OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE BY MEMBERS OF NAVAL SPECIAL WARFARE 10

RESULTS OF INTERVIEW OF PO1 JOSHUA ARTHUR MITCHELL, USN

1. (U) On 15SEP09, subsequent to executing a Military Suspect's Acknowledgement and Waiver of Rights, Enclosure (A), PO1 Joshua Arthur MITCHELL (19OCT78/156-80-3000) was interviewed at NCISRA Iraq, Al Asad, Iraq regarding allegations purporting a meeting was held to discuss a cover-up of the events surrounding the alleged abuse of V/HASHIM. MITCHELL indicated the meeting was called sometime after V/HASIM was processed into the detention facility, but could not provide a specific time; furthermore; MITCHELL remembered the following in attendance: Lt James ONEIL, HM1Patrick WEATHERMAN, MA3 Kevin DEMARTINO, SO2 Matthew MCCABE, SO2 Carlton HIGBIE, SO1 Jesse CRAWFORD, SO2 KEEFE, PO1 Lynn FRIANT, JACOBSON (NFI), and HEISS (NFI). MITCHELL claimed the meeting was initially informal, with individuals trying to ascertain the purpose of the meeting and attempting/persuading whoever may have done something, to come forward. MITCHELL described Lt ONEIL as being visibly upset, which was out of character, in attempting to determine what happened and how V/HASHIM came to have blood around his mouth. MITCHELL provided there were claims V/HASHIM injured himself, knowing he would be released, but maintained the purpose of the meeting was not to develop and/or discuss a cover story. MITCHELL added DEMARTINO may have over-reacted due to stress and his being ultimately responsible for the detainee, V/HASHIM. MITCHELL further described DEMARTINO as "flippin the fuck out," but was told not to blow it out of proportion as these things happen all the time. By "these things," MITCHELL was referring to investigations.

ENCLOSURE

(A) Military Suspect's Acknowledgement and Waiver of Rights/MITCHELL/15SEP09 (U)

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