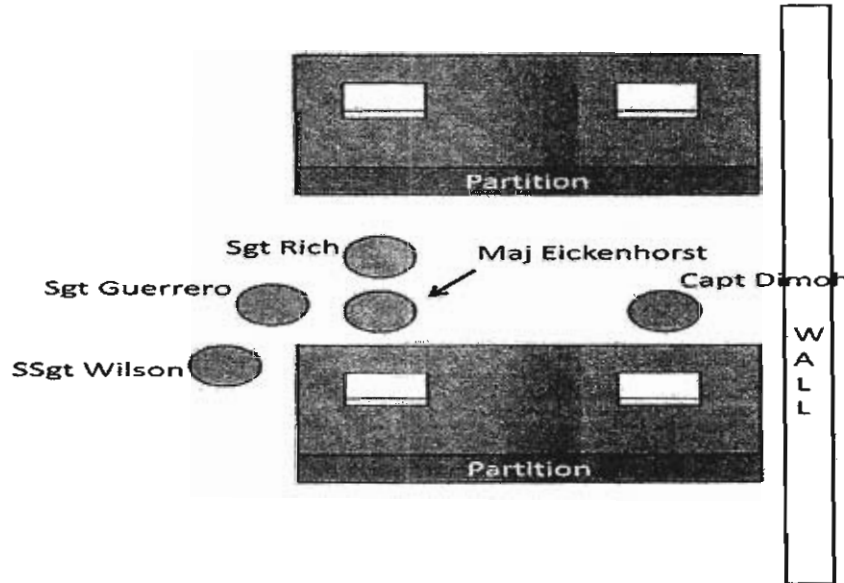


3. When asked why he did not report the incident Sgt rich replied that he did not think it was his place because a Field Grade Officer and a SNCO were involved.

4. When asked how the Marines were stationed around the Maj, the following sketch was given:



5. Sgt Rich was asked if he witnessed any prior incident / altercation between the Maj and SSgt. He replied that during the last matting project (about 3 weeks ago) that the Major seemed very stressed to get it done on time. The Major was being very hard on the SSgt to get the project complete. SSgt Wilson approached Sgt Rich at one point acting worried, really stressed, about the project and made the statement "The Major says he is going to shoot me if we don't get this done on time."

6. When asked if he thought that Capt Dimoh witnessed the incident he replied that he did not see the Capt look up and the Capt was working on a computer with ear phones on.

The following is an insert from a follow on phone interview with Sgt Rich that went at 1055.D+30 on 25 Mar 11 via SVOIP.

1. The purpose of the phone interview was to go over the written document (transcript above) above and to ask the Sgt a follow on question on the incident.

2. Sgt Rich was asked about what he saw IRT the physical pulling of the pistol because there was a discrepancy when compared with the SSgt's statement. Sgt Rich stated that Maj Eikenhorst drew his weapon and in a nonchalant manner raised it towards the vertical. When asked where the pistol ended (direction) prior to re-holstering the weapon the Sgt replied that the pistol was pointed down towards the floor. The Sgt could not remember how long the weapon was up towards the vertical before moving down to the deck.

The above transcript was drafted using the notes taken during the interview and have been reviewed and certified, best to their knowledge, by both LtCol Van Nest and Sgt Rich.

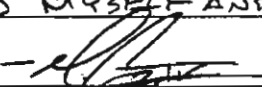


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CUERRERO II, MANUEL ANTONIO SGT/USMC 7011/1935

~~ON~~ ON FRIDAY MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>, AROUND NOON, MYSELF AND SERGEANT RECH WALKED INTO OUR MWSS-373 C.O.C. TO ROUTENLEY STAGE OUR FLAKS AND KEULARS BEFORE EATING CHOW. AS WE WERE REMOVING OUR GEAR, MAJOR EICKENHORST WAS SITTING AT A COMPUTER AND CALLED US OVER TO DISCUSS A SLIDE SHOW PERTAINING TO A MATTEING REPAIR MISSION. WE BEGAN IDENTIFYING DIMENSIONS AND ANSWERING HIS QUESTIONS. APPROX. 2-5 MINS. INTO THE QUESTIONING, SSGT WILSON ARRIVED AND CAME TO OUR GENERAL AREA, TO THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE DESK AS YOU ARE FACING IT, AND TOOK PART IN IDENTIFYING DIMENSIONS. MAJOR EICKENHORST INTERRUPTED US AND BEGAN HARRASSING SSGT WILSON WITH AN UNPROFESSIONAL, FRUSTRATED TONE. MAJOR EICKENHORST ACKNOWLEDGED SSGT WILSON'S UPCOMING RETIREMENT IN HIS REMARKS. AS HE MADE THESE REMARKS HE REACHED WITH HIS RIGHT HAND AND PULLED OUT HIS PISTOL FROM HIS HOLSTER (RIGHT SIDE), BEGAN WAVING IT IRRESPONSIBLY AT ABOUT SHOULDER LEVEL, FLAGGING MYSELF, SGT. RECH, AND STAFF SERGEANT WILSON, AND MENTIONED "AN EARLY RETIREMENT" FOR SSGT. WILSON AND "WHY WAIT TELL THAN, LETS JUST END IT RIGHT NOW". MAJOR EICKENHORST PLACED HIS UNKNOWN CONDITION PISTOL BACK IN HIS HOLSTER AND SSGT. WILSON SAID "I'D MUCH RATHER YOU NOT SHOOT ME SIR". AT THAT POINT I FELT THE TENSION LEVEL RISE, GOT IN A FEW LAST WORDS AND WALKED AWAY NOT KNOWING WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN NEXT. SSGT WILSON LOOKED UNEASY ABOUT WHAT HAD TAKEN PLACE AND MYSELF AND SERGEANT RECH DEPARTED THE C.O.C. TO THE CHOW HALL. 

ENCLOSURE (12)

21 Mar 2011

The following is a condensed transcript of an interview between LtCol Michael Van Nest, investigating officer 2D MAW(FWD) and Sgt Guerrero, EAF section MWSS 373 Det FOB Dwyer. The purpose of the interview is to get a first witness account on the reported incident that took place on 18 Mar 2011, at the MWSS 373 Detachment FOB Dwyer, Afghanistan. This is not a complete transcript, only information that was not covered by SNM's statement or information that needed more clarity is documented below.

Interview date/time: 1200 D+30 / 20 Mar 2011

Location: MWSS 373 Det COC, FOB Dwyer

Incident: An investigation has been initiated by CG 2D MAW(FWD) into the alleged acquisition that Maj David Eickenhorst, DET OIC MWSS 373 detachment FOB Dwyer, un-holstered his weapon and made threatening remarks to SSgt Christopher Wilson, EAF SNCOIC MWSS 373 Camp Dwyer.

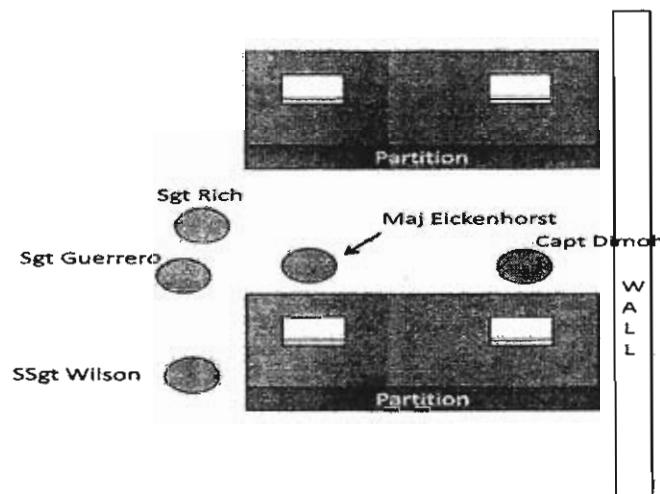
1. Sgt Guerrero is an Expeditionary Airfield Systems Technician (MOS 7011) for MWSS 373 Det FOB Dwyer. His main duty is the Runway Supervisor and collateral duty inspector (CDI) for the EAF section. SSgt Wilson is his SNCOIC.

2. The following are key extracts from Sgt Guerrero's account of the incident (only information not already in his statement is provided):

a. When asked what mood the Maj was in when the Sgt arrived in the tent he replied the Maj seemed very frustrated, talking loud and not in a good mood. The Sgt considered this normal behavior for the Maj because it is not unusual for him to be loud and animated.

b. Sgt Guerrero sensed no humor at all during the incident.

3. When asked how the Marines were stationed around the Maj, the following sketch was given:



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4. When asked if he had seen any other altercations between the Maj and the SSgt, Sgt Guerrero replied that the SSgt seems to get "small" around the Maj. The Maj was very tough on the SSgt during the last matting project putting allot of stress on the SSgt to get the project done.


The following is an insert from a follow on interview with the Sgt that went 1100 D+30 on 22 Mar 11 at Camp Leatherneck.

1. After the interview with SSgt Wilson there was a discrepancy between what the SSgt saw and the Sgt saw in respect the pistol once it was drawn. SSgt Wilson reported that once the pistol was drawn the Major pointed the weapon at a 45 degree angle towards the floor. Sgt Guerrero stated that once the pistol was drawn it was pointed in air.

2. I told the Sgt about the discrepancy and to walk me through how the Maj drew his weapon. He stated that the Maj was slouching in the chair when he pulled his weapon; once the weapon was pulled he "lazily waved the weapon below his shoulder." When asked what was end position of the pistol the Sgt replied that it was in a lower position but could not confirm that it was pointed at the deck at a 45 degree angle.

The above transcript was drafted using the notes taken during the interview and have been reviewed and certified, best to their knowledge, by both LtCol Van Nest and Sgt Guerrero.

  
MANUEL A. GUERRERO  
SGT/USMC 20110324

  
Van Nest MG (JCO)  
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20 MAR 11

From: Detachment Executive Officer, Marine Wing Support Squadron  
373 (MWSS-373) FOB Dwyer Detachment  
To: Whom This May Concern  
Subj: Personal Statement IRT Events on 18 March 2011

1. On the pre-stated date, at approximately 1330, I was sitting within the detachment's Command Operating Center (COC). The following personnel were also there:

- a. Major Eickenhorst
- b. Gunnery Sergeant Hodgson (Senior Watch Chief)
- c. Staff Sergeant Wilson
- d. Sergeant Guerrero
- e. Sergeant Rich
- f. Sergeant Carpenter (Watch Clerk)
- g. Two personnel from MWSS-272 (Their on-coming Watch clerk, Detachment OIC)

2. I was seated at the first row of computers within the COC and Major Eickenhorst was seated to the right of me. In back and parallel of us, at the second row of computers were Gunnery Sergeant Hodgson, Sergeant Carpenter and MWSS-272's watch clerk. There were a row of computers that were in front and perpendicular to my location. MWSS 272's oncoming Detachment Commander was located at the first computer proximal to my location, facing the wall.

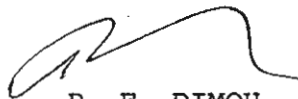
3. Below is my account on the sequence of events:

a. I was drafting fitness reports on a computer. Given the amount of noise and continued traffic of personnel in and out of the COC, normally seen at that time of day, I decided to input headphones and music to focus on my work. Major Eickenhorst came, sat next to me, and I proceeded to turn down my music as he notioned for my attention. He stated that the measurements of an upcoming airfield matting project had been off and Staff Sergeant Wilson had screwed up again. After showing me the mistake, Staff Sergeant Wilson came in and the Major began to express his dissatisfaction with his performance. The Major then asked Staff Sergeant Wilson for the correct measurements to correct a

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PowerPoint brief. Staff Sergeant Wilson could not give it to him and proceeded to return to his work area for the measurements. It was while Staff Sergeant Wilson was leaving that Sergeants Guerrero and Rich entered into the COC, and the Major continued to express his dissatisfaction and enlist in their help for correcting the PowerPoint brief. Realizing that my help wasn't needed and I had to complete my own work, I decided to return back to my work and listen to music with both headphones on. Ten to fifteen minutes passed and Staff Sergeant Wilson returned to assist with the brief. Approximately 20-30 minutes thereafter, the Staff Sergeant and his two sergeants exited the COC. Five minutes after, the Major notioned to me and stated something in similarity to, "I'm so glad this deployment is almost over, and we are not here for longer." Realizing he was stressed the brief, and on-going issues, I stated "Hey Sir, don't sweat the small stuff, don't let it get to you." I then returned to my work.

4. At no time during this period did I noticed a change in the Major temperament and posture, that would have led me to believe that he acted out of character or committed a possible offense against a junior Marine. I was not made aware of a threat or allegation by anyone, to include the Sergeants and Staff Sergeant, that another Marine's safety had been threatened, until the Major was secured and escorted by Squadron staff later that night.



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