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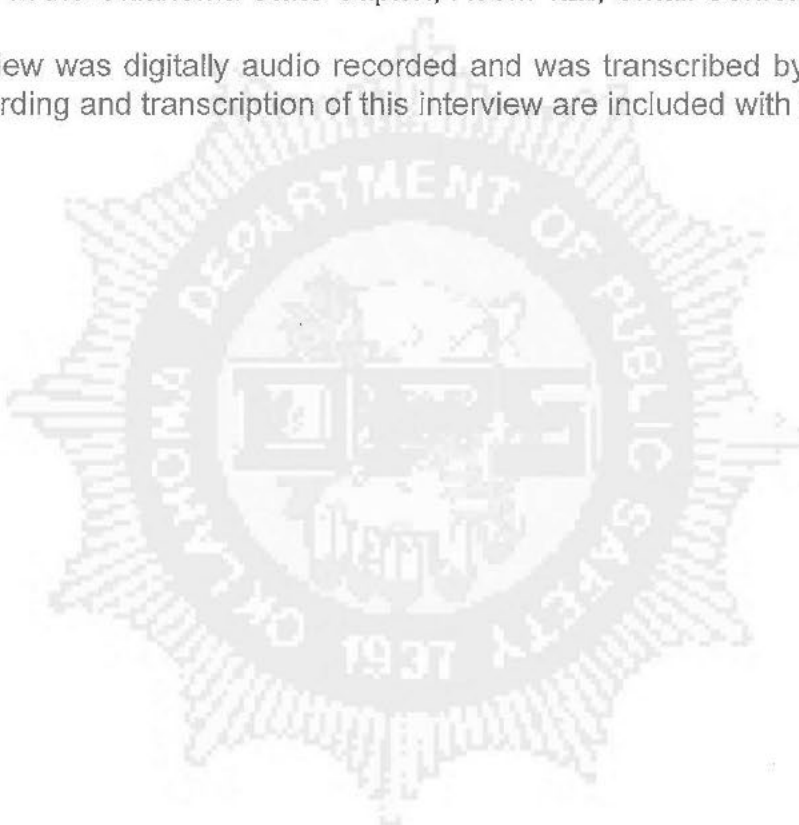
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TITLE OF REPORT [REDACTED] INTERVIEW

On Thursday, May [REDACTED], 2014, at 10:20 A.M., [REDACTED], whose date of birth is [REDACTED], was interviewed pursuant to special investigation case number 14-0189SI. [REDACTED] has an address of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] has a telephone number of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] has a social security number of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was interviewed by Captain JASON HOLT and Captain PAUL CHRISTIAN of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol. The interview was conducted at the Oklahoma State Capitol, Room 122, Small Conference Room.

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TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDED INTERVIEW
OF

[REDACTED]

BY
CAPTAIN JASON HOLT
CAPTAIN PAUL CHRISTIAN

CASE NUMBER 14-0189SI

ON MAY 15th, 2014, AT 10:20 A.M.

1 **LEGEND:**

2 [REDACTED]
3 **CAPTAIN HOLT:**

[REDACTED]
CAPTAIN JASON HOLT

4 **CAPTAIN PAUL CHRISTIAN:**

CAPTAIN PAUL CHRISTIAN

5 =====
6 **CAPTAIN HOLT:** This is Captain Jason Holt, J-A-S-O-N, H-O-L-T, of the
7 Oklahoma Department of Public Safety, Oklahoma Highway Patrol. Today's date is
8 May [REDACTED], 2014. The time is approximately 10:20AM. I am present at the Oklahoma
9 State Capitol Building, Room 122, Small Conference Room, and present in the room
10 with me is Captain Paul Christian and [REDACTED]. Um, the interview is being
11 conducted pursuant to case number 14-0189SI regarding the execution that took
12 place at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary on April 29th, 2014. Captain Christian,
13 please state and spell your name for the recording.

14 **CAPTAIN CHRISTIAN:** Paul Christian, P-A-U-L, C-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N and
15 I'm a Captain with the Highway Patrol.

16 **CAPTAIN HOLT:** Um, [REDACTED] if you would please state and
17 spell your name for the recording.

18 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED]
19 **CAPTAIN HOLT:** [REDACTED], are you aware that this interview is
20 being recorded and may be reduced to a typed official record at a later date?

21 [REDACTED]: Yes.

22 **CAPTAIN HOLT:** Okay, if you would please walk us through what
23 your duties were and what -- what you know to have happened from the time on the
24 29th that you became involved until that involvement ended that day.

25 [REDACTED] Um, the first involvement that I had was about probably
26 5:15. What typically happens is someone from the State Penitentiary will call our

1 offices to basically to mak – establish the line and make the line is good. And so
2 they had contacted our office. That happened at about 5:15, 5:20. We established
3 the line. The individual I spoke with said that they would be calling back at about
4 5:45, which is typical. They always give us the option of whether we want to stay on
5 the line and keep it open or do we just call back and we typically always say just call
6 us back. I think it's kinda an antiquated process but it's part of what we do. At about
7 5:45 we got a call back from the State Penitentiary to establish the line that would be
8 -- that would be on through the duration of the execution. At that time he indicated to
9 us that the inmate was in the chamber and they were going to begin bringing
10 witnesses down, which is what they typically do. So at that point there's really not a
11 whole lot of communication between our office and the State Penitentiary. As
12 they're bringing witnesses -- I think they start with the victim's witnesses, um, bring
13 them in first and he just says they're bringing down the witnesses. There's, you
14 know, however many. I think there were two or three, maybe four. Next they're
15 bring in either the dignitaries or the inmates' witnesses, or no maybe media is next.
16 I'm trying to recall. Either way they bring in media. Dignitaries are the very last to
17 come that come in. They come in with the warden or with the director before we give
18 the go ahead.

19 CAPTAIN HOLT: Okay.

20 [REDACTED]: And so they said proceeding the media there's I think 12
21 media there. There was a large amount. Some of them actually had to not be left in.
22 And they brought in the defendant's witnesses and then brought in dignitaries. This
23 time Director Patton was the one that I spoke with on the phone. At this time I was
24 the only person -- there were multiple people in the room. Steve Mullins is the
25 General Counsel, was in the room. Jennifer Chance who is a Deputy General
26 Counsel was also in the room. And this was all in my office.

1 CAPTAIN HOLT: Okay.

2 [REDACTED] Audrey Rockwell who is our paralegal and then A. J.
3 Mallory who is the Executive Assistant to the Chief of Staff in our office.

4 CAPTAIN HOLT: I'm sorry, last name Mallory?

5 [REDACTED]: Mallory. M-A-L-L-O-R-Y I believe.

6 CAPTAIN HOLT: Um hmm.

7 [REDACTED]: And then Travis Brower, who is the Aide to the Governor
8 was also there. And Travis and A. J. were more so in the waiting area in front of our
9 offices but they were kind of in and out throughout the evening. Once we gave the
10 go ahead on the "you may proceed with the execution", because Patton gets on the
11 phone -- there's a dialogue back and forward at which point I authorize Patton and
12 Director Patton then directed him to proceed with the execution. And then typically
13 what -- that was kind of the first abnormality was that it took longer to begin the
14 execution than what normally happens. At about 6:15 or 6:20 the person who
15 established the connection, I can't remember [REDACTED] name and the one that kind of
16 gives us the play by play, said that there was an issue with the vein. That they're
17 having to do a cut down. And so we didn't know if that cut down meant -- we had --
18 we had no idea. So we sat there for a second and kinda thought to ourselves and
19 then finally I asked him a cut down on the number of people because there were so
20 many...

21 CAPTAIN HOLT: ...Um hmm.

22 [REDACTED]: ...if that's what the issue was and he said, no. I think
23 they've having to cut down the vein. And then once...I'm trying to think.

24 CAPTAIN HOLT: What time was that about?

25 [REDACTED]: I wanna say 6:15, 6:10 because typically it's usually right
26 at 6 o'clock it starts. I mean they do the last words and begin the execution and

1 usually it's done by about 6:08, 6:09. And so I'm trying to make sure I keep the --
2 the order of events correct. [REDACTED] said that they're having to do the cut down and that's
3 kinda what's taking so long. They do the cut down. Establish the line I assume, [REDACTED]
4 didn't confirm that I don't believe, establish the line and then I wanna say maybe
5 before that is when they asked for... I'm trying to think. Because typically there's not
6 that issue and so I'm trying to think about how it usually goes and how it went that
7 night. He didn't give any last words, I do remember that. Typically they do,
8 sometimes they don't. Once the line was established I wanna say the actual
9 execution began and the doctor began administering the drugs at 6:20, 6:25,
10 somewhere in that window. And then 5 or 10 minutes later we were informed that
11 the doctor was going back into the chamber or was checking the -- the vitals of the
12 inmate, which typically hadn't happened before. It was a new protocol and so at that
13 time whenever they said the doctor was checking to see if he was conscious,
14 Jennifer Chance and I both began -- I began looking at the electronic document.
15 She began looking at the actual physical document just to figure out to make sure
16 that was in line with the protocol. So we were kinda doing our own checks internally.
17 We...

18 CAPTAIN HOLT: ...what protocol are you talking about? Just the
19 DOC...

20 [REDACTED]: ...the DOC's...

21 CAPTAIN HOLT: ... execution protocol?

22 [REDACTED]: ...yeah, execution day protocol.

23 CAPTAIN HOLT: Okay.

24 [REDACTED]: And so then we established okay, yeah, they've got to
25 determine that he's unconscious before they can go on to drugs two and three. And
26 so I think at that -- initially his initial check I don't believe was unconscious. [REDACTED] came

1 back in probably not even 10 minutes after that, declared the inmate unconscious
2 and then we were informed that they'd be pushing through drugs two and three. It's
3 probably a 10, 15 minute window and about probably 6:45 doctor went back in to
4 basically to check the vitals, to see if everything was all right. And I wanna say at
5 that time is whenever there were kind of some noises from the chamber. I know
6 reports -- what I've -- what I've read and what I've heard kinda contradict as far as
7 the paper goes. From our end we can hear everything that's -- basically everything
8 that's said in the chamber.

9 CAPTAIN HOLT: Um hmm.

10 [REDACTED]: And so typically when they give the last words, I mean
11 we can write them down verbatim.

12 CAPTAIN HOLT: Um hmm.

13 [REDACTED]: As they're being said. Um, we did hear noises from the
14 chamber but I couldn't make out any words. It sounded more just kinda grumble,
15 mumble and so to me I mean I -- it didn't sound like words. Whether it was or not, I
16 mean people that were there might have different versions but from what I heard on
17 my end of the line it didn't sound like he was making any sort of communication,
18 verbal communication that I could understand. That's I believe when the doctor
19 realized that -- and from my end obviously it's kind of difficult -- because now I know
20 kind of what happened based on what DOC's released and so I'm just trying to...

21 CAPTAIN HOLT: ...um hmm.

22 [REDACTED]: ...just go strictly on what I knew at the time. We knew
23 that there was an issue with the execution. That something clearly hadn't gone right
24 based on the fact that the curtains were ordered down and then the doctor and other
25 people came back into the chamber. And so at that point in our office we started to
26 kind of -- at that point we realized, okay, something's not right if they're lowering the

1 blinds. We know basically -- we were waiting on the phone. We were informed that
2 Director Patton, Tom Bates, and Commissioner Thompson were talking in the hall
3 which I -- I'm not -- I've never been there so I'm just trying to visualize...

4 CAPTAIN HOLT: ...um hmm.

5 [REDACTED] ...where everything is in the hall outside of the chamber
6 with the doctor. At that point I looked over at Steve Mullins who's the General
7 Counsel and told him once Commissioner Thompson, Director Patton or anyone
8 from the AG' office -- because on the phone I said Steve you're -- you're the General
9 Counsel, I'm not -- this is -- this is over me. Because my role is typically -- I get on
10 the phone, I establish the line. I write down the last words. I write down the number
11 of dignitaries and everyone that's there. It's done by 6:08. I send an email to the
12 Governor and staff saying this is what happened. I call the Gate House, tell them
13 the execution went through and that's all I do. And so I said Steve -- they get on the
14 phone like you're -- you're making these calls, which he said he was fine with.
15 Initially Commissioner Thompson picked up -- was the first person we talked to after
16 something had kinda gone wrong. Commissioner Thompson indicated to us -- I
17 believe that there was an issue with the IV and the drugs getting through but at that
18 time didn't say -- it said the inmate is still currently alive. He hadn't died at this point
19 so it was probably 6:45, 6:50. Steve I wanna say asked Commissioner Thompson if
20 there were going to halt the execution, if they were going to call it off. Commissioner
21 Thompson was unsure. Tom Bates got on the phone next from the AG's office.
22 Steve asked him if we wanted to go ahead -- kind of if he had given the Warden any
23 options or the Director any options cause the Director is acting as Warden under that
24 authority. Tom said he wasn't sure. Steve talked to Director Patton and asked him,
25 do you wanna call the execution off under your authority? Would you rather have us
26 as -- under our authority order you to call off the execution. Director Patton was

1 unsure. He just indicated to us that he wanted it to be called off at that time. So
2 Steve ordered the execution be called off under the authority of the Governor. At
3 that time kind of a preliminary matter Jennifer Chance and I and Audrey, all three
4 started trying to pull up the last stay of execution that we had issued and basically
5 draft documents. We were working on two different documents. One for just the one
6 inmate, one for both to be stayed at that time, to kind of prepare just in case we were
7 going to stay and we wanted to make sure that we were ready. Audrey was, I think
8 at that time trying to get a hold of people from the Secretary of State's office to make
9 sure if we -- if we typed it up and we file it and get it signed that there's somebody
10 down there to accept it so it's a legitimate document at that point. Steve during this
11 time was calling the Governor and letting her know that the first execution,
12 something went wrong with it. The inmate -- the drugs didn't work for whatever
13 reason. We didn't know at the time. And basically let her know that -- that it had
14 been called off and we were asking her if she wanted to stay both or the next one or
15 what we wanted to do in trying to figure it out. About probably 7, 7:10, Steve got
16 back on the phone with the Director -- the line was still open but there was no
17 communication between the two -- their of -- the State Penitentiary and our office.
18 About 7, 7:10 Steve got back on with the Director because one, we wanted to know
19 have you decided on if you wanted to stay the second one and two where the
20 Lockett was being sent? What hospital he was going to? Kind of what was going to
21 happen with his body? Where -- where we were in the process.

22 CAPTAIN HOLT: Um hmm.

23 [REDACTED]: As soon as Steve started to ask him that the Director
24 said, Steve, well it appears that he just suffered a heart attack and died and so that
25 kind of negated most of the questions that Steve had at that time. Steve and the
26 Director then talked about do we want to stay the next one? How long do we want to

1 stay it? We wanna, you know, we wanna make sure that you have whatever time
2 you need to prepare for the next one. The Director indicated I think two or three
3 weeks to stay and then that gives us time to figure out if we want a longer one, if we
4 want kind of -- it allows everything to settle down and for us to figure out what exactly
5 we want to do going forward. At that point Steve directed Jennifer and I to finalize
6 the document for the stay for Charles Warner. I think for three weeks and then I
7 think that was pretty much the end of the communication between our office and the
8 Department of Corrections because once we decided, okay, we're doing the stay,
9 Lockett had passed away, that was really the end of -- and there were other
10 communications I think with Steve between the Director and Tom Bates on cell
11 phones.

12 CAPTAIN HOLT: Um hmm.

13 [REDACTED]: But as far as the main line that's connected from the
14 beginning of the execution to the end, um, that line I think was cancelled at that time.
15 And then we proceeded to issue the stay for Charles Warner and once we got that
16 filed probably 7:45 or 8 and then I think everyone in our office left. At least Audrey,
17 myself and Jennifer left around 8. I think Steve stayed to about 8:15 or 8:30 to talk
18 with the press to make sure that we...

19 CAPTAIN HOLT: ...um hmm.

20 [REDACTED]: ...were all coordinating with whoever was going to be
21 the focal point. I think Director Patton was the one who spoke with the media at the
22 event -- or at the event -- at the execution, at the facility and so I think Steve was just
23 briefing our press. Secretary Michael McNutt, kind of on what had happened. What
24 the questions you'll likely get are, you know, that sort of stuff so.

25 CAPTAIN HOLT: Um hmm. Okay. How many -- how many
26 executions have you been involved in as the person that -- that tells them to

1 proceed?

2 [REDACTED]: Um, I began doing it in [REDACTED] and I wanna say
3 between four and six because there's one in [REDACTED] that I didn't do.

4 CAPTAIN HOLT: Um hmm.

5 [REDACTED]: [REDACTED]. But every other one in that sense the
6 end of October I've been responsible for.

7 CAPTAIN HOLT: Okay. Has any of the others -- have any others
8 been off -- you talk kinda bout a normal schedule.

9 [REDACTED]: Um hmm.

10 CAPTAIN HOLT: It starts at 6, you know, ends by 6:08, 6:09. Has
11 any of the other ones been off schedule other than this one?

12 [REDACTED]: No, typically they all start right at 6 o'clock.

13 CAPTAIN HOLT: Okay.

14 [REDACTED]: Um, there have been issues with -- they didn't, you
15 know, maybe the -- the witnesses weren't -- the victim's family wasn't where they
16 were supposed to be and they were in a different room for whatever reason and so
17 we're a couple of minutes behind but typically by 6:10 I've sent the Governor and
18 called the Gate House and let them know.

19 CAPTAIN HOLT: Okay. Did you -- did you personally or [inaudible
20 15:32] this, did you -- did you personally have any conversations with the State
21 Penitentiary prior to 5:15 that day?

22 [REDACTED]: No, I don't believe so.

23 CAPTAIN HOLT: Prior to the initial time that the line was -- was
24 connected?

25 [REDACTED]: Um umm.

26 CAPTAIN HOLT: Um, do you know if anybody in the Governor's

1 office did have conversation with them prior to 5:15 that day?

2 [REDACTED] I'm not sure. Um, Steve was constantly -- I mean his --
3 kind of the way it worked that day is Jennifer was in contact with a lot of the officials
4 at DOC because she's our -- kind of liaison between our office and Department of
5 Corrections.

6 CAPTAIN HOLT: Okay.

7 [REDACTED] And then Steve is in constant contact with the Attorney's
8 General and with Director Patton so what conversations they had, I don't know.

9 CAPTAIN HOLT: Okay.

10 [REDACTED] My role was really just wait for the phone call and --

11 CAPTAIN HOLT: Okay. Once you started at 5:15 until you handed
12 the -- the -- the bulk of the responsibility to -- to Steve did you make any decisions
13 that would normally be off script for you to make other than start the execution or
14 begin the execution? Did you make any decisions at all in between there?

15 [REDACTED] Um umm.

16 CAPTAIN HOLT: Were you asked to make any decisions?

17 [REDACTED]: No.

18 CAPTAIN HOLT: Okay. Between the time of -- between the time
19 when -- when Steve decides that he's going to call off -- he's going to make the
20 decision...

21 [REDACTED]: ...um hmm.

22 CAPTAIN HOLT: ... from -- under the authority of the Governor -- call off
23 that execution, um, until the time that you guys learned that he's deceased, about
24 how long is that?

25 [REDACTED]: 20, 25 minutes probably.

26 CAPTAIN HOLT: Okay. Were you ever told or made aware of any

1 life-saving efforts that were going on in an attempt to -- to save Mr. Lockett now that
2 some drugs have been put into his system?

3 [REDACTED]: I -- I really don't remember. You know I think the line for
4 the most part was quiet. Just because everything on their end and everything that
5 was going on in the chamber and so I think because there was so much commotion
6 we weren't informed of anything I don't believe.

7 CAPTAIN HOLT: Okay. Could you hear anything going on in the
8 chamber during that time that sounded like life-saving efforts?

9 [REDACTED]: I -- I -- I don't really remember. I mean I don't know what
10 that would have sounded -- I mean...

11 CAPTAIN HOLT: ...okay.

12 [REDACTED]: I don't know what that would have sound like versus
13 normal being in the room would sound like so I can't...

14 CAPTAIN HOLT: Um, they -- they called you back and said that
15 they were having an issue with the vein you say between 6:10 and 6:15. Did they
16 tell you what the issues were?

17 [REDACTED]: Um umm, no.

18 CAPTAIN HOLT: Is that the first time that you had learned that --
19 that he had had vein issues that day?

20 [REDACTED]: Yeah, they and they didn't -- we were on -- I mean so the
21 line was established the whole time starting about 5:40 or 5:45.

22 CAPTAIN HOLT: Um hmm.

23 [REDACTED]: And we -- once we realized that things were not going as
24 they usually do we asked kind of what the situation was. We were informed they
25 were doing a cut down and at that time we didn't know what that meant which is why
26 I asked for clarification. I mean I assumed that they were cutting down in his arm. I

1 didn't know that they had gone to the arms and gone through the feet and the legs
2 and everything else at that point.

3 CAPTAIN HOLT: Okay. What is -- did you hear the conversation --
4 you say that Commissioner Thompson was the first person to get on the phone or
5 that you heard...

6 [REDACTED]: ...um hmm...

7 CAPTAIN HOLT: ...and then Tom Bates, from the OAG's office but
8 was Director Patton on the phone before those two?

9 [REDACTED]: I don't believe so. I remember we were indic -- it was
10 indicated to us that the Director would be getting on the phone and then
11 Commissioner Thompson was the first one that actually picked up the phone, which
12 is what kind of confused me at first. Because I didn't -- I knew it wasn't Director
13 Patton but I didn't know who it was which is why I'm glad Steve was there because
14 he recognized the Commissioner's voice. I believe Commissioner Thompson or
15 Director Patton was the third person to be on the phone.

16 CAPTAIN HOLT: Okay. What -- tell us your best recollection of
17 what you heard Commissioner Thompson tell Steve on the phone as far as -- run
18 through that again as far as what he told him was going on -- what the situation was?

19 [REDACTED] Commissioner Thompson had indicated to -- to us that
20 there was an issue I believe with the IV. I think he had said that it had come out or
21 there was -- we weren't sure whether or not the drugs had gotten in. I think he had
22 indicated that there was clearly some fluid around where the IV was. He didn't say
23 whether or not that was the first drug, second drug, third drug, blood, just bodily fluid
24 but said that there was I believe some fluid around where the insertion point on the
25 IV was. I don't think he gave an opinion on whether or not to halt the execution.
26 And if he did that might have been when -- that might have been what directed Tom

1 Bates from the OAG's office to get on the phone.

2 CAPTAIN HOLT: Okay. Tell us what the conversation was or what
3 you remember Tom Bates saying on -- on the phone when he was talking to Steve.

4 [REDACTED] Um, once Steve I think asked Tom what he thought we
5 should do, Tom said something to the effect of kind of based on what I've seen I
6 think we should not proceed with the execution, um, and call off the second one.
7 Steven then asked, you know, under what legal authority do you want us to do it?
8 Do you want the Director to do it, since the AG is there acting as the counsel for
9 DOC? Steve gave Tom kind of the opportunity to do that. Tom was unsure kind of
10 what he wanted to do. I mean I think everything kind of just happened so quickly
11 that it kind of caught everybody off guard. So once Tom indicated to us that he
12 didn't -- he wasn't sure if he wanted us to do it or if the Director wanted to do it
13 because he hadn't briefed the Director about that issue yet, that's when the Director
14 got on the phone with Steve.

15 CAPTAIN HOLT: Okay. So at some point the Director does get on
16 the phone with Steve after Tom.

17 [REDACTED] Yes.

18 CAPTAIN HOLT: What's that conversation?

19 [REDACTED]: Steve asked the Director do you wanna -- basically do
20 you want to halt the execution or do you think we should proceed. He indicated I
21 think almost immediately that we should not proceed with the execution. And so
22 Steve asked do you want to call it off? Do you want us to? Kind of what authority
23 and kind of ran -- quickly ran through the options of you have the authority to do it as
24 Director of DOC or we have the authority as the Governor's Office, we can direct you
25 to halt the execution.

26 CAPTAIN HOLT: ...um hmm.

1 [REDACTED]: Director Patton, I think was still trying to process it and
2 so Steve just said, okay, well as the Governor's office we're ordering you to halt the
3 execution.

4 CAPTAIN HOLT: Is that before he talked to the Governor or after
5 he talked to the Governor?

6 [REDACTED]: I wanna say before but I'm not sure.

7 CAPTAIN HOLT: Okay.

8 [REDACTED]: Because I think once -- once the blinds went down a
9 whole lot of moving parts starting going and so the order of everything is still kinda...

10 CAPTAIN HOLT: Okay. Um, you have any follow ups at this point?

11 CAPTAIN PAUL CHRISTIAN Well I'm trying to remember exactly but
12 several times in the beginning you said at that time, you know, I knew this,
13 this, and this...

14 [REDACTED]: ...um hmm.

15 CAPTAIN PAUL CHRISTIAN: ...and at that time I knew this, this and this.
16 So it -- it kind of tells me that you know more now then what you did then
17 so...

18 [REDACTED]: ...yeah.

19 CAPTAIN PAUL CHRISTIAN: ...so you had conversations with people or
20 I guess my question is what conversations have you had with other people
21 and what additional information have you learned as far as facts about the
22 case since all of this happened? We -- I mean obviously we're interested in
23 what happened at the time but...

24 [REDACTED]: ...yeah.

25 CAPTAIN PAUL CHRISTIAN: ...it appears that you have additional
26 information that we may not have. So what -- what -- what additional...

1 [REDACTED]: ...um...

2 CAPTAIN PAUL CHRISTIAN: ...that we don't have?

3 [REDACTED]: I mean I think you've guys have seen what DOC
4 released as far as how the timeline goes.

5 CAPTAIN PAUL CHRISTIAN: Right.

6 [REDACTED] Um, you know, I -- I'm trying to think. I mean most of
7 what I know is based on conversations that I've had with Jennifer and with Steve
8 since they're the two main people.

9 CAPTAIN PAUL CHRISTIAN: Okay.

10 [REDACTED]: Um, you know, the days following -- probably the next
11 two or three days afterwards, um, I was having conversations with multiple people at
12 the Attorney General's office that were different from the conversations Jenn --
13 people she was talking to and the different people Steve was talking to and so there
14 was a whole lot of I don't want to say misinformation but different information floating
15 around. You know I think at -- at this point I think based on what I know he was
16 intentionally dehydrated, at least what I've heard, he intentionally dehydrated
17 himself. Wasn't eating...

18 CAPTAIN PAUL CHRISTIAN: Well let me if I -- if I can let me just stop
19 you there...

20 [REDACTED] ...yeah.

21 CAPTAIN PAUL CHRISTIAN: ...real quick. You said you've heard that
22 he was intentionally dehydrated. Where -- where did that come from?

23 [REDACTED]: Um, I think that was in DOC's report in both in
24 conversations that we've had internally in our office.

25 CAPTAIN PAUL CHRISTIAN: Did you read that in a report somewhere?

26 [REDACTED] I believe the report said that he was at least wasn't

1 eating.

2 CAPTAIN PAUL CHRISTIAN: Okay. Um, was that in the timeline that
3 you read or --

4 [REDACTED]: I don't think it was in the timeline. But my, you know, my
5 dad's a pathologist and so obviously just kinda mentioning him and my mom were
6 out of town at the time of the execution and so they get back and they haven't been
7 in -- in town for a couple of weeks and you know he's -- he asks me about it and I
8 said well kinda on based on everything I've heard and seen, there was just an issue
9 getting the IV in. And so they ended up having to go in through the groin and then
10 there was a blown vein and at that point I still didn't even know what that meant. As
11 a doctor he told me well blown lines is pretty much whenever the IV just kind of -- or
12 the -- it just comes out. Because it kind of -- cause I asked him was it kind of where
13 it just backs up because it can't get the fluid through because there's not enough
14 liquid in your body. And he said yeah, pretty much. It's -- and not -- on a beautiful
15 term of art for it but it's basically what it is. And so I asked him, I said well how can
16 that happen kind of based on not being -- like if I was purposely hydrated would that
17 happen? And he goes typically no. It happens in really old people and people who
18 are dehydrated. So that's kind of where I came to my own conclusion that okay,
19 well, if it says he's not eating, probably wasn't drinking anything. So I mean if they
20 had that much issue with getting an IV in chances are probably dehydrated.

21 CAPTAIN PAUL CHRISTIAN: Okay, I guess my main concern is officially
22 what have you seen. Obviously you've had conversations with people that --

23 CAPTAIN HOLT: So, just so we clear that up is that -- is that your
24 opinion of what you think happened...

25 [REDACTED] ...um hmm.

26 CAPTAIN HOLT: ...or is -- have you seen officially from somewhere

1 that that happened?

2 [REDACTED]: I've not seen officially from anywhere that that
3 happened.

4 CAPTAIN HOLT: Okay. That's your opinion...

5 [REDACTED]: ...that's my opinion based on conversations I've had with
6 multiple people.

7 CAPTAIN HOLT: Okay.

8 [REDACTED]: But no it did -- my only role in any of it afterwards was
9 with John Hadden at the Oklahoma Attorney General's office who was there and
10 their litigation office as far as what they wanted to do going forward with the stay,
11 with litigation and after two or three days of me talking to them and Jennifer talking to
12 other people, kind of Jennifer and Steve are now the two focal points and I'm
13 basically out of it.

14 CAPTAIN HOLT: Did you talk to anybody -- personally yourself
15 have you talked to anybody that was present at the execution since that night?

16 [REDACTED]: I'm trying to think. I don't believe I talked to
17 Commissioner Thompson. I don't believe I've talked -- I know I haven't talked to
18 Tom. And I don't believe I've talked to Director Patton and if I have I've seen him in
19 passing and said morning Commissioner, afternoon Director. I haven't had extensive
20 conversations with any of them.

21 CAPTAIN HOLT: Okay. Have you been contacted by any other law
22 enforcement agencies or anybody else other than us that have stated that they're
23 investigating this?

24 [REDACTED]: I have not.

25 CAPTAIN HOLT: Okay. Anything else specific to the execution that
26 night, um, anything that you've heard or told that you did that you haven't told us

1 about or that we haven't asked you about that you think could be important for this
2 investigation?

3 [REDACTED]: I don't think so. I mean I think I've been -- I mean kind
4 of walked you guys through what I can recall and I mean really the only action I took
5 was, you know, authorizing them to proceed with the execution. And then I mean I,
6 you know, handed it off to Steve once clearly something went wrong. But I don't
7 believe there's anything else.

8 CAPTAIN HOLT: Okay. Do you have anything else?

9 CAPTAIN PAUL CHRISTIAN: I think that's good.

10 CAPTAIN HOLT: Okay. We'll end this interview at 10:58.

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