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Case: Sullivan
Re: Intvw w [REDACTED]
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I interviewed [REDACTED] on October 26, 2017 in a non-contact room at the Multnomah County Detention Center. I introduced myself as a defense investigator representing Cyrus Solomon and [REDACTED] agreed to speak with me. Also present was [REDACTED] defense investigator for [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said that he recalled an incident beginning in the med line that resulted in Cyrus Sullivan being forcibly removed from his cell. To the best of his recollection, the incident began when Sullivan had access to another inmate's Gatorade. [REDACTED] was under the impression that Sullivan may have traded something from the commissary, such as a chocolate bar, for the Gatorade.

Sullivan was standing in line near where [REDACTED] was standing. Somebody handed Cyrus a cup with Gatorade. A deputy standing nearby asked Cyrus why he had the Gatorade and told him to give it back. Cyrus drank the Gatorade and then handed the cup back to the other inmate.

At this point, the deputy told Cyrus to "cell in" and told Cyrus that he was going to be sent to the hole. Soon after this, maybe immediately ([REDACTED] was not sure), the deputy told everybody else in the common area to "cell in" as well.

Cyrus walked upstairs to his cell. [REDACTED] did not recall Cyrus running, nor did he recall Cyrus saying anything. He did not recall Cyrus making any threats. [REDACTED] did not hear Cyrus make any threats of violence and thought that he would remember that.

[REDACTED] said that his cell is directly below Cyrus's cell so he was able to hear parts of the conversation between Cyrus and the deputies happening on the floor above. He said that it was mostly in a conversational tone, no yelling. He could not tell what Cyrus was saying, but he could hear the responses of the deputies.

To ██████ it sounded as though Cyrus was arguing that the rule he had broken was not sufficient to be sent to solitary confinement. He could hear the deputies say: “You need to cuff up,” and “Stick your hands out the door.” He heard the deputies say: “You don’t have any other options.”

██████ said that this first interaction with the deputies lasted about a minute. Based on some of the responses he heard, he thought that Cyrus asked to speak with a supervisor. After that, he thought the deputies left Cyrus’s door. There was no more conversation. A few minutes went by before ██████ saw multiple deputies arriving and could hear them walk up the stairs and engage in a new conversation with Cyrus.

██████ said that he knew exactly what was going to happen. He knew that the deputies would want to make an example of Cyrus for the other inmates to see. He knew that the deputies would be violent.

Above him, ██████ heard the deputies tell Cyrus to put his hands through the door so they could cuff him. He heard them say, “Okay, if you want to do it the hard way!”

After that, for several minutes, Cyrus heard lots of noise and banging above his head. He did not hear Cyrus say anything; he did not hear Cyrus yell. He heard banging that went on for a while. After that, he heard people walking downstairs and briefly saw Cyrus being walked across the common area. He has not seen Cyrus since that incident.

As the guards were moving Cyrus through the common area ██████ could see Cyrus moving his arms and body around. It looked as though he was trying to make himself more comfortable. His arms were cuffed and he had several deputies grabbing him by the arms and pulling him along in an awkward position.

██████ described the door that the group of deputies entered as being a different door than the one typically used by deputies assigned to the floor. He said that the on-duty deputies entered by one door. Across from that door, in the opposite wall, is the door used by inmates to move from the common area into the professional visiting rooms. The deputies who hauled Cyrus away arrived through that door. The med cart is typically set against the wall near the inmate door. ██████ said that the arriving deputies would have had to walk right past the med cart before going up the stairs to Cyrus’s cell.

██████ said that all the inmates were locked in their cells for a while. He could hear on one deputy’s radio the news that Cyrus’s arm had been broken and that the deputies were planning on transporting him to the hospital.

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