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February 3, 2022

Mr. Jack Whitney

Tucson, AZ 85732

Dear Mr. Whitney:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, U.S. Army Special Operations Command FOIA Case #21-104. You requested a copy of the accident investigation of the parachute accident that killed SFC Ethan Carpenter on 15 March 2019.

A releasable copy of the documents is enclosed. Information was withheld under FOIA Exemptions (b)(5) for attorney work product and deliberative process, and (b)(3) (10 USC § 130b)/(b)(6) for routinely deployable sensitive units and for protecting personal privacy.

While we are providing you with a "releasable" copy of the information, you retain the right to request the records in their entirety. At that time, your request and the responsive records will be sent to the Initial Denial Authority for a final release determination and reply directly to you.

Portions of the requested investigation are not agency records. These are documents created by the Pinal County Medical Examiner's office and, therefore, do not fall under our authority. You may contact the Medical Examiner's office directly to request a copy of their records. I have included their contact information for your convenience:

Mailing Address

Pinal County Medical Examiner
P.O. Box 2728
Florence, AZ 85132

Phone Numbers

Front Desk: 520-866-7260
Fax: 520-866-7296

Email address

medicalexaminers@pinalcountyaz.gov

If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact Mr. Christopher Nesbitt, FOIA Officer, (910) 432-9233, email: christopher.nesbitt@socom.mil.

Sincerely,

For *David W. Treese*

Paul Sparks
Colonel, GS
Deputy Chief of Staff, G-6

Enclosure



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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Investigation under AR 15-6 and AR 600-8-4, Military Freefall Death of SFC Ethan Carpenter, (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) Regimental Special Troops Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment

1. I conducted an initial review of the subject investigation into the military free-fall operation that led to Sergeant First Class (SFC) Ethan Carpenter's death on 15 March 2019.
2. I concur with the Investigating Officer's (IO) finding annotated in the DD Form 261 that SFC Carpenter was of sound mind and In The Line of Duty.
3. I direct further investigation as detailed in the corresponding appointment memo.
4. The point of contact for this memorandum is the USASOC (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

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FRANCIS M. BEAUDETTE
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS BY INVESTIGATING OFFICER

Note. Completed forms may contain personally identifiable information and require handling as set forth in AR 340-21.
For use of this form, see AR 15-8; the proponent agency is OTJAG.

IF MORE SPACE IS REQUIRED IN FILLING OUT ANY PORTION OF THIS FORM, ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS

SECTION I - APPOINTMENT

Appointed by Commander, United States Army Special Operations Command
(Appointing authority)
on 20190325 (Date) (Attach enclosure 1: Letter of appointment or summary of oral appointment data.) (See para 3-15, AR 15-6.)

SECTION II - TIMELINE

1. The (investigation) commenced at Marana, Arizona at 1600
(Place) (Time)
on 20190317
(Date)

2. The (investigating officer) finished gathering/hearing evidence a 1700 on 20191031 and completed
(Time) (Date)
findings and recommendations at 1700 on 20191104
(Time) (Date)

SECTION III - CHECKLIST FOR PROCEEDINGS

A. COMPLETE IN ALL CASES		YES	NO ^{1/}	NA ^{2/}
1.	Enclosures (para 3-13, AR 15-6) Are the following enclosed and numbered consecutively with Roman numerals: (Attached in order listed)			
	a. The memorandum of appointment?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	b. All other written communications to or from the appointing authority?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	c. Privacy Act Statements (Certificate, if statement provided orally)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	d. Explanation by the investigating officer of any unusual delays, difficulties, irregularities, or other problems encountered (e.g., absence of material witnesses)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	e. Any other significant papers (other than evidence) relating to administrative aspects of the investigation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	f. An Executive Summary, Index of Exhibits, Chronology of the Investigation and lists of all persons interviewed and evidence gathered. (Complex, serious and/or high profile cases)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Exhibits (para 3-14, AR 15-6)			
	a. Are all items offered (whether or not received) or considered as evidence individually numbered or lettered as exhibits and attached to this report?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	b. Is an index of all exhibits offered to or considered by investigating officer attached before the first exhibit?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	c. Has the testimony/statement of each witness been recorded verbatim or been reduced to written form and attached as an exhibit?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	d. Are copies, descriptions, or depictions (if substituted for real or documentary evidence) properly authenticated and is the location of the original evidence indicated?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	e. Are descriptions or diagrams included of locations visited by the investigating officer (Appendix C-3, AR 15-6)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	f. Is each written stipulation attached as an exhibit and is each oral stipulation either reduced to writing and made an exhibit or recorded?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

OTNOTES: 1/ Explain all negative answers on an attached sheet.

2/ Use of the N/A column constitutes a positive representation that the circumstances described in the question did not occur in this investigation.

SECTION IV - FINDINGS (para 3-10, AR 15-6)

The (investigating officer), having carefully considered the evidence, finds: *[Each paragraph should be one conclusion based on the evidence gathered during the investigation. These findings should provide answers to each question posed by the appointing authority in the pointment memorandum. The evidence that supports each finding must be cited.]*

See attached findings and recommendations.

SECTION V - RECOMMENDATIONS (para 3-11, AR 15-6)

In view of the above findings, the *(investigating officer)* recommends. *[Each paragraph should be one recommendation based on the findings in Section IV. Address what actions, if any, should be taken with regard to the individuals involved, the unit leadership, and any steps that can be taken to prevent the occurrence in the future. Recommendations do not need to be adverse or punitive. For example, the investigation results can be used as a training tool.]*

See attached findings and recommendations.

SECTION VI - AUTHENTICATION (para 3-15, AR 15-6)

THIS REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

(Investigating Officer)

SECTION VII - ACTION BY APPROVING AUTHORITY (para 2-8, AR 15-6)

The findings and recommendations of the (investigating officer) are

Approved with the following modifications:

The following recommendations are modified as follows:

- 1 I direct the 75th Ranger Regiment leadership codify in writing and to adhere to an SOP for off-drop zone jumpers and low jumpers, particularly for jumps conducted during hours of limited visibility Report back to me within 60 days
- 2 I direct all USASOC full mission profile (FMP) jumps and not just stand-off/HAHO jumps to utilize communications systems

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

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04 November 2019

**MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, U.S. Army Special Operations Command, 2929
Desert Storm Drive, Fort Bragg, North Carolina 28310-9114**

**SUBJECT: Findings and Recommendations for Continuation of Army Regulation (AR)
15-6 Investigation into the Death of SFC Ethan Carpenter During Military Free Fall
(MFF) Training**

1. BACKGROUND.

a. **Appointment:** On 02 August 2019, I was appointed as an investigating officer (IO) pursuant to AR 15-6 to conduct a continuation of the original administrative and line of duty investigation into the death of SFC Ethan Carpenter. Guidance from the Commanding General, USASOC, indicated that my review should include a thorough analysis of whether the circumstances alleged are accurate and merit correction. My initial suspense was 02 September 2019; two 30-day extensions were requested and granted to allow sufficient time for medical experts to review the evidence and provide expert opinion. The following specific questions were directed by the USASOC Commanding General as points of particular emphasis required of my investigation:

b. **Provide a more specific timeline and greater fidelity on the following questions:**

(1) **Who was the first Special Forces Medical Sergeant (MOS 18D) or qualified medic to arrive at the scene of the accident? How soon after the accident did they arrive? What did they observe on arrival? Did they provide medical treatment?**

(2) **When did Emergency Medical Services (EMS) arrive at the scene of the accident? When did SFC Carpenter arrive at the hospital? Did treating physicians document medical observations and reach conclusions? If so, detail those observations and conclusions, and further elaborate on the impact and effectiveness of medical intervention.**

(3) **Given the medical observations and conclusions, did the medical evacuation procedures have an impact in this case? Should they be altered or modified?**

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(4) Any other matters deemed relevant and within the scope of either my appointment orders or those of the original investigating officer, dated 25 March 2019.

c. **Method of Investigation:** I began my investigation by receiving a legal in-brief from (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) on 06 August 2019, where I was briefed on the status of the investigation, notable findings, and the USASOC Commanding General's concerns that necessitated additional investigation. I was allowed to review the initial investigation, and was provided with a hard copy of the investigation and all associated materials for continued review and reference on 07 August 2019. From 08 August 2019 to 15 August 2019, I read the initial investigation, taking notes and establishing my investigative plan. On 26 August 2019 I conferred with (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) at USASOC (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) to brief him on my initial impressions, my investigative plan, and to receive guidance. I contacted the (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) on 27 August 2019 to obtain the (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) Military Free Fall (MFF) Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and the Off-Post Training (OPT) Concept Brief mentioned but not provided in the initial investigation. I received these products on 04 September 2019. From 26 August 2019 to 06 September 2019 I attempted to contact the (b)(6) (b)(6) to seek additional details and his medical opinion on a line of inquiry. I made contact with the Pinal County ME's Office on 06 September 2019 and received a sworn statement from (b)(6) on 12 September 2019. I sought additional medical opinion from the (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) Office on 25 September 2019, and was referred to the Joint Trauma System (JTS) for their trauma-related subject matter expertise. I made contact with medical experts at the JTS, including the (b)(6) (b)(6) on 01 October 2019, and explained the relevant details of the circumstances surrounding the training fatality to them. On 04 October 2019, I provided them with the relevant statements, the (b)(6) report, and additional details pertaining to the investigation for their review. On 30 October and 02 November 2019 I received their witness statements and reviewed their opinions. From 31 October to 03 November 2019 I drafted my findings and submitted my completed investigation for legal review on 04 November 2019.

d. **Summary:** The medical opinions of the (b)(6), experts at the Joint Trauma System (JTS), and the (b)(6) all allow that while the injuries SFC Carpenter suffered were ultimately fatal, it is possible that he survived for longer than the assertions in the initial investigation state - anywhere from minutes to an hour. Given that (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) personnel searched for SFC Carpenter for nearly two hours before locating him, it is possible that he expired as his teammates searched for him. Based upon the injuries SFC Carpenter sustained, and the uncertainty of which injuries were sustained upon his collision with (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) and which, if any, injuries were sustained upon collision with the ground, it is impossible to

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determine with any degree of certainty how long SFC Carpenter lived after receiving his injuries. Based upon the preponderance of medical evidence and the medical opinions of experts including Medical Examiners and Trauma Surgeons, it is possible, however unlikely, that medical intervention may have prolonged SFC Carpenter's life had it been delivered immediately. The extent of SFC Carpenter's injuries more than likely would have still led to death given the severity of his injuries. As SFC Carpenter would have (b)(6) and immediate surgical attention, neither of which could have occurred at the scene of the accident, evacuation to a hospital would have been necessary. As it is unlikely that any medical intervention would have saved SFC Carpenter's life, I do not find that medical evacuation procedures were a contributing factor to his death.

2. FACTS:

a. Regarding Question(s) 1: "Who was the first Special Forces Medical Sergeant (MOS 18D) or qualified medic to arrive at the scene of the accident? How soon after the accident did they arrive? What did they observe on arrival? Did they provide medical treatment?"

(1) (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b) (3) Special Operations Combat Medic (SOCM) – qualified Ranger Medic, was the first qualified medic to reach SFC Carpenter (Exhibit (b) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) did not reach SFC Carpenter until 0653 hrs, approximately one hour and fifty-one minutes after the first jumpers from SFC Carpenter's stick (Stick 1) began landing on Kodiak DZ (Exhibit B). Personnel from Stick 2, still on the aircraft, flew search patterns looking for SFC Carpenter from the ramp of the aircraft and were the first to spot SFC Carpenter's canopy near the end of the runway. The aircraft was given clearance to land and the jumpers of Stick 2 ran to the site of SFC Carpenter's body, making (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) the first trained medic to reach SFC Carpenter (Exhibits B and L). As (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) and the others had been rigged to jump as the second stick of jumpers on the aircraft, they did not have any medical equipment with them when they located SFC Carpenter. (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) was the first to assess SFC Carpenter's condition and determine necessary treatment, but it was not until one of the ground search teams, led by (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) arrived moments later with a medical kit, at approximately 0700 hours, that medical equipment arrived on scene (Exhibit H).

b. Regarding Question(s) 2: "When did Emergency Medical Services (EMS) arrive at the scene of the accident? When did SFC Carpenter arrive at the hospital? Did treating physicians document medical observations and reach conclusions? If so, detail those observations and conclusions, and further elaborate on the impact and effectiveness of medical intervention."

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(1) EMS was notified at approximately 0648 hours, about one hour and forty-six minutes after it was realized that SFC Carpenter was not accounted for (Exhibit B). EMS arrived on scene at approximately 0716 hours (Exhibit B), at which point it was relayed from the EMS flight medic to the attending physician the hospital in Tucson that SFC Carpenter had no respirations and no pulse (Exhibits H and L). At that time, the physician pronounced SFC Carpenter dead and advised cessation to all further interventions and treatments at approximately 0723 (Exhibits H and L). As a result of being pronounced dead at the scene of the accident, SFC Carpenter never actually reached a hospital for treatment, there were no treating physicians, and no documentation of observations or conclusions occurred save for the autopsy conducted by the Pinal County Medical Examiner's Office (Exhibit T).

(2) Regarding the effectiveness of medical intervention, both (b)(6) of the Joint Trauma System (JTS) and (b)(6) of the JTS and the Armed Forces Medical Examiner's Office note that the medical interventions attempted were both appropriate and performed correctly (Exhibits D and E). Unfortunately, at the time the interventions were performed, SFC Carpenter already had no respiration and no pulse, making the chances of resuscitation and survival extremely low. It is possible, but highly unlikely, that had the interventions and resuscitation attempts been performed within minutes, SFC Carpenter may have survived long enough to reach a higher level of medical care (Exhibit D). The preponderance of evidence suggests that absent of immediate advanced resuscitative care, SFC Carpenter's injuries were likely non-survivable (Exhibit E).

c. Regarding Question(s) 3: "Given the medical observations and conclusions, did the medical evacuation procedures have an impact in this case? Should they be altered or modified?"

(1) Given the documented nature and severity of SFC Carpenter's injuries it seems unlikely that any medical intervention, unless performed almost immediately, would have saved SFC Carpenter's life. Even if located immediately, SFC Carpenter would have required a blood transfusion and surgery, treatments that would not have occurred at the point of injury and would have required evacuation to a hospital. The overwhelming medical opinion is that SFC Carpenter could have survived his injuries for a period of time as short as minutes to as long as one hour (Exhibits C, D and E). Civilian life flight personnel from Tucson did not arrive on scene until 28 minutes after they were notified (Exhibit B), meaning that a round trip flight to a higher level of care would have taken approximately 60 minutes, pushing the limits of even the most generous estimates of survivability for SFC Carpenter. Medical coverage and medical

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evacuation procedures were adequate, were adhered to as planned and briefed, and were exercised appropriately. Based upon the preponderance of evidence, medical evacuation procedures likely did not have an impact on this case.

d. Regarding Question(s) 4: "Any other matters deemed relevant and within the scope of either my appointment orders or those of the original investigating officer, dated 25 March 2019."

(1) Finding:

a. In the initial investigation, the cause for the mid-air collision that occurred between SFC Carpenter and (b) (3) 10 USC 130b while they were under canopy is described as "a dynamic turn caused by an uneven opening in (b) (3) 10 USC 130b canopy." (Exhibit A, Page 15, Paragraph 3d). The initial investigation goes on to detail that "while not mentioned as a partial or total malfunction, this rare event occurs when one side of the canopy (the left in this instance) open while the other side (right side in this instance) is still filling up with air and causes the jumper to turn while not under his canopy."

b. This explanation is factually incorrect and misleading. (b) (3) 10 USC 130b own sworn statement identifies that what he actually experienced was a premature brake line release (Exhibit P). This event is a known and identified partial malfunction and is mentioned as a part of every Emergency Procedures review during military free-fall pre-jump activities, with corrective action briefed should this malfunction occur. A premature brake line release also could cause a jumper to immediately enter into a violent turn in one direction, as it has the same effect as pulling a canopy's steering toggle (in fact the brake line) on one side, which is precisely how one steers a ram-air canopy like those found on the Military Javelin parachute. (b) (3) 10 USC 130b performed corrective action exactly as briefed upon identifying the malfunction and is at no fault. By the time he corrected his malfunction and regained control of his canopy it was already too late, and he collided with SFC Carpenter (Exhibit P).

c. It is worth noting that while some level of inquiry into who packed SFC Carpenter's parachute is apparent in the initial investigation, there is no follow-up as to who packed (b) (3) 10 USC 130b parachute – the one that experienced the partial malfunction and the ultimate cause of the collision. As such, there is no deeper investigation into the packing procedures and rigger checks associated with the packing of (b) (3) 10 USC 130b(b)(6) parachute. I was unable to collect additional information regarding (b) (3) 10 USC 130b(b)(6) parachute packing after the fact. I also assessed that interviewing the packers at this juncture would not be helpful, as a significant amount of time has elapsed since the day in

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question and the packers do not have an incentive to self-report known deficiencies. The objective evidence indicates the riggers and civilian contracted parachute packers present were all qualified to pack and inspect the Military Javelin parachute system. The training of the parachute riggers and civilian contract packers is well-documented and the sworn statements all state that all parachutes were packed in accordance with procedures and regulations, with rigger checks conducted as required.

(2) Recommendation:

a. While the training, qualifications, certification, and level of experience of the riggers and civilian packers involved in parachute packing for this training is well-documented in MFRs and sworn statements, based upon my experience it seems highly unlikely that a brake line would spontaneously come unstowed – ~~(b)(3)~~ 10 USC130b/(b)(6) experienced - had a parachute been packed and checked to standard.

b. USASOC G3 and 75th Ranger Regiment riggers associated with military free-fall training and operations should review internal procedures and processes to determine whether additional controls, procedures, or checks should be implemented when overseeing the parachute packing work of civilian contracted parachute packers.

(3) Finding:

a. No fewer than four personnel noticed a jumper (now known to be SFC Carpenter) flying his canopy in the wrong direction, contrary to what was planned, briefed, and expected, on his way to conduct an off-drop zone landing ~~(b)(3)~~ 10 USC130b/(b)(6) ~~(b)(3)~~ 10 USC130b/(b)(6) - Exhibits O, U, and V). None of the personnel who noticed these events reacted to the information they observed. As military free-fall training is inherently high-risk, made more so by the conditions the Rangers were training in that morning – combat equipped with oxygen mask, under NVGs, during period of darkness – the fact that a jumper was flying in the wrong direction and acting in a manner other than what was planned, briefed, and expected should have been considered a potential emergency to all who witnessed it, and one that warranted a response.

b. Typically, off-drop zone landings or “low jumper” procedures are mentioned during the pre-jump briefing before any military free-fall jump, ensuring that all jumpers understand actions to take should another jumper experience issues making it to the drop zone. Procedures typically state that if a jumper in the stick is seen to be heading off course toward an off-drop zone landing (off DZ landing), or if a jumper experiences some kind of equipment malfunction that precludes him from making it to

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the drop zone (low jumper), another jumper will always follow that jumper and attempt to land with him. This is done because under canopy it can be difficult to know the circumstances causing the jumper to land off the intended drop zone, and the intent is to ensure that there is not an isolated or lost jumper incident, like the one experienced on 15 March 2019.

c. The (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) Military Free-Fall (MFF) Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) has no detailed procedures for off-drop zone landings or "low jumper" procedures (Exhibit R). There are no search procedures outlined in the (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) MFF SOP though it is noted in the initial investigation that search procedures were discussed and rehearsed prior to the commencement of training in Arizona (Exhibit A).

d. Although the jumpers of Stick 1 were conducting a Full Mission Profile (FMP) jump meant to simulate conditions found in a real-world scenario, the jumpers did not utilize communications systems on the jump as would have been required in combat or in a stand-off/High-Altitude High Opening (HAHO) jump profile.

(4) Recommendation:

a. It is the overwhelming medical opinion of the experts who reviewed this case that SFC Carpenter likely would have expired from his injuries even if medical interventions had been performed immediately. However, had SFC Carpenter's injuries been less severe and potentially survivable, the nearly two hours it took (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) personnel to locate him and begin treatment may have made the difference between life and death. (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) leadership should codify in writing and adhere to an SOP for off-drop zone jumpers and low jumpers, particularly for jumps conducted during hours of limited visibility when determining the state of a jumper under canopy is made more difficult by darkness. Consider immediately activating a medical vehicle to follow a jumper conducting an off-drop zone landing from the moment his actions are noted until he lands, so as to be on site immediately in the event he is experiencing a medical emergency. Two jumpers in Stick 1 (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) both noted SFC Carpenter flying away from the drop zone and yet did not respond or attempt to follow SFC Carpenter (Exhibits O and W). (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) leadership should ensure off-drop zone landings and low jumper procedures are mentioned as a part of each pre-jump briefing and adhered to for all jumps. As any off-drop zone landing is a deviation from what is planned, briefed, and expected, and given the difficulty of determining the state of a jumper during period of darkness, any off-drop zone landing during period of darkness should be considered a potential emergency and responded to as such.

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b. For all full mission profile (FMP) jumps and not just stand-off/HAHO jumps, leadership should ensure all parachutists jump with and utilize communications systems. Had all jumpers jumped with radios and utilized communications under canopy (as they would in combat), the jumpers in the stack and potentially those monitoring on the drop zone might have realized that SFC Carpenter was unresponsive when he did not check in over the radio upon deploying his canopy. Similarly, those monitoring the jump might have known sooner that a collision occurred had [redacted] had a radio and been able to relay the details of his mid-air collision with SFC Carpenter. This might have allowed [redacted] to be better postured not just to deal with [redacted] but to follow SFC Carpenter during his descent to his point of impact, allowing them to render aid more quickly.

(5) Recommendation:

a. USASOC G3 should establish a written policy directing all subordinate CSUs and CSCs to contact the Armed Forces Medical Examiner's (AFME) Office in the event of training-related or non-combat fatalities. Whereas civilian medical examiners typically only seek to establish a cause of death and determine whether it was the result of a homicide or some other cause, the AFME's personnel additionally seek to more thoroughly document injuries in greater detail in order to better informing line of duty and AR 15-6 investigations. In this particular instance, had the AFME been contacted to assist with the autopsy of SFC Carpenter, the severity of injuries and mechanisms of injuries would have been better documented and would have led to more definitive answers to the questions directed by the USASOC Commanding General.

3. POC for this memorandum is the undersigned at [redacted] or [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

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MEMORANDUM FOR (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) Office of Special Warfare (OSW),
Fort Bragg, North Carolina 28310-9110

SUBJECT: Appointment as Investigating Officer – Administrative Investigation, Class A
Training Incident, Military Free Fall (MFF), Marana, Arizona

1. Appointment.

a. You are hereby appointed as an Investigating Officer (IO) pursuant to Army Regulation (AR) 15-6, Procedures for Administrative Investigations and Boards of Officers, to expand on the investigation appointed on 25 March 2019 via orders directed to (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) (attached). Critically analyze the evidence gathered thus far and provide more fidelity regarding the death of SFC Ethan C. Carpenter as prescribed in Section 3 below. This is not an appointment of a new investigation. It is instead a continuation of the referenced investigation.

b. Your IO responsibilities take precedence over all other military duties. You have 30 days from the date of this appointment to conduct this investigation. Coordinate any extension requests through your legal advisor IAW Section 7 herein. You may also request additional individuals or subject matter experts be appointed, in writing, to accompany and assist you in your investigation. The (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) is authorized to appoint assistant investigating officers and subject matter experts.

2. General Instructions. The purpose of an AR 15-6 investigation is to elicit facts. You are directed to conduct an investigation in to the matters set forth in paragraph 3, below. Your investigation should explore any issues or deficiencies with policy, procedures, resources, doctrine, training, and leadership that might have contributed to this incident. Upon completion of this investigation, you will complete a report of investigation that conforms to the requirements in paragraph 5 of this memorandum and AR 15-6. You will provide your report to your legal advisor, who will arrange for a legal review. Your report must be provided both in digital and hard copy.

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SUBJECT: Appointment as Investigating Officer – Administrative and Line of Duty Investigations, Class A Training Incident, Military Free Fall (MFF), Marana, Arizona

3. Scope of Investigation/Specific Instructions.

a. You are directed to continue investigating the facts and circumstances surrounding the 15 March 2019 incident resulting in the death of SFC Ethan C. Carpenter of the 75th Ranger Regiment (75th RR). This review should include a thorough analysis of whether the circumstances alleged are accurate and merit correction. You should also report whether any personnel should be held accountable for any shortcomings or failures, and whether any doctrine, policy, or procedures should be changed.

b. I previously outlined specific matters for investigation in a memorandum dated 25 March 2019, directed to (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6). At a minimum, you will consider the specific matters detailed in Paragraph 4 of that memorandum, together with the following:

(1) Subparagraphs 4b(1), 4b(5), and 4b(6) of the aforementioned memorandum call for a timeline of events leading up to the accident, details concerning the medical coverage plan, and details on initial care rendered by medics, respectively. Provide a more specific timeline and greater fidelity on the following:

(a) Who was the first Special Forces Medical Sergeant (MOS 18D) or qualified medic to arrive at the scene of the accident? How soon after the accident did they arrive? What did they observe on arrival? Did they provide medical treatment?

(b) When did Emergency Medical Services (EMS) arrive at the scene of the accident? When did SFC Carpenter arrive at the hospital? Did treating physicians document medical observations and reach conclusions? If so, detail those observations and conclusions, and further elaborate on the impact and effectiveness of medical intervention.

(c) Given the medical observations and conclusions, did medical evacuation procedures have an impact in this case? Should they be altered or modified?

(2) Any additional matters you deem relevant and within the scope of either this appointment or the previously noted 25 March 2019 order. Please consult with any necessary experts and the (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) in gathering the above information and drawing the required conclusions.

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4. Conduct of the Investigation.

a. [redacted] (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) is your legal advisor and will assist you on all aspects of your investigation. Contact [redacted] (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) [redacted] (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) to schedule a legal brief before making any efforts on your investigation.

b. Evidence Collection.

(1) Conduct this investigation using the guidance outlined in AR 15-6, chapter 5.

(2) Witnesses.

(a) To the extent possible, witness statements will be written and sworn on a DA Form 2823 (Sworn Statement). If it is impracticable to obtain a written and/or sworn statement from a particular witness, you will attest to the accuracy of any transcription or summary of such witness testimony in whatever form it appears within your report of investigation. In accordance with AR 340-21, provide a Privacy Act statement to a witness if you do not use a DA Form 2823 to record the statement of that witness, and your report will be filed in a system of records from which it can be retrieved by reference to the name or other personal identifier of that witness.

(b) No U.S. military or civilian witness can be ordered to provide information that may incriminate him or herself. You may order a military or Federal Government civilian employee witness to provide a statement if you believe that they have relevant information that would not incriminate themselves. If, in the course of your investigation, you suspect a person may have engaged in criminal conduct, you will consult with your legal advisor. Under no circumstances should you attempt to elicit any information from a suspect without first advising that person of his rights under Article 31, UCMJ, or the Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, as appropriate. Document your rights advisement and witness waivers of their Article 31 or Fifth Amendment rights on a DA Form 3881 (Rights Warning Procedure/Waiver Certificate).

(3) Where a civilian employee is a member of a bargaining unit and reasonably believes that the inquiry could lead to disciplinary actions against him or her, the employee may have a representative from the bargaining unit present during questioning. You will consult with your legal advisor if you have any questions regarding these procedures. You and your legal advisor will consult with the USASOC [redacted] (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) at [redacted] (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) prior to making any recommendations on civilian discipline.

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(4) Should you determine in the course of your investigation that a Soldier's status had changed from favorable to unfavorable, as defined in AR 600-8-2, Suspension of Favorable Personnel Actions, you must consult with your legal advisor immediately, to ensure that a flag is initiated against that Soldier.

6. Report of Investigation.

a. **General.** Your report of investigation will be written, Use DA Form 1574-1, Report of Proceedings of Investigation Officer, and attach all required enclosures and exhibits.

b. **Assembly.** Your completed AR 15-6 investigation will include:

- (1) This memorandum of appointment;
- (2) A completed DA Form 1574-1, Report of Proceedings by Investigating Officer;
- (3) An Executive Summary.
- (4) A detailed chronology of the daily actions you took during the investigations;
- (5) An index of all attached exhibits;
- (6) All exhibits, labeled and numbered;
- (7) A list of the witnesses you interviewed;

(8) If applicable, proper classification marking for each paragraph, page, and exhibit included within your report of investigation; and

(9) A memorandum with your findings and recommendations:

(a) **Findings.** You will reach your findings by a preponderance of the evidence that you gather. A finding is clear and concise statement of facts that can be readily deduced from evidence in the record. In your report, develop specific findings and cite the evidence that supports your findings. If evidence conflicts (e.g., conflicting witness statements), make a finding as to which evidence is more credible and why you believe it to be more credible.

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(b) Recommendations. Based on your findings, make recommendations as to what changes, in any, are needed in terms of policy, procedures, resources, doctrine, training and leadership to avoid incidents of this nature in the future, as well as recommendations consistent with your findings concerning other items your investigation revealed. Each recommendation will cite to the finding that supports it and should comport with the guidance in AR 15-6.

(10) Submission. Submit your report of investigation in two hard copies and an electronic copy after you have obtained a legal review. You may not release information related to this investigation to anyone, other than your legal advisor, without my prior approval.

7. Extensions. The (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) is authorized to approve one extension of up to 10 days. Route any additional extension requests to the (b)(6) via email and courtesy copy the USASOC (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) and (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) Coordinate all extension requests with your legal advisor prior to submission.

8. The point of contact for this memorandum is (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) at (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

FRANCIS M. BEAUDETTE
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, 1ST SPECIAL FORCES COMMAND (AIRBORNE)
H-3618, 9TH INFANTRY STREET (STOP A)
FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA 28310-8500**

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27 September, 2019

MEMORANDUM FOR (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) United States Army Special Operations Command (Airborne), Fort Bragg, North Carolina 28310-8500

SUBJECT: Extension Request, Army Regulation (AR) 15-6 Investigation – MFF Fatality, SFC Carpenter

1. I request an extension for completing the subject AR 15-6 investigation. The original suspense date was 01 September 2019, with one extension granted by the USASOC SJA until 01 OCT 19. I request the suspense date be extended to 31 October 2019.

2. The investigation was appointed on 02 August 2019. I received a copy of the appointment memorandum on 02 August 2019 and received an initial legal brief on 06 August 2019. I received the original investigation materials on 07 August 2019. The reason for my request is because medical opinions I requested from the USASOC Surgeon's office fall outside the expertise and medical scope of the Surgeon's office. The (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) has advised that I should contact the (b)(6) (b)(6) to interview them as experts and obtain their expert medical opinion. These additional interviews are necessary to answer several of the Commanding General's directed questions regarding the investigation and medical treatment. Additional time is necessary to interview witnesses, complete my report, and obtain a legal review.

3. I am the point of contact at (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

LIST OF WITNESSES

(b)(6)

- (b)(6)

- (b)(6)

- (b)(6) to

Joint Trauma System (JTS)

(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) Medic provided aid to (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) and SFC Carpenter

- Pass 2 jumper; first responder

(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) Medic provided aid to SFC Carpenter

- Pass 2 jumper; first responder

- Pass 2 jumper; first responder

- Battalion (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

- Pass 2 jumper; first responder

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- Pass 1 Jumpmaster; Search Party 3

- Pass 1 jumper, (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) SFC Carpenter

(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) Search Party 2

- Pass 1 jumper; Search Party 3

Exhibit A

Initial 15-6 Investigation, Dated 23 April, 2019

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MANIFEST

LAST, FIRST MI.	GRADE	ORG	TYPE
(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)			
Carpenter, Ethan C.	E7	(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)	
(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)			

TIMELINE 15MAR2019**Events as reported to the DZSO station**

0454: Jumpers away

0456: 5 Canopies counted

0500: 4 Jumpers on Kodiak DZ

Gator moved to furthest jumper on DZ (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) called on handheld reporting location of (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) Kodiak DZ

0501: Single canopy last seen IVO SE side of airstrip beyond aircraft

0502: Accountability conducted, SFC Carpenter identified as missing

0503: (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) called on handheld to report (b)(6) med vehicle departed for (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

0508: (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) called TMC (for ambulance), search party 1 left

0512: (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) departed to gate to receive ambulance

0514: (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) off the DZ, drugs administered

0521: Ambulance arrived, handover conducted (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) reported (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

0534: Ambulance departed to University Medical Center, suspected (b)(6)

0540: (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) proceeds to 3500 MSL (1500' AGL) with second lift jumpers on ramp (TM3) searching the area with NVG'S

0545: More ground units deployed (2 and 3)

0555: Suspected grid from (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) passed 12S VA 69803 95166, reported light source, plotted on ATAK and forwarded to (b)(6) (b)(6)

0603: Gator 4 with (b)(6) depart to grid location from access gate

0604: (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) called WAATS' flight ops desk to see if there will be an A/C that can support at first light. (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) advises no A/C scheduled until 0800 but (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) at 0730 and will advise.

0607: (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) gave WARNO to the local Sheriff's department requesting support

0615: (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) gave WARNO to the local Search and Rescue requesting support

0617: (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) was command to restrict all cell comms to non-essential PAX

0625: (b)(6) request coordinates for planning

0630: Gator 4 returned from grid location with no joy

0630: (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) notified P01, called (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) work at Ft Benning

0638: Vehicle 5 and 6 departed DZSO station to assist in search

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0639: 10 USC1303(b)(3) Pinal County Sheriff to launch A/C. They advise no HELO, only Cessna on standby. Cessna put into warm start

(b)(3) 10 USC1303(b)(6) reported eyes on canopy IVO 12S VA 70037 96271

0641: 10 USC1303(b)(6) HELO support was put into alert and can launch at 0800

0641: Grid location plotted in ATAK and forwarded to search groups

0642: 10 USC1303(b)(6) contacts Pinal County (b)(6) (b)(6) commits HELO to spin and assist with search

(b)(3) 10 USC1303(b)(6) Life Flight from Tucson, no ETA approximately 20 min flight

0648: After multiple vehicles could not spot the canopy (b)(3) 10 USC1303(b)(6) approval to land and taxi to location to have military medic and personnel assess and treat

0649: Pinal County FBO manager locates canopy and jumper also and notifies (b)(3) 10 USC1303(b)(6) to scene with airfield vehicle and aidbag

0652: (b)(3) 10 USC1303(b)(6) stands down SAR assets and (b)(3) 10 USC1303(b)(6) flight GPS

0653: (b)(3) 10 USC1303(b)(6) at location assessing (b)(6) notified (b)(6) and in route to exact location

0655: (b)(6) notified of location, in route (b)(3) 10 USC1303(b)(6)

0657: 0720 Life Flight ETA

0657: 10 USC1303(b)(6) all mil PAX into classroom and all phones taken away. NCOIC of (b)(3) 10 USC1303(b)(6)

(b)(3) 10 USC1303(b)(6)

0714: Life flight on comms over Pinal Airpark frequency 123.050 AM, 5 miles/2 minutes out (LOS FREQ)

0716: Smoke (Red) thrown, pilots eyes on and landed on the active runway

0719: Life flight makes the call that they will continue chest compressions and evac by ground medevac

0720: SFC Carpenter was pronounced expectant

0723: Life Flight doctor pronounced SFC Carpenter deceased

0824: Movement to PTTF

GROUND VEHICLE TEAMS

1. RAM-1500: (b)(3) 10 USC1303(b)(6)
2. Med 1: (b)(3) 10 USC1303(b)(6)
3. Rental car: (b)(6)
4. Gator: (b)(6)
5. Rigger truck: (b)(6)
6. Med 2: (b)(6)
7. CIV Truck: (b)(6)

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1. LOCATION Pinal County Medical Examiner's Office, Arizona	2. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 2019/09/12	3. TIME 1330	4. FILE NUMBER
5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME (b)(6)	6. SSN	7. GRADE/STATUS	

8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS
Pinal County Medical Examiner's Office, 570 West Adamsville Road, Florence, AZ 85132

9. I, _____ (b)(6) _____, WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

(Q1) In your professional medical opinion as a Medical Examiner, how long could SFC Ethan Carpenter have lived with the injuries you documented in his autopsy dated April 1, 2019 (ME Case #19-162)?

(Q2) Within a reasonable degree of medical certainty, could any of the injuries sustained by SFC Carpenter have resulted from an uncontrolled parachute landing and subsequent impact with the ground at a high rate of speed?

(Q3) In your professional medical opinion, do you believe that SFC Carpenter expired from the injuries he received within a time span of ten minutes?

(Q4) Within a reasonable degree of medical certainty - given the injuries documented in the autopsy - is it likely that SFC Carpenter was killed upon collision with another jumper under canopy (immediately); that he expired sometime while unconscious under canopy (approximately ten minutes); that he expired as the result of additional injuries from an uncontrolled parachute landing and impact with the ground at a high rate of speed; or that he expired sometime thereafter?

(Q5) Is there anything else noteworthy about this case or the documented injuries you would like to mention?

Answers:

Q1: Mr. Carpenter could have lived from a few minutes to hour(s) after sustaining the trauma.

Q2: Yes

Q3: Yes. It is possible.

Q4: I don't know. He might have died within minutes to hour(s) after sustaining the injuries, which started from colliding with another jumper in mid-air.

Q5: No

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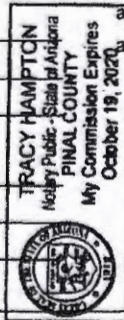
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WITNESSES:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 12 day of September, 2019.

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

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1. LOCATION San Antonio, TX	2. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20191026	3. TIME 2040	4. FILE NUMBER
5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME (b)(6)	6. SSN (b)(6)	7. GRADE/STATUS (b)(6)	

8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS
Joint Trauma System, (b)(6), JBSA Ft Sam Houston, TX 7234

9. I, (b)(6), WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

Please state your current position in the medical field and your experience and qualifications relevant to this investigation.
Trauma surgeon and (b)(6) Joint Trauma System, DHA Combat Support, 21 years military experience as a surgeon and 11 years experience as trauma specialist.

(Q1) In your professional medical opinion as a Trauma Surgeon, how long could SFC Ethan Carpenter have survived with the following multiple blunt force trauma injuries: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

It depends on the rate of bleeding, most likely within minutes, possibly up to one hour. This amount of bleeding is fatal without aggressive resuscitation and surgery within one hour.

(Q2) In your professional medical opinion, do you believe that SFC Carpenter expired from the injuries he received within a time span of ten minutes?

Unclear. It is possible he was knocked unconscious during the mid-air collision, and then the remaining injuries to the chest and abdomen occurred on impact with the ground while unconscious. Alternatively, the chest and abdominal injuries may have occurred during the mid-air collision, with further injury on impact with the ground. As described by first responders, he was found with arms at his side and face toward the ground with neck turned, which suggests that he was unconscious before hitting the ground. He may have been unconscious from a concussion or from severe bleeding following the mid-air collision

(Q3) Within a reasonable degree of medical certainty, could any of the injuries sustained by SFC Carpenter have resulted from an uncontrolled parachute landing and subsequent impact with the ground at a high rate of speed?

Yes, such injuries may have occurred on impact with the ground.

(Q4) Within a reasonable degree of medical certainty - given the injuries documented in the autopsy and likely mechanisms of injury - is it likely that SFC Carpenter was killed upon collision with another jumper under canopy (immediately); that he expired sometime while unconscious under canopy (within approximately ten minutes); or that he expired sometime thereafter (after impact with the ground)?

All scenarios are plausible and there is no way to be certain. SFC Carpenter was found lying on his right side, which is the side

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that was injured, that is consistent with the (b)(6) occurring on impact with the ground, but does not rule out that the injuries could have occurred during the mid-air collision. Since his arms were at his side, he was likely unconscious at the time of hitting the ground, however he could have been unconscious from either concussion or from bleeding. Since he was not located until approximately 2 hours later, it is not possible to determine whether he was still alive after hitting the ground.

(Q5) Is there anything else noteworthy about this case or the documented injuries you would like to mention?

All medical interventions were performed exactly as indicated, however SFC Carpenter had already died and no medical intervention would have made any difference unless administered within minutes after injury.

Nothing follows.

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(b)(6)

(Signature of Person Making Statement)

WITNESSES:

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(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

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1. LOCATION JBSA Fort Sam Houston, TX	2. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20191102	3. TIME	4. FILE NUMBER
5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME (b)(6)	6. SSN	7. GRADE/STATUS (b)(6) AD	
8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS Armed Forces Medical Examiner (b)(6) Joint Trauma System, JTS and (b)(6) JBSA Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234-6315			

9. I, (b)(6), WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:
Please state your current position in the medical field and your experience and qualifications relevant to this investigation.

I am currently the (b)(6) Forensic Services at JBSA, TX and the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System (b)(6) Joint Trauma System. Since 2006, I have worked as a forensic pathologist for the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System and I am board certified in Anatomic, Clinical and Forensic Pathology by the American Board of Pathologists. I have personally completed or supervised over 1500 forensic pathology investigations. The majority of these investigations were on Service Members that died during contingency operations or training mishaps. I have investigated approximately 10 parachute mishaps and have reviewed the majority of SOCOM parachute mishaps that have occurred over the past 18 years. In addition, I hold a PhD in Biomechanics and conduct studies on the survivability of traumatic injuries. In regards to answering the following questions, I reviewed the witness statements provided, Pinal County Forensic Examination Report of Ethan Charles Carpenter and photographs of the Forensic Examination provided by the Pinal County Medical Examiner.

(Q1) In your professional medical opinion as a Medical Examiner, how long could SFC Ethan Carpenter have survived with the following multiple blunt force trauma injuries: (b)(6)

It is often difficult to give an exact time for how long an individual will survive based on described anatomic injuries. These anatomic descriptions do not take into account the physiologic state of the individual. One of the most important factors in the injuries described is the extent of the (b)(6). Depending on the location of the (b)(6) such as through or adjacent to (b)(6) can be rapid and death can occur within minutes. In these cases, even with prompt surgical intervention, the injury is often non-survivable. There are no photos of (b)(6) and the examination report states "(b)(6)". This determination is based on an (b)(6). In this case, the individual also had a (b)(6), (b)(6) and (b)(6) that would contribute to blood loss leading to hemorrhagic shock quicker than just an (b)(6). One cannot definitively know if the (b)(6) was due to medical intervention such as (b)(6). Given that, there was (b)(6) SFC Carpenter may have had some (b)(6) (b)(6). If the bleeding from the (b)(6) is not brisk, time of survival would be longer. However, these injuries do not take into account that SFC Carpenter also had (b)(6) and (b)(6). The

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(b)(6) can be a marker for an underlying severe (b)(6) that may have been non-survivable. In addition, the (b)(6) may have contributed to his death due to (b)(6). Similarly, there were (b)(6) that would have increased breathing difficulty.

(Q2) In your professional medical opinion, do you believe that SFC Carpenter expired from the injuries he received within a time span of ten minutes?

As above in Q1, it is difficult to determine the exact time of death. In my opinion, based on the totality of injuries sustained, there were multiple severe injuries that rendered SFC Carpenter unconscious and death most likely occurred in minutes and not hours.

(Q3) Within a reasonable degree of medical certainty, could any of the injuries sustained by SFC Carpenter have resulted from an uncontrolled parachute landing and subsequent impact with the ground at a high rate of speed?

When there is history of two impacts during a parachute mishap, one with another individual and one with the ground, it can be difficult to know when the injuries were sustained. In addition, injuries to (b)(6) could have been produced by (b)(6). Since SFC Carpenter appeared to be unconscious under canopy and there was damage to his equipment that corresponded to damage on the equipment of another jumper, the injuries to (b)(6) most likely occurred at that time prior to impact with the ground. There are (b)(6) indicating that SFC Carpenter was most likely unconscious and not "bracing" at the time of impact. The (b)(6) may represent the point of impact with the ground. (b)(6) However, SFC Carpenter's equipment could have dissipated the force from the point of impact. The injury to (b)(6) could have occurred in the air due to an impact with another individual or impact with the ground. The fractures of the (b)(6) could have occurred from impact with another individual, impact with the ground or (b)(6).

(Q4) Within a reasonable degree of medical certainty - given the injuries documented in the autopsy and likely mechanisms of injury - is it likely that SFC Carpenter was killed upon collision with another jumper under canopy (immediately); that he expired sometime while unconscious under canopy (within approximately ten minutes); or that he expired sometime thereafter (after impact with the ground)?

Since one cannot definitively determine the timing of the injuries, nor the extent of the (b)(6) injuries, one cannot definitively determine when death occurred. As stated, SFC Carpenter was most likely rendered unconscious when there was impact with another individual. In my opinion, death occurred within minutes after the injuries were sustained.

(Q5) Is there anything else noteworthy about this case or the documented injuries you would like to mention?

Depending on the extent of the (b)(6) injuries sustained, the injuries to SFC Carpenter may have been non-survivable even with immediate advanced resuscitative care. In addition, it is my opinion that the (b)(6) were due to blunt force injury and not due to (b)(6).

+++++Nothing Follows+++++

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9. STATEMENT (Continued)

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(b)(6)
(Signature of Person making Statement)

WITNESSES:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this _____ day of _____, _____ at _____

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)
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1 LOCATION: Marone DZ, AZ 2 DATE: 29 Nov 23 115 3 TIME: 0845 4 FILE NUMBER:
5 LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME: (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) 6 GRADE/STATUS: (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

6 ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS: RSTB, 75th Rgr Rgt

9 (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH

State Line
What was the DTC of the incident?
Who helped you rig up?
Who conducted your INPT?
What door did you exit?
What position were you in your stick?
Did you have line twists?
How close to your fellow jumpers were you upon opening?
Was there any damage to your parachute?
Did you make eye contact with the safety when handing him the S1?
What equipment were you jumping?
At what altitude did the incident occur?
How many jumps do you have?
When was your last jump?

MF)
What was the DTC of the incident?
Who helped you rig up?
Who conducted your INPT?
What door did you exit?
What position were you in your stick?
What was your egress setting?
What was the jump profile?
What was the jump objective?
What was your exit altitude?
What was your pull altitude?
What was your parachutes method of deployment?
What type of malfunction incident did you have?
Did you have line twists?
What equipment did you wear?
Was there damage to your canopy?
Did you land within the stack?
How many jumps do you have?
When was the last time you jumped?
What is your level of experience?
During which part of the jump did the incident occur?

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B STATEMENT (Continued)

During the first Night Jump of ISMAR 2019, one individual did not land on the DZ. The Jumper was watch under night vision goggles and thermal goggles by the DZSO team. Once All par who landed on the DZ were gathered, we the DZSO team decided on a plan of action to send a search party to look for the jumper missing suspect of being critical injured. I as the medic went in the medical vehicle with (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) look for the Jumper. Around the dropzone followed making out north. Leaving the command looking in the surrounding areas around the command. I got a call on my personal phone stating they may have found the jumper South of the landed Strip. Upon arriving the other team were (b)(6) To include (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) myself and (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) told (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) grab O2 bag and the drop bag filled w/ medical equipment (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) working

(b)(6)

PERSON MAKING STATEMENT

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

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STATEMENT OF (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) TAKEN AT 099 DATED 15 MAR 2019

9. STATEMENT (Continued)
Once on the litter, continued aid - (b)(6)
Air lift 2 min out secured jumper moved to HLZ. Ems moved to jumper with hoistover from (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) (b)(6)

(b)(6)

(b)(6), EMS called provider with situation instructed to call treatment. Treatment stop - No change to Jumper status. Ended treatment. Nothing else follow

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(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)
Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 15th day of March, 2019 at Kodiak Drop Zone

WITNESSES:
(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) 75TH RGR RGT
ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

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5 LAST NAME: (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) 6 SSN: (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) 7 GRADE/STATUS: (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

8 ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS: (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) 75th RR

9 (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH

Static Line

- What was the DTC of the incident?
Who helped you rig up?
Who conducted your JMPI?
What door did you exit?
What position were you in your stack?
Did you have line twists?
How close to your fellow jumpers were you upon opening?
Was there any damage to your parachute?
Did you make eye contact with the safety when handing him the S?
What equipment were you jumping?
At what altitude did the incident occur?
How many jumps do you have?
When was your last jump?

M11

- What was the DTC of the incident?
Who helped you rig up?
Who conducted your JMPI?
What door did you exit?
What position were you in your stack?
What was your egress setting?
What was the jump profile?
What was the jump objective?
What was your exit altitude?
What was your pull altitude?
What was your parachute's method of deployment?
What type of malfunction incident did you have?
Did you have line twists?
What equipment did you wear?
Was there damage to your canopy?
Did you land within the stack?
How many jumps do you have?
When was the last time you jumped?
What is your level of experience?
During which part of the jump did the incident occur?

On 15 March 2019 at approximately 0630 L I approached what appeared to be a parachute main canopy on the infield of runway 30, approx 800m east of the PTF. As I arrived at

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9 STATEMENT (Continued)

At the scene my team and I identified a body lying next to the canopy. It was at that time I recognized the look as belonging to Ethan Carpenter. ~~After about 10 minutes~~ We were secured at the scene after a local member of what appeared to be fire police. Immediately upon our arrival at the body (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) began first aid treatment. Ethan was lying next to the canopy, chest down, face down with his head turned to the right.

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) (b)(6) as we began

cutting the parachute harness and clothing from Ethan immediately after getting him on his back, (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

(b)(6) and helmet

on with (b)(6) the rest of the team and

I began finished removing the rest of the clothing

as we conducted (b)(6) after we

completed that we (b)(6) to

help insulate him. Approximately 5-10 min after arriving

at the scene, the two company members (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) and (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) arrived with the D20

party and cleared all non-essential personnel from

the scene and informed us life flight was 20

minutes away.

Nothing else follows (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

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(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) 75th RGR RGT

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 15th day of March, 2019 at Kodiak Drop Zone

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WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH

State I am:
What was the DTC of the incident?
Who helped you rig up?
Who conducted your IMPI?
What door did you exit?
What position were you in your stick?
Did you have line twists?
How close to your fellow jumpers were you upon opening?
Was there any damage to your parachute?
Did you make eye contact with the safety when handing him the S?
What equipment were you jumping?
At what altitude did the incident occur?
How many jumps do you have?
When was your last jump?

MII
What was the DTC of the incident? 15 MAR 2017 Approximately 0500
Who helped you rig up? N/A
Who conducted your IMPI? N/A
What door did you exit? N/A
What position were you in your stick? N/A
What was your egress setting? N/A
What was the jump profile? N/A
What was the jump objective? N/A
What was your exit altitude? N/A
What was your pull altitude? N/A
What was your parachutes method of deployment? N/A
What type of malfunction/ incident did you have? N/A
Did you have line twists? N/A
What equipment did you wear? N/A
Was there damage to your canopy? N/A
Did you land within the stick? N/A
How many jumps do you have? N/A
When was the last time you jumped? N/A
What is your level of experience? N/A
During which part of the jump did the incident occur? N/A

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9 STATEMENT (Continued)

At about 0700 I arrived at the incident site where I arrived (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)s
rendering aid to SFC Carpenter (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)s assisted by multiple ARFRs and
(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) and (b)(6) I immediately
began an assessment (b)(6) of (b)(6) I informed
(b)(6)

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) SFC Carpenter One (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) placed the (b)(6) I directed him to (b)(6)
(b)(6) once he completed that,

I had him perform a (b)(6) All
of this was done while I was performing (b)(6) I was informed
that life flight was ten minutes away. The group ~~more~~ package SFC Carpenter
into the litter for evacuation. We moved closer to the flight line while
life flight was on its final descent. The flight paramedics came out
to our location. (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) had replaced me (b)(6) while
I took control of the (b)(6) The flight medics told us due to
the length in which we had (b)(6) They had to call medical control
for further guidance. The flight medic instructed us that medical control
order the discontinuation of efforts at 0723. At that point (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)
(b)(6)

(b)(6) The flight medic called the sheriff and the coroners office.

Nothing Follows

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STATEMENT OF (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) TAKEN AT PTTF DATED 20190315

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(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 15 day of MARCH, 2019 at Kodak DMP Zone

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

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(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) 75 RGR RGT

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

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(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) 75th RGR RGT

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ROUTINE USES: Information provided may be further disclosed to federal, state, local, and foreign government law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, courts, child protective services, victims, witnesses, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Office of Personnel Management. Information provided may be used for determinations regarding judicial or non-judicial punishment, other administrative disciplinary actions, security clearances, recruitment, retention, placement, and other personnel actions.
DISCLOSURE: Disclosure of your SSN and other information is voluntary.

1. LOCATION: PTF, Marana, AZ
2. DATE (YYYYMMDD): 20190318
3. TIME: 1304
4. FILE NUMBER
5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME: (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)
6. SSN: (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)
7. GRADE/STATUS: (b)(6)
8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS: (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) 75th Ranger Regiment

9. (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:
Follow up questions by (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) original sworn statement.

(Q) Explain the medical concept used to support MFF operations on Kodiak DZ during the company's MFF OPT?
(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) would be located with the DZSO team at the DZSO shed. Once an injury is identified the DZSO would release one of us to that location to provide medical treatment. One medic will always stay with the DZSO in order to ensure operations can continue while providing adequate medical coverage. Once the medics assesses the patient, the decision is made on which platform and which facility to evacuate them. The options for the medical evacuation include Life Flight, ground ambulance or identified medical vehicle. The medical facility a casualty will go to is based on the best option for treating specific injury patterns. For Kodiak DZ, the primary medical facility is best for treating trauma injuries which are a threat to life, limb, or eyesight. The secondary medical facility is best for treating patients with non-life threatening injuries that are no threat to life, limb, or eyesight.

(Q) What regulations do you follow when developing your medical plans?
(A) Regimental Medical Directive RTC 350-29 Medical Standard Operating Procedures, which outlines Medical roles and responsibilities, medical support, and medical scope of practice. We also follow USASOC 350-2, the regimental directive is aligned with the requirements outlined in USASOC 350-2.

(Q) When was the last rehearsal you conducted?
(A) We do a rehearsal every trip in accordance with the Regimental Medical Directive. We confirm the medical plan on the ground prior to the execution of training. On this trip we conducted the rehearsal on 09 March 2019. The rehearsal consist of the entire DZSO party making sure routes are driven and the DZSO party knows how to notify the different medical platforms. There was nothing significant to report from the rehearsal on 09 March 2019.

NOTHING FOLLOWS
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Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 18 day of MARCH, 2019 at PTTF, Marana, AZ

WITNESSES:

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4 FILE NUMBER:
5 LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME: (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)
5 SSN: (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)
GRADE/STATUS: (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)
8 ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS: 75TH RANGER REGIMENT
9: (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH

- 10a What was the DTC of the incident?
10b Who helped you rig up?
10c Who conducted your TMT?
10d What door did you exit?
10e What position were you in your stick?
10f Did you have line twists?
10g How close to your fellow jumpers were you upon opening?
10h Was there any damage to your parachute?
10i Did you make eye contact with the safety when handing him the S?
10j What equipment were you jumping?
10k At what altitude did the incident occur?
10l How many jumps do you have?
10m When was your last jump?
11 What was the DTC of the incident?
11a Who helped you rig up?
11b Who conducted your TMT?
11c What door did you exit?
11d What position were you in your stick?
11e What was your egress setting?
11f What was the jump profile?
11g What was the jump objective?
11h What was your exit altitude?
11i What was your pull altitude?
11j What was your parachutes method of deployment?
11k What type of malfunction/ incident did you have?
11l Did you have line twists?
11m What equipment did you wear?
11n Was there damage to your canopy?
11o Did you land within the stick?
11p How many jumps do you have?
11q When was the last time you jumped?
11r What is your level of experience?
11s Jump: which part of the jump did the incident occur?

NOT APPLICABLE

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

10 EXHIBIT:
11 INITIALS ON MAKING STATEMENT: (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)
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STATEMENT OF (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) TAKEN AT 0845 DATED 20190315

9 STATEMENT (Continued)

AFTER CONDUCTING AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE IN AN ATTEMPT TO SPOT CANOPY/EQUIPMENT, WE NOTICED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A CANOPY ON THE INFIELD OF THE MAIN RUNWAY. I WAS ON HEADSET IN THE FRONT OF THE AIRCRAFT AND TOLD THE PILOT I WANTED TO COME BACK AROUND TO FOCUS ON THAT LOCATION. PERSONNEL CONFIRMED THAT IT WAS A CANOPY ON THE GROUND. AT THAT TIME THE PILOT REQUESTED WE LAND TO PUT OUR TEAM ON THE SCENE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. WE WERE TOLD TO GO AROUND IN CASE THAT CANOPY WAS ONE THAT HAD BEEN CUT, BECAUSE THERE COULD STILL BE AN INDIVIDUAL NOT SPOTTED AND NOT ACCOUNTED FOR. I TOLD THE PILOTS TO COME DOWN AS LOW AS SAFELY POSSIBLE AS WE CAME BACK OVERHEAD. I CONFIRMED THE INDIVIDUAL WAS STILL ATTACHED AND LOCATED WITH THAT CANOPY. THE PILOT REQUESTED AGAIN AND WAS ALLOWED TO LAND IN THE VICINITY OF THE INJURED JUMPER. I TOLD THE TEAM IN THE AIRCRAFT TO DERIG AND FASTEN SEATBELTS TO PREPARE TO LAND AND TREAT IMMEDIATELY. (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) WOULD BE (b)(6) MEDIC, AND THE TEAM WOULD SUPPORT. THE PLANE STOPPED APPROXIMATELY 100 METERS FROM THE INJURED JUMPER, AND WE ALL RAN OFF AND IMMEDIATELY ASSESSED THE SCENE AND BEGAN TREATMENT. I TOOK A PICTURE OF THE CANOPY AND TWO OF THE JUMPER, THEN I BEGAN FREEING SUSPENSION LINES FROM HIS LEGS. ONCE HIS LEGS WERE FREE, WE (b)(6) (b)(6), AND BEGAN CUTTING EQUIPMENT AWAY IN ORDER TO ACCESS HIM FOR TREATMENT.

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STATEMENT OF (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) TAKEN AT 0845 DATED 20190315

9 STATEMENT (Continued)

ONCE WE HAD CUT HIS PARACHUTE AWAY FROM HIS BACK, (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) AND I ROLLED HIM ONTO HIS BACK FOR TREATMENT. AT THIS TIME I KNEW THE INJURED JUMPER WAS ETHAN CARPENTER. (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) (b)(6) AND I ATTEMPTED TO (b)(6). THERE WAS (b)(6) AT THAT TIME, BUT (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) WAS GETTING (b)(6) I CUT ETHAN'S PANTS OFF SO THAT (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) AND (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) COULD BETTER (b)(6). I THEN BEGAN TO (b)(6) WHILE (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) CONTINUED (b)(6) (b)(6) WAS NOT GENERATING A POSITIVE RESPONSE, SO I TOLD (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) TO (b)(6). ONCE IT WAS READY,

(b)(6)

(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) AND I WERE BETTER ABLE TO USE THE (b)(6) IT WAS OBVIOUS (b)(6) WAS NEEDED. I TOLD (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) TO GET THE (b)(6) AND I ROTATED AROUND TO (b)(6). WE WERE NOTIFIED AROUND THIS TIME THAT AN AIRCRAFT WAS APPROXIMATELY 10 MIN OUT TO TRANSPORT HIM. (b)(6)

(b)(6) (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) (b)(6) WITH NO POSITIVE RESULT. (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) THEN BEGAN TO PREP (b)(6) (b)(6) THIS ALSO HAD NO POSITIVE IMPACT (b)(6)

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STATEMENT OF (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) TAKEN AT 0845 DATED 20190315

9 STATEMENT (Continued)

(b)(6)
AT THIS POINT THE AIRCRAFT WAS APPROXIMATELY FIVE MIN OUT, SO I HAD (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) AND (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) PREP THE LITTER TO PUT ETHAN ON IT. I CALLED COMMANDS FOR MOVING ETHAN TO THE LITTER BECAUSE I WAS (b)(6) ONCE ON, WE ATTACHED STRAPS AND I POSITIONED (b)(6)

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(b)(6) (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) PREPARED AN

(b)(6) BUT WE DECIDED TO WAIT FOR THE AIRCRAFT TO COME IN SO THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO TRANSPORT. I PUT (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) ON ~~THE~~ ETHAN'S LEFT FOOT HAND GRIP, (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) THE RIGHT FOOT (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) THE LEFT HEAD, AND I CALLED COMMANDS AT THE RIGHT HEAD. WE MOVED THE ~~100~~ METERS TO THE MAIN RUNWAY AS THE AIRCRAFT APPROACHED. WE PAUSED AT THE EDGE OF THE RUNWAY WHILE (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) BRIEFED THE AIRCRAFT MEDICS (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) THEN (b)(6)

(b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) AS A LAST ATTEMPT TO (b)(6) THE AIRCREW DETERMINED NOT TO LOAD ETHAN AROUND THIS TIME, AS HE WAS DECEASED. I STAYED WITH ETHAN UNTIL WE WERE ABLE TO TRANSPORT HIM IN A MEDICAL VEHICLE BACK INTO A SECURE ROOM TO AWAIT THE CORONER.

NOTHING FOLLOWS

INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) PAGE 4 OF 5 PAGES

STATEMENT OF (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) TAKEN AT Ø845 DATED 25/19 Ø315

9. STATEMENT (Continued)

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

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I, (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6), HAVE READ OR HAVE HAD READ TO ME THIS STATEMENT WHICH BEGINS ON PAGE 1, AND ENDS ON PAGE 5 I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE STATEMENT IS TRUE I HAVE INITIALED ALL CORRECTIONS AND HAVE CONTAINED THE STATEMENT. I HAVE MADE THIS STATEMENT FREELY WITHOUT THREAT OF PUNISHMENT, AND WITHOUT COERCION, UNLAWFUL INFLUENCE, OR UNLAWFUL

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)
(Signature of Person Making Statement)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 15th day of March, 2019 at Kodiak Draf Zone

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)
(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)
(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

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(Authority To Administer Oaths)

WITNESSES

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

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LOCATION OR ADDRESS

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ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT: (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

AUTHORITY: Title 10 USC Section 301 Title 5 USC Section 2951 E.O. 9397 dated November 22, 1943 SSN:
PRINCIPAL PURPOSE: To provide commanders and law enforcement officials with means by which information may be accurately identified
ROUTINE USES: Your social security number is used as an additional/alternate means of identification to facilitate filing and retrieval
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LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME E/STATUS
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8 ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS
77th Ranger Regiment

9 (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH

State Line NIA
What was the DTC of the incident?
Who helped you rig up?
Who conducted your DMPT?
What door did you exit?
What position were you in your stack?
Did you have line twists?
How close to your fellow jumpers were you upon opening?
Was there any damage to your parachute?
Did you make eye contact with the safety when handing him the S?
What equipment were you jumping?
At what altitude did the incident occur?
How many jumps do you have?
When was your last jump?

NIA
What was the DTC of the incident?
Who helped you rig up?
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What position were you in your stack?
What was your egress setting?
What was the jump profile?
What was the jump objective?
What was your exit altitude?
What was your pull altitude?
What was your parachutes method of deployment?
What type of malfunction incident did you have?
Did you have line twists?
What equipment did you wear?
Was there damage to your canopy?
Did you land within the stack?
How many jumps do you have?
When was the last time you jumped?
What is your level of experience?
During which part of the jump did the incident occur?

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STATEMENT OF (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) TAKEN AT 0847 DATED 20190315

9 STATEMENT (Continued)

As to add further detail to what I saw when I first got to the casualty
The man casualty was deployed with one breast tangle unstrapped.
All equipment was still rigged and the casualty was laying face down with his
head turned away from the torso. The casualty was identified as Ethan Laiff and
he was cool to the touch unresponsive and bleeding in the face. The total intervention
I can account for are (b)(6)

Time on scene approximately 0700
Time treatment was ceased 0723L
Nothing further follows.

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)
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(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)
(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to
administer oaths, this 15th day of March, 2019
at Kodiak AWP zone

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)
(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)
(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

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(Authority To Administer Oaths)

WITNESSES
(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) RSTB 75TH RGR R167
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STATEMENT OF (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) TAKEN AT 1000 DATED 20190408

B. STATEMENT (Continued)

Life flight went wheels down on the active at 0723 (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) and he

(b)(6) (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) (b)(6)

(b)(6) SFC Carpenter had no signs of life or response to treatment. With no response or signs of life, Life Flight EMS called medical control. SFC Ethan Carpenter was ultimately pronounced dead at 0723 by the medical control physician.

A patient with (b)(6) Through the mid-air collision with (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) Carpenter sustained (b)(6)

(b)(6) These injuries would have caused (b)(6) There were no interventions that could have saved SFC Carpenter's life.

INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

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STATEMENT OF (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) TAKEN AT 1000 DATED 20190408

9. STATEMENT (Continued)

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(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

(Signature of Person Making Statement)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 8 day of April, 2011 at Fort Benning

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

UCMS Act. 136

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5 ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS
(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) ROTB 75th RGR RGT

6 (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH

State 1 inc
What was the DTC of the incident?
Who helped you rig up?
Who conducted your JMPI?
What door did you exit?
What position were you in your stick?
Did you have line twists?
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Did you make eye contact with the safety when handling him the N?
What equipment were you jumping?
At what altitude did the incident occur?
How many jumps do you have?
When was your last jump?

State 1
What was the DTC of the incident? 15 DTC4 Mar 19
Who helped you rig up? VOF
Who conducted your JMPI? (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)
What door did you exit? NA
What position were you in your stick? NA
What was your egress setting? 0951
What was the jump profile? NIGHT, Stick
What was the jump objective? NA
What was your exit altitude? NA
What was your pull altitude? NA
What was your parachutes method of deployment? NA
What type of malfunction incident did you have? NA
Did you have line twists? NA
What equipment did you wear? NA
Was there damage to your canopy? NA
Did you land within the stick? NA
How many jumps do you have? 420
When was the last time you jumped? 11 Mar 19
What is your level of experience? Tandem Master
During which part of the jump did the incident occur? NA

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STATEMENT OF (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) TAKEN AT 0847 DATED 15 Mar 19

9 STATEMENT (Continued)

At approximately 0645, myself and (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) spotted the parachutist during our ariel reconnaissance. The service member was located off the southern side of the main runway and was approximately 25 meters from the runway. Once our aircraft gained approval to land, I gave the command to don helmets & fasten seat belts. Upon landing, the rest of the team and I began to remove rigs in the aircraft. Knowing we would be first on site, I gave direction to the team for initial medical treatment. I stated that I will take lead, one person need to (b)(6) and everyone else take direction and "be hands" if needed. When the ramp opened the team and I sprinted towards the service member who was lying down unresponsive. The initial response team consisted of myself, (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) and (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) Once we reached the casualty, I was able to identify him as SFC Ethan Carpenter. The patient was in "full-wall locker" gear, as per his jump profile, with the ruck still attached to the rig. The oxygen mask was hanging off the helmet broken, along with broke night vision goggles. I immediately directed (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) to (b)(6)

(b)(6) The patient was in a semi-recovery position with his head rotated into the ground. This made my initial assessment to be (b)(6) As I checked for (b)(6) (b)(6) I told my team members we have to remove the equipment carefully. (b)(6) due to the positioning of the patient (b)(6)

INITIAL MAKING STATEMENT

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

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STATEMENT OF (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) TAKEN AT 0847 DATED 16 Mar 19

9 STATEMENT (Continued)

I began to remove equipment. I started with the ruck sack, and worked it carefully off with assistance from my team. With the ruck sack safely removed, we began to focus on removing the MJ Harness System. We did not have medical support at this time, so I asked if anyone had a knife or trauma shears. A civilian by-stander handed a set of shears with a small 4-inch pocket knife. While I focused on the rig with the shears, my team began to remove clothing from the patient using the knife. The right main lift web and shoulder strap was impeding patient movement to a supine position, so I began to cut through the risers and shoulder strap. At this time (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) began disconnecting the leg straps and pulling the rig away from the casualty. We allowed (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) to count down the patient roll to spine, while the team removed the rig. Once supine, (b)(6)

(b)(6) (b)(6)

(b)(6) I was then handed a (b)(6) from the civilian by-stander and started (b)(6) with (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

(b)(6)

(b)(6) At this time,

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) and (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) and (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) completed (b)(6)

(b)(6), and removed the vests and other garments, and reported back to me with (b)(6)

(b)(6) the medical vehicle arrived with (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) and (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) I requested

(b)(6) I

told the other medic I had (b)(6) (b)(6)

and was currently on my (b)(6) (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) (b)(6) I initiated, and completed

a successful (b)(6) (b)(6)

(b)(6)

with (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) (b)(6)

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9 STATEMENT (Continued)

(b)(6) (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) (b)(6)
(b)(6) (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) (b)(6)
(b)(6) Next, myself and (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) (b)(6)
(b)(6)

from the patient. I then (b)(6)
(b)(6) (b)(6)
(b)(6) With Life flash on the
way, and time left to treat on the ground, (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)
and I decided to (b)(6)

(b)(6)
(b)(6) We then placed the
patient on the litter, with the (b)(6)
(b)(6)

(b)(6) I went toward
and met the EMTs as they approach and conducted
a patient hand over. I (b)(6) as the
EMT. were assessing the patient and placed the
(b)(6) I then

(b)(6)
(b)(6)

other EMT was instructed by higher medical authority to
cease resuscitative efforts. Time of death was annotated
at approximately 0723. — Nothing Else Follows —

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

INIT (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) MAKING STATEMENT PAGE 4 OF 5 PAGES

STATEMENT OF (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) TAKEN AT 0847 DATED 15 Mar 2019

B. STATEMENT (Continued)

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WITNESSES

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 15th day of March, 2019 at Kodiak Drop Zone (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) (Signature of Person Administering Oath) (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) (Typed Name of Person Administering Oath) USA SOL (Authority To Administer Oaths)

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SWORN STATEMENT

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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

AUTHORITY: Title 10, USC Section 301; Title 5, USC Section 2951; E.O. 9397 Social Security Number (SSN).
PRINCIPAL PURPOSE: To document potential criminal activity involving the U.S. Army, and to allow Army officials to maintain discipline, law and order through investigation of complaints and incidents.
ROUTINE USES: Information provided may be further disclosed to federal, state, local, and foreign government law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, courts, child protective services, victims, witnesses, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Office of Personnel Management. Information provided may be used for determinations regarding judicial or non-judicial punishment, other administrative disciplinary actions, security clearances, recruitment, retention, placement, and other personnel actions.
DISCLOSURE: Disclosure of your SSN and other information is voluntary.

1. LOCATION: PTF, Marana, AZ
2. DATE: (YYYYMMDD): 2019/03/18
3. TIME: 0857
4. FILE NUMBER
5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME
6. SSN
7. GRADE/STATUS: (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS: (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) B. 75th Ranger Regiment

9. (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6), WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH

This is a Q and A in continuation of my original sworn statment:

(Q) Walk me through the morning of 15 March from your arrival to the PTF until you met with Life Flight personnel
(A) I arrived around 0345 and did SFC Carpenter's JMPI that morning. There were no difencies and all markings were in accordance SOP. While we were on the aircraft getting ready to jump I heard there was an issue on the DZ but did not think it was urgent. We thought we would do a jump eventually once the DZ cleared. I was the (b)(6) and did the 20 minute, 10 minute, and O2 checks. At 4 minutes we got the no drop call. We took off the masks but got another 10 minute call and put masks back on. We got another no jump at 4 minutes and (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) the DZSO could not account for all the pass one jumpers and we were to go to 1,500 feet AGL to search for a missing jumper. Myself and (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) on the ramp (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) on ATAKs to plot grids. Last thing we knew was that the canopy was spotted travelling southeast of the HARP and we had the plane circle around trying to find the strobe, canopy, or other signs of SFC Carpenter (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) saw his canopy and the (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) confirmed it. We landed at the southern edge of the runway and SFC Carpenter's body was 25m west of the runway and we made the call to land once the vehicles could not locate the body. I gave directions to the team on how we would treat SFC Carpenter. We sprinted to the body and noticed his body in the "recovery position." I did not notice much with the canopy or equipment as I was focused on providing medical coverage. My biggest concern was (b)(6) and we cut his equipment off to provide treatment safely. (b)(6) We continued to provide medical treatment as I discussed in my inital sworn statement and I spoke with the EM I's when they arrived. I told them SFC Carpenter (b)(6) The one EMT called the higher medical authority and we're told they would not continue treatment or take the patient. The higher medical authority made the call of death at 0723 and told the team to cease resuscitation efforts. They called the Sherrif's department to coordinate for SFC Carpenter's pick up. We moved Ethan to a different site to wait for the sherrif department.

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(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)
(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

WITNESSES:

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 18 day of March, 2019 at PTF

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)
(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)
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9 STATEMENT (Continued)

When we arrived at Etchem (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) immediately (b)(6)
 (b)(6) (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) began to remove his parachute. Etchem was lying on his right
 side w/ his left side facing up. I was to his rear by his legs? feet. As I
 was unstrapping his suspension lines from his legs, I noticed that one of the
 suspension lines was wrapped up in an exposed eyelet at his left boot
 His boots were both taped, but the lower eyelet on the outside of his
 left boot was exposed. (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) continued to remove his equipment &
 started to cut off the container using a knife & trauma shears. Once
 he was out of the parachute, we all moved him in a position on his
 back w/ (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) placed stability on his neck? head. We had
 cut off most of his jacket while removing his parachute. (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

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 (b)(6) (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) cut his pants into further use. (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)
 (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) I (b)(6) (b)(6) Once
 the DESO crew showed up, the (b)(6) (b)(6) were
 prepped (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) (b)(6) At that time, non essential
 personnel were instructed to leave the area. (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) came back
 to the PTF.

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(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

WITNESSES:

Witness information including names and addresses, all redacted with (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) except for handwritten signatures and initials.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 15th day of March, 2019 at Kodiak Drop Zone

Signature and authority information for the person administering the oath, including (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) and USAGAC (Authority To Administer Oaths).

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3 TIME: 0846
4 FILE NUMBER:
5 LA: (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)
6 SSN: (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)
7 GRADE/RATE: (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)
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Did you make eye contact with the safety when handing him the SC?
What equipment were you jumping?
At what altitude did the incident occur?
How many jumps do you have?
When was your last jump?

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not applicable, we airlanded and came on scene first

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DATED

15 Mar 19

9 STATEMENT (Continued)

On March 15th at about 0545 we were rigged up on a Caza getting ready to jump.

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got the call from the

0250 that there was a lost jumper from the previous jump who was still missing. We began flying circles over the opening and landing areas looking for a strobe or canopy. Around 0630 local, we spotted what looked like a canopy. We circled the area to confirm, and got permission to land nearby. We dropped equipment and landed on the runway, arriving at the scene at about 0705.

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immediately took

charge of treatment,

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

and

begin removing equipment and clothing. Ethan Carpenter was lying on the ground with his ~~left~~ right hip down, arms at his sides, shoulders down and head turned to the right at an awkward angle. The fire Marshall arrived on scene at about the same time as we landed. He said he had radio comms with life flight and they were about 20 minutes out. As we assessed Ethan,

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(b)(6)

while we worked

to continue checking for other injuries.

INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT

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STATEMENT OF (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) TAKEN AT 0846 DATED 15 Mar 19

9 STATEMENT (Continued)

At about 0710, I went to coordinate with the Fire Marshall to confirm time for life flight, red smoke to mark the HLEZ and how we would load the patient. (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) (b)(6) and (b)(6) and continued treatment with medics (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) Once life flight was confirmed 2 minutes out, (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) marked with smoke while the patient was ~~being~~ prepared for transport. At about 0720 (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) and myself carried the lifter while (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) ran ahead to talk to the life flight medics. The medics checked the patient and (b)(6) (b)(6) while (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) and (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) (b)(6) and (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) At about 0723 (b)(6) the life flight medics made the call to cease treatment. with 2 lifter

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(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)
Making Statement)

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 15th day of MARCH, 2019 at Kodiak Drop Zone

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS
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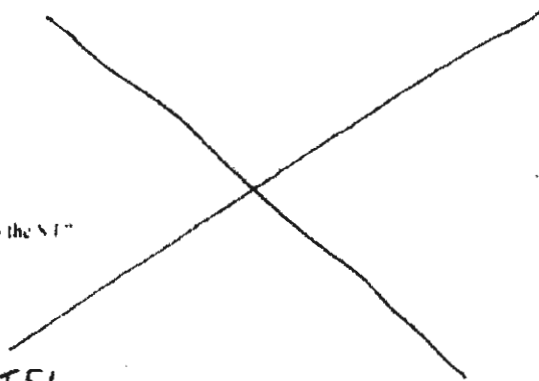
A LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME: (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) GRADE/STATUS: (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

B ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS: 17th Special Tactics Squadron

C (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH

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MFF
What was the DTG of the incident? 15MARI9/0455L
Who helped you rig up? Ethan Carver
Who conducted your JMPI? (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)
What door did you exit? Ramp
What position were you in your stick? 5th/Last
What was your egress setting? 0951
What was the jump profile? H/CE/S/N
What was the jump objective? Land as a stick at the DIP
What was your exit altitude? 10000 AGL
What was your pull altitude? 5000 AGL
What was your parachutes method of deployment? BOC
What type of malfunction incident did you have? None
Did you have line twists? No
What equipment did you wear? Rucksack, Filters, Gloves, Eye Protection, Verson, Od, Mask
Was there damage to your canopy? No
Did you land within the stack? Yes
How many jumps do you have? 206
When was the last time you jumped? 14MARI9
What is your level of experience? MFFJM
During which part of the jump did the incident occur? Under canopy, after opening

10 EXHIBIT

11 INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT

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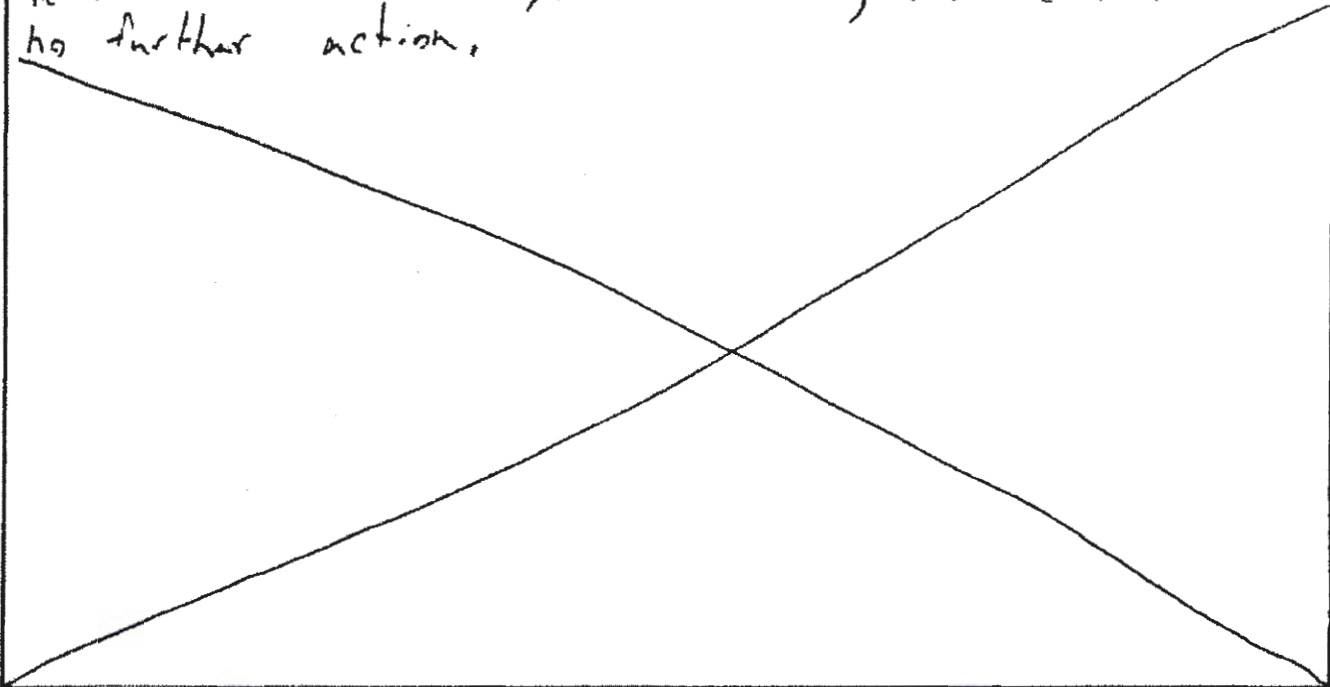
I was the (b)(6) for the operation. Wind calculations, jump parameters, and egress were all calculated prior to conducting rehearsals. Rehearsals were then conducted. Each jumper was to exit the aircraft with a minimum of one arm separation. After exiting, each jumper faced either east or west, with a staggered method. At 6000 ft. AGL, each jumper turned 180°, and tracked away. Every jumper pulled their BOC at 4500 ft. AGL, with the exception of myself. I was the last jumper, and pulled at 5000 ft. AGL. We then rehearsed moving to the holding area, building a stack, and landing together. All JMPT's were conducted. Once in the aircraft, all five jumpers, including myself, sat down in proper order. All O2 checks, time commands, wind updates, pin checks, equipment checks, and exit commands were given appropriately. At the command of "go", I watched each jumper exit with adequate separation, and no instability. The dive in free fall had seemingly no issues. Once under canopy, I saw no issues. I counted all four other canopies. The first time that I noticed an issue was when I saw one canopy not moving west towards the stack. The second issue I saw was when the second man down took a different landing pattern, and landed to the east on the #2, instead of to the south. I was the third man down, and landed five meters from the first man down. The fourth man down landed with the stack as well. I looked for the fifth canopy, but he did not land near the drop zone. After turning in my equipment, I then drove and looked for the fifth man. I looked for two hours, until the finding of the fifth man was relayed to me, via cell phone. I began to run to the relayed site. I was then picked up by the medical vehicle. I got in and drove to the site.

INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) PAGE 2 OF 3 PAGES

STATEMENT OF (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) TAKEN AT 0800 DATED 15 MAR 19

8. STATEMENT (Continued)

After arriving at the site, I saw Ethan Carpenter, as they were (b)(6) "they" was (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) a Ranger medic. His body was found near the south edge of the main runway. I was then directed to return to the main facility. I returned, and conducted no further action.



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ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 15th day of March, 2019 at Kadiak Drop Zone

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3. TIME: 1110
4. FILE NUMBER
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6. SSN: (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)
7. GRADE/STATUS: (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)
8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS: 17th Special Tactics Squadron

9. (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6), WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

Follow up questions by (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) original sworn statement.

(Q) Explain the events leading up to the MFF operation on 15 March 2019?
(A) On 14 March we conducted a full dress rehearsal for the night jump (H/N/C/O) we would conduct on 15 March. We rehearsed the wall locker drop and went through the plotting and spotting procedures, conducted dirt dive rehearsals, which direction jumpers would turn, when and how to flip 180, and track away. We rehearsed actions in the aircraft, exiting and free fall procedures, and then went through canopy procedures and the landing procedures. That same night we conducted MACO for the next jump and published the timeline with a NLT 0345 show time for the 15 March operation. We started rigging at 0400, JMPI after that, and then conducted the same rehearsals as the day prior. We loaded the bus at 0435 and then took the 5-10 minute drive to A/C and loaded the A/C. I spoke with the aircrew and gave them the data for our jump to include A/C heading, jump altitudes, opening altitude, number of canopies, HARP, jump profile, timings. We took off at 0455 and exited around 0510. I had no concerns as the (b)(6) during the ascent or when the jumpers exited the aircraft.

(Q) Explain what you meant by "the first issue" in your initial sworn statement
(A) Looking back at it, I don't believe it is an issue because in the middle of the event it was not out of the normal. In hindsight it could potentially be considered an issue but at the time it was not. We were around 3,800 feet and SFC Carpenter was in the holding area. Because he was in the holding area I thought he was burning altitude and then would move back into the stack. I have seen this in the past and didn't worry too much. Because SFC Carpenter's canopy was moving east and I was moving west he ended up behind me. I turned to look behind me but could not make him out because of the ambient light of the airfield. I continued to look for the canopy but could never see him. I saw two canopies beneath me and one is flying in the opposite direction (turns out to be (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) the time I did not know whose it was). Once I landed I asked (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) the guy who landed away from us was. We see trucks headed towards the other canopy and I move to the DZSO station. I determined it was SFC Carpenter missing and then I ask who is going to pick him up (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) find him and we still don't think much of SFC Carpenter landing off the DZ because it did happen sparingly. The primary MEDIC (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) can't extend our search until after he comes back. When the ambulance comes back I speak with (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) explains to me that he hit something in the air and not on the ground (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) that the canopy was sashaying and I began to think SFC Carpenter was knocked out or the parachute malfunctioned. I jumped into a rental car and searched for him for like 2 hours but could never find him. I got a call from (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) on the southside of the airfield because (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) they had seen a canopy. When I arrived (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) administering aid but I noticed SFC Carpenter was (b)(6) I grabbed the litter and tried to help where I could. I spoke with (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) and he began to control the scene and told me and others not actively administering aid to leave the scene.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 18 day of March, 2019 at PTF, Marana, AZ

(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

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2 DATE (YYYYMMDD): 2019.03.16
3 TIME: 2010
4 FILE NUMBER
5 LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME: (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)
6 SSN: (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)
7 GRADE/STATUS

8 ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS: (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)
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State Line

What was the DTC of the incident?
Who helped you rig up?
Who conducted your JMPI?
What door did you exit?
What position were you in your stick?
Did you have line twists?
How close to your fellow jumpers were you upon opening?
Was there any damage to your parachute?
Did you make eye contact with the safety when handing him the S?
What equipment were you jumping?
At what altitude did the incident occur?
How many jumps do you have?
When was your last jump?

Mt

What was the DTC of the incident? 15 0430 MAR 2019
Who helped you rig up? Ethan
Who conducted your JMPI? (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)
What door did you exit? RAMP
What position were you in your stick? 3
What was your egress setting? 0989
What was the jump profile? H/C/E/O/N
What was the jump objective? Deploy and land known DZ "Kodiak"
What was your exit altitude? 12000
What was your pull altitude? 4500
What was your parachutes method of deployment? military Javelin
What type of malfunction incident did you have? left brake line unstowed
Did you have line twists? No
What equipment did you wear? Buck (Asst pack) oxygen, weapon
Was there damage to your canopy? No
Did you land within the stick? No, landed on Kodiak offset
How many jumps do you have? 208
When was the last time you jumped? 14 MAR 2019
What is your level of experience?
During which part of the jump did the incident occur?
Canopy Deployment/under canopy

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STATEMENT OF (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) TAKEN AT Tucson, AZ DATED 16 March 2019

9 STATEMENT (Continued)

On 15 March 2019 we conducted a H/CEO onto Kodiak Dz. I exited the plane at 12,500, turned on heading and saw everyone up and down the line a 5,500 I turned 180° and tracked to 4,800 waved and deployed at 4,500. Once my canopy deployed it immediately went into an aggressive left spin, I noticed my left control line was fully elongated, I then released my right control line. Once I released my right control line I was impacted, the hardest I have ever felt. I flipped up and my left leg entangled in my suspension lines (some line) I freed my leg. Turned on my overt stroke due to my NVGs being dislodge and injury. Flew to the left side of Kodiak and landed Half brake. Nothing followed

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described and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 17 day of March, 2019

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ICRO

RIAL VIEW

IMPACT POINT TO HARNESS/CONTAINER 172' @ 188 DEGREES

IMPACT POINT TO WEAPON 154' @ 202 DEGREES ES

IMPACT POINT TO HELMET 76" @ 116 DEGREES

IMPACT POINT TO MAIN CANOPY 160" @ 40 DEGREES

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IMPACT POINT TO NVG MOUNT- 76" @ 215 DEGREES

Weapon

NVG Mount

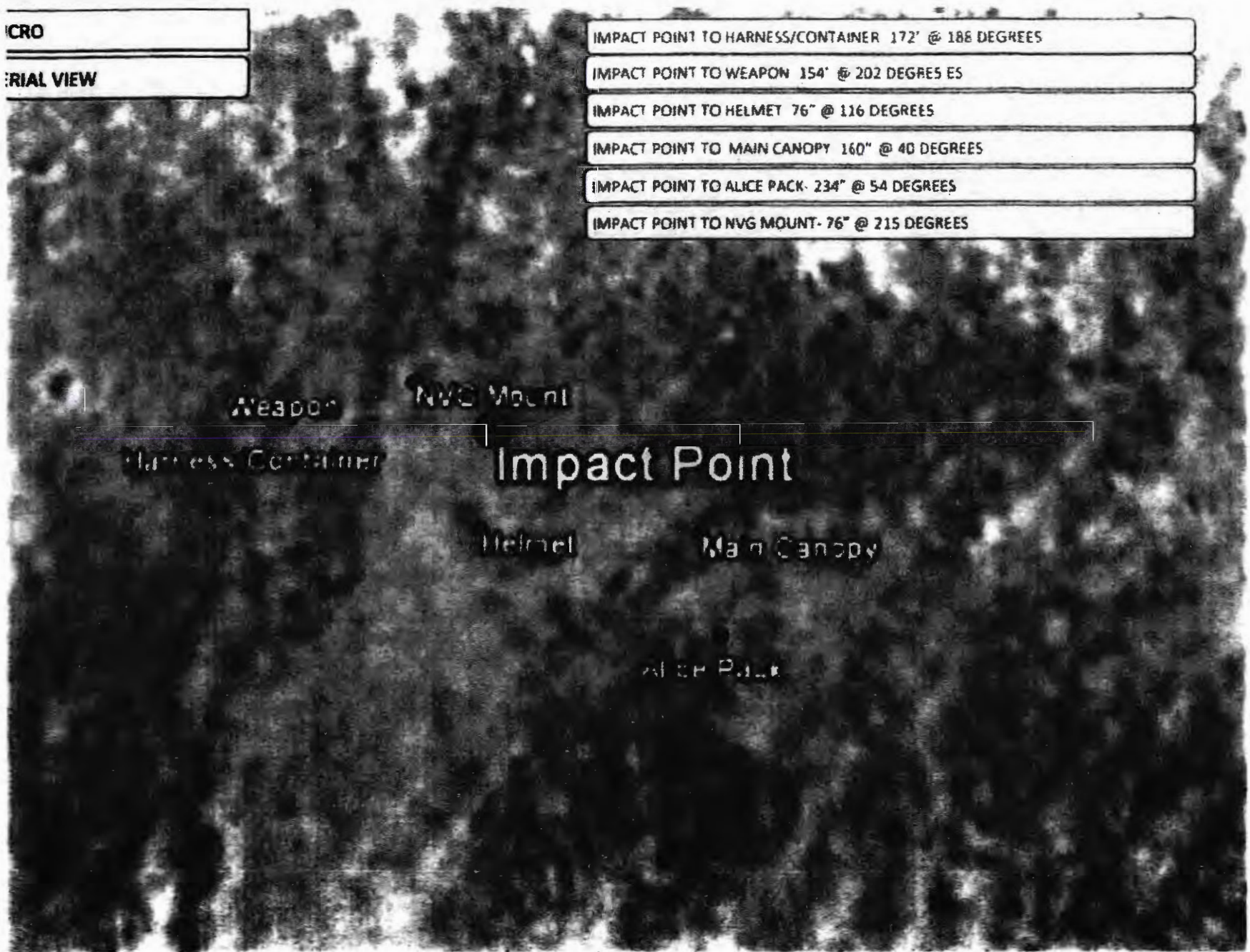
Harness Container

Impact Point

Helmet

Main Canopy

ALICE PACK





MICRO

GROUND VIEW

Legend

- Feature 1

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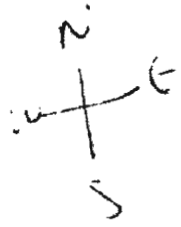
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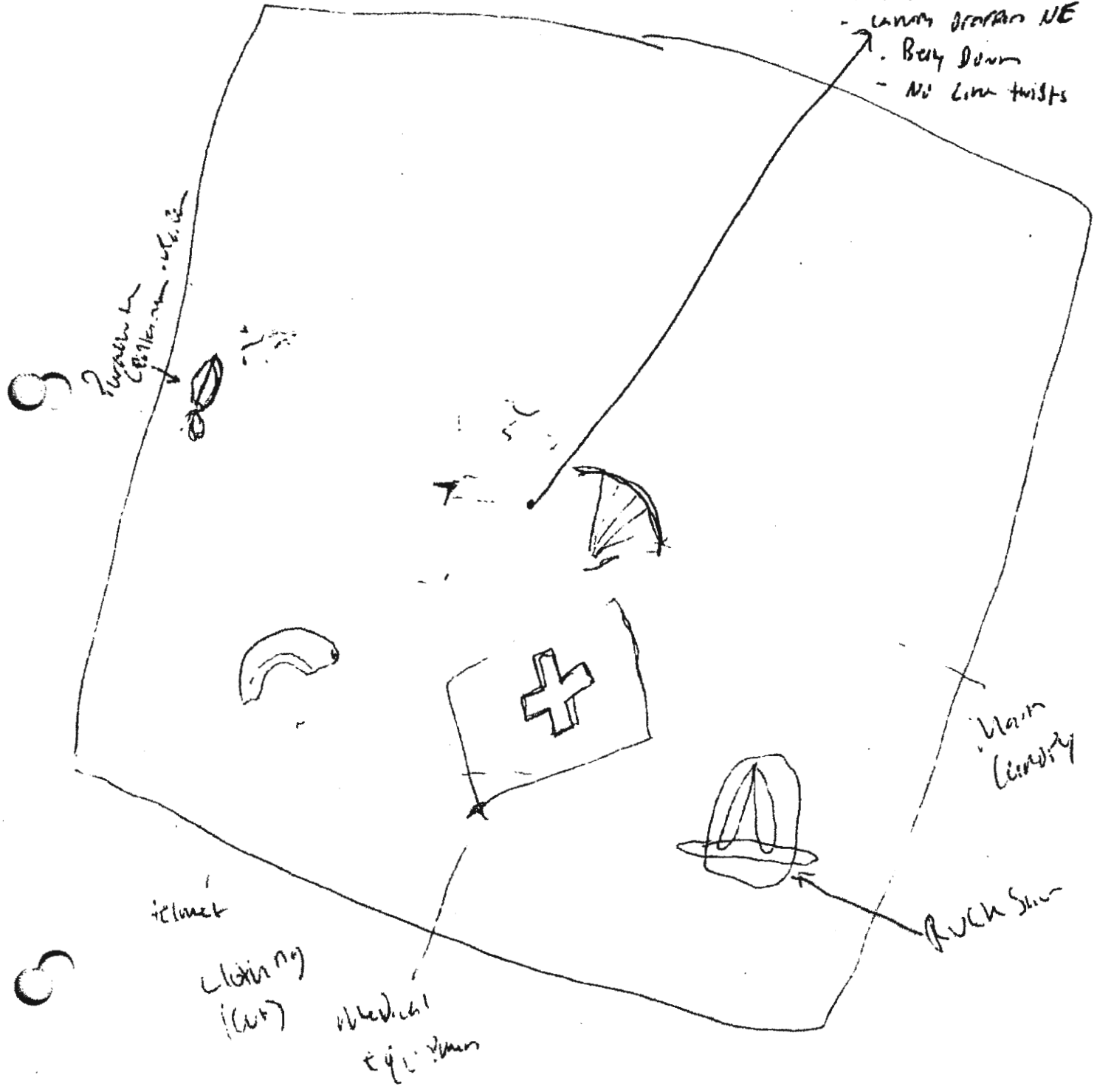
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- Facing South West

- Face Down
- Carries Drapes North East
- No twist in Suspension Line
- ~~head~~ - head to right
- Ears Still attached
- No noticeable Damage to Carapace



- Head southwest
- Feet North east
- Carapace Drapes NE
- Body Down
- No Line twists



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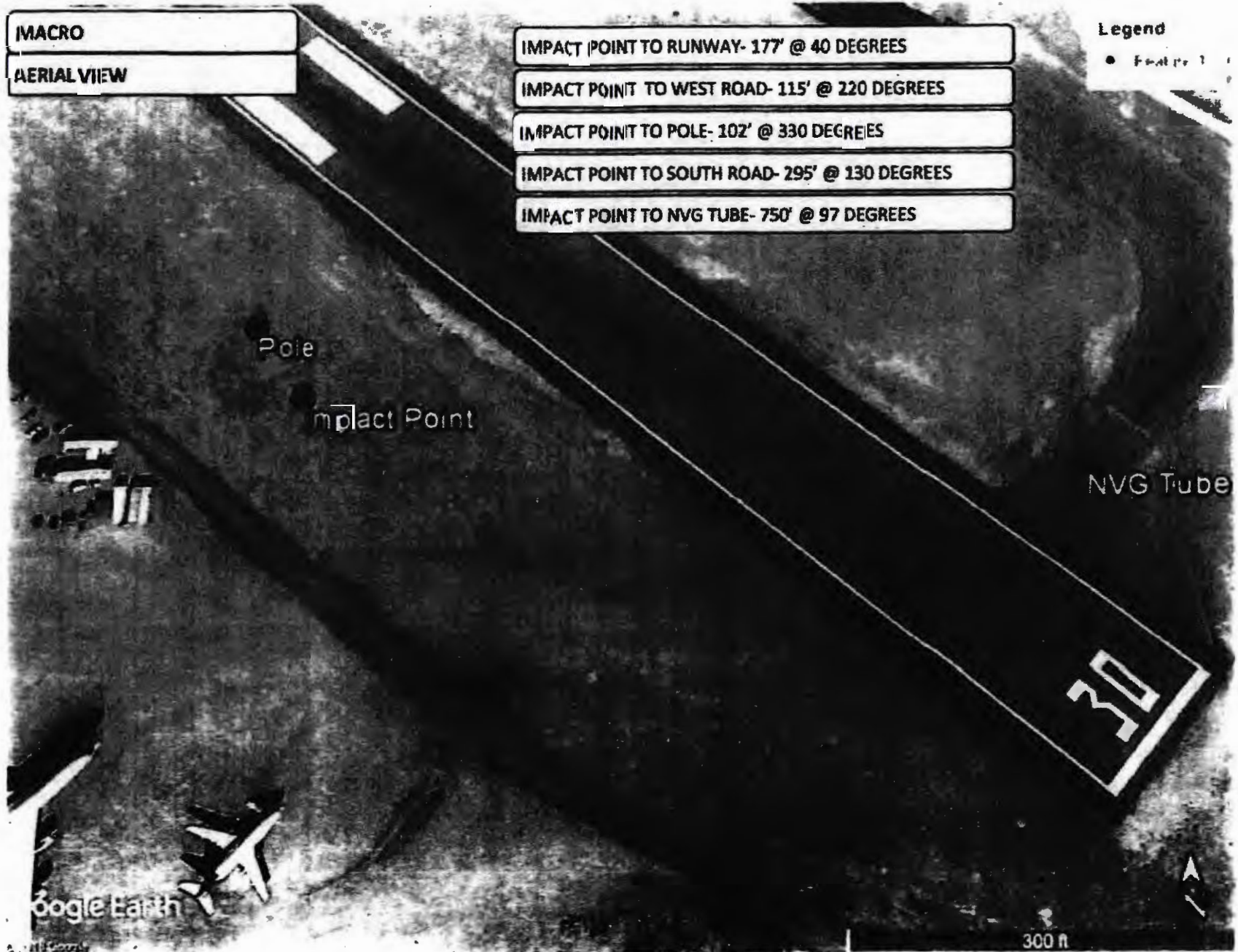
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MACRO
AERIAL VIEW

- IMPACT POINT TO RUNWAY- 177' @ 40 DEGREES
- IMPACT POINT TO WEST ROAD- 115' @ 220 DEGREES
- IMPACT POINT TO POLE- 102' @ 330 DEGREES
- IMPACT POINT TO SOUTH ROAD- 295' @ 130 DEGREES
- IMPACT POINT TO NVG TUBE- 750' @ 97 DEGREES

Legend
● Feature 1



Google Earth

300 ft

Exhibit R

(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) **Military Freefall Standard Operating Procedure**
(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) **MFF SOP**

Upon Request due to Classification

Exhibit S

(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

Off-Post Training (OPT) Concept Brief**Upon Request due to Classification**

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8 ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) 75RR			
9 (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)			

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State Line

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- Who helped you rig up?
- Who conducted your TAMP?
- What door did you exit?
- What position were you in your stick?
- Did you have line twists?
- How close to your fellow jumpers were you upon opening?
- Was there any damage to your parachute?
- Did you make eye contact with the safety when handling into the S?
- What equipment were you jumping?
- At what altitude did the incident occur?
- How many jumps do you have?
- When was your last jump?

N/A

M1

- What was the DTC of the incident?
- Who helped you rig up?
- Who conducted your TAMP?
- What door did you exit?
- What position were you in your stick?
- What was your egress setting?
- What was the jump profile?
- What was the jump objective?
- What was your exit altitude?
- What was your pull altitude?
- What was your parachute's method of deployment?
- What type of malfunction/ incident did you have?
- Did you have line twists?
- What equipment did you wear?
- Was there damage to your canopy?
- Did you land within the stick?
- How many jumps do you have?
- When was the last time you jumped?
- What is your level of experience?
- During which part of the jump did the incident occur?

N/A

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STATEMENT OF (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) TAKEN AT 0854 DATED 15 MAR 19

9 STATEMENT (Continued)

The morning of 15 MAR 2019 we were conducting a night drop with IM 1. Aircraft called jumpers away and we identified S/S jumpers. I tracked the jumpers with a white phosphorous ampz. 3 jumpers were heading North on path to the LZ. 1 jumper began straggling West, what was (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) according to him. The other 1 jumper, who was SFC Carpenter strayed very far East and did not get out at night as the other jumpers landed to the DZ. Myself (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) observed SFC Carpenter to continue to drift East, under a full canopy until we lost sight of him in the distance. Myself (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) gathered the names of the 4 jumpers on the DZ to find out who was missing; this is when we discovered (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) (b)(6) We administered aid to (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) (b)(6) called medical services. A vehicle was dispatched to find SFC Carpenter. When the ambulance (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) departed, all personnel began searching for SFC Carpenter. Around an hour later he was discovered by the PAX in the plane. Myself (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) arrived on scene shortly after the guys found him. He was unresponsive. (b)(6)

(b)(6) Nothing else follows.

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STATEMENT OF (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) TAKEN AT 0854 DATED 15 MARCH

9 STATEMENT (Continued)

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(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) (Signature of Person Making Statement)

WITNESSES

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ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS
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ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 15th day of March, 2019 at KODIAK DRAF ZONE
(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)
(Signature of Person Administering Oath)
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USASOC
(Authority To Administer Oaths)

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2. DATE (YYYYMMDD): 2019/03/18
3. TIME: 1336
4. FILE NUMBER
5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME: (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)
6. SSN: (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)
7. GRADE/STATUS: (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)
8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS: (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) 5TB, 75th Ranger Regiment

9. (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH

Follow up questions by (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) original sworn statement.

(Q) Explain the events as you remember on 15 March 2019

(A) Myself and (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) arrived at 0345 and prepped the DZSO station. This included us unlocking the gates, ensuring radios and comms checks are complete, gather meteorological data, and we staged various equipment from 0400-0430. The jumpers loaded around 0435. I remembered there were more than the normal amount of people at the DZSO shed because we had everyone who was not jumping in order to help because it was a night wall locker jump. I did not see the jumpers exit but heard multiple people confirm there were 5 canopies opened. I was able to gain visual on all 5 jumpers and switched from white phosphorous monical to PVS-31s where I continued to see all 5 canopies. I noticed the 5 jumpers broke into 3 main groups almost- 3 of the jumpers were grouped together travelling north, I was located west, and I was located east. I turned to focus on the jumper who was on the west and then reoriented on the jumper who was located east. Then myself and (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) SFC Carpenter drift due east for 15-30 seconds away from the other jumpers. It did not look like he made any efforts to turn to the DZ or manipulate his canopy. Myself and (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) but to each other "what is this guy doing" or something along those lines, I moved away from the DZSO building slightly into the DZ in order to try to keep eyes on the jumper but the limited visibility made me lose sight. I lost sight of SFC Carpenter right around the same time the jumpers landed on the DZ. Either (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) or (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) get accountability of the jumpers on the DZ so we know who is the off DZ jumper. Myself and somebody else got in a gator and got the names of the four people and we reported (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) medical attention and (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) to his location.

(Q) What is the TTP used for off dropzone jumpers?

(A) Somebody would be tasked to be the search party leader who would leave in a gator with a radio. We ironed out during our rehearsals during this OPT that if we had an off DZ jumper we had to control the flow of search parties. This allows us to maintain accountability and limit the confusion.

(Q) Is there anything else you want to add?

(A) Myself and (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) the area SFC Carpenter was in for about 15-20 minutes. Where he was found was the same spot we thought he would be located. A lot of the guys are frustrated because we know (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) to finding him but did not. (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

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Investing Officer W. M. S. Arthur 181
(Authority To Administer Oaths)

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8 ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

9 (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH

State Line

What was the DIO of the incident? 0445L 12MAY2019
Who helped you rig up?
Who conducted your TMT?
What door did you exit?
What position were you in your stick?
Did you have line twists?
How close to your fellow jumpers were you upon opening?
Was there any damage to your parachute?
Did you make eye contact with the safety when handing him the S?
What equipment were you jumping?
At what altitude did the incident occur?
How many jumps do you have?
When was your last jump?

MFF

What was the DIO of the incident? 0445L 13MAY2019
Who helped you rig up? (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)
Who conducted your TMT? (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)
What door did you exit? 407
What position were you in your stick? 4th
What was your egress setting? 0451
What was the jump profile? H/A/N/O/E
What was the jump objective? Jump, practice, show ropes and land with 100% accuracy, 100%
What was your exit altitude? 1000 feet
What was your pull altitude? 4500 feet
What was your parachutes method of deployment? BOC
What type of malfunction incident did you have? N/A
Did you have line twists? N/A
What equipment did you wear? Oxygen Mask, Rock, and Wings, Wagon, one A15A-1
Was there damage to your canopy? N/A
Did you land within the stack? Yes
How many jumps do you have? 513
When was the last time you jumped? 17AUG2019
What is your level of experience? MFF, AFE TMT, C-130, D-1, and WPA
During which part of the jump did the incident occur?
Under canopy

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STATEMENT OF (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) TAKEN AT 0813 L DATED 19 MAR 2019

9 STATEMENT (Continued)

On 15-MARCH-2019 at approximately 0445L our team conducted a Night-time Military Freefall jump. I was the 4th of 5 jumpers to exit the aircraft. I exit the aircraft below (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) at 10000 feet AGL and maintain my parachute at 4500 feet AGL. Once I was under canopy I immediately turned towards the DZ and began looking for other jumpers in route to the DZ. I noticed a jumpers canopy, which appeared to be scramble, holding away from the DZ. As I turned towards the DZ I lost visibility of the canopy at approximately 3000 feet AGL due to low visibility and some light. I continued towards the DZ under canopy periodically scanning for the jumpers canopy that was holding away from the DZ as well as other jumpers. At approximately 750 feet AGL I noticed a jumpers canopy below me and an aggressive turn below 250 feet AGL. I watch the canopy surge towards the ground and never fully received before landing. The jumper appear to have a hard landing. Once I landed I noticed only 4 of the 5 jumpers made it to the intended DZ. Once I made it back to the rescue facility our team conducted a medical assessment of (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) a hard landing and the complications with one of his legs, and one of his feet.

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STATEMENT OF (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) TAKEN AT 0813L DATED 15 MAR 2019

9. STATEMENT (Continued)

unaccounted for. The D200 similar was located and immediately began treating (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) and searching for SFC Carpenter in the approximate area they had seen her occupy. I immediately guided a vehicle and moved out with the D200 team searching for SFC Carpenter. The first element to find SFC Carpenter was element of team 3. I witnessed element (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) driving across the runway. I then drove my vehicle down the street when I arrived on the scene (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) was treating SFC Carpenter with other elements (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6). Within a few minutes the (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) was verified at SFC Carpenter's location and immediately began pushing another vehicle to SFC Carpenter location. (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) began mobilizing everyone that wasn't directly involved with treating SFC Carpenter back to the P77F compound. Life flight was called and the medevac team continue treatment. When I returned to the P77F compound I was notified by (b)(6) that SFC Carpenter was announced dead by the life flight crew.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 15th day of March, 2019 at Kodiak Drop Zone

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

USACOL Article 136
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WITNESSES:

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17th Special Tactics Squadron
ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

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1. LOCATION PTTF, Marana, AZ	2. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 2019/03/18	3. TIME 1009	4. FILE NUMBER
5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)	6. SSN (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)	7. GRADE/STATUS (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)	
8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6), 75th Ranger Regiment			

9. I, (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6), WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:
Follow up questions by (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) original sworn statement.

(Q) Provide context to your exit, free fall descent, and landing in relation to SFC Carpenter.
(A) I exited the aircraft at 10,000 feet AGL and deployed by parachute at 4,500 feet AGL. It began to slow at 4,200 feet AGL and my canopy fully deployed at 4,000 feet AGL. I conducted my normal housekeeping for 10 seconds, oriented towards the DZ and then began to look for the other canopies. I spotted the other 4 canopies and noticed one canopy behind me heading away from the DZ with no canopy inputs. I only observed it for 3-4 second and then lost sight due to limited visibility. This occurred at around 3,000 feet AGL. I continued to look for the 5th canopy until approximately 1,000 feet AGL and then began to focus on landing procedures. Once I was on the ground I asked the rest of my team if they saw the 5th canopy land as we moved to the DZSO shed.

(Q) Did anyone see the 5th canopy?
(A) (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) saw 5 canopies but could not say for sure if or where it landed. After the DZSO medical team (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) and (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) MEDEVAC vehicle, I asked him what happened. He appeared to in shock and wasn't making clear sense about what happened. (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) said "there's someone else out there". We thought he was referring to seeing another canopy that possibly landed off, and not referring to having a midair collision.

(Q) When did you know SFC Carpenter was missing?
(A) I knew while still in the air that someone was going off the DZ. (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) began searching while I was walking from the DZ to the packing facility. (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) to follow our jump, we tried to limit the number of vehicles on the drop zone. After 10 minutes we realized something was not right. (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) got in our vehicle to search for SFC Carpenter. We searched for about 90 minutes. (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) mission and began looking for SFC Carpenter from the air. I (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) land at the end of the runway instead of the taxiway and tarmac which we thought was weird and then we saw (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) of the plane towards SFC Carpenter's canopy.

(Q) What happened next?
(A) When we saw them sprinting we immediately drove to (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) leader on the ground and began coordinating the treatment with the (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) for SFC Carpenter. There was little we could do because it was already taken care of but we observed them cutting equipment to (b)(6)

10. EXHIBIT	11. INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)	PAGE 1 OF 3 PAGES
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9. STATEMENT (Continued)

(Q) Did you observe any of SFC Carpenter's equipment at the site?

(A) It appeared SFC Carpenter's toggles were stowed and his slider was not collapsed. His O2 mask was stripped off face and NVGs were broken off of his helmet.

(Q) When did you leave the site?

(b)(3) (A) I left the site as soon as (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) the DZSO medics arrive with the medbag and began treatment. At this point all of (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) Ranger Medics were working on SFC Carpenter, and I didn't have an active role in treatment.

(Q) Do you go over contingencies?

(A) Yes. we went over night time markings, wind direction and velocity, housekeeping at night, and priority of work once under canopy.

(Q) What was the order of exiting the aircraft

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) SFC Carpenter, (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6) (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

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I, (b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6), HAVE READ OR HAVE HAD READ TO ME THIS STATEMENT WHICH BEGINS ON PAGE 1, AND ENDS ON PAGE 3 I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THE ENTIRE STATEMENT MADE BY ME. THE STATEMENT IS TRUE. I HAVE INITIALED ALL CORRECTIONS AND HAVE INITIALED THE BOTTOM OF EACH PAGE CONTAINING THE STATEMENT. I HAVE MADE THIS STATEMENT FREELY WITHOUT HOPE OF BENEFIT OR REWARD, WITHOUT THREAT OF PUNISHMENT, AND WITHOUT COERCION, UNLAWFUL INFLUENCE, OR UNLAWFUL INDUCEMENT.

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)
(Signature of Person Making Statement)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 18 day of March, 2019 at PTF, Marana, AZ

WITNESSES:

(b)(3) 10 USC130b/(b)(6)

(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

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