

1                    **Statement of Ricardo Palikiko Garcia**

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3            Q:    Jeff Adachi

4            A:    Ricardo Palikiko Garcia

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6            Q:    Okay. Can you please tell us your name?

7            A:    My name is Ricardo Palikiko Garcia.

8            Q:    Okay. And do your best to keep your voice up since I'm recording this. Okay?

9            A:    Okay.

10           Q:    And you understand I'm recording it?

11           A:    Yes.

12           Q:    Okay. Where are you now, um, Ricardo?

13           A:    I'm in—I'm in 850 Bryant Street, J4 and L1.

14           Q:    Okay. Can you describe for me, um, what happened to you while you've been there?

15           A:    Um, I've been like basically witnessing and going through like, uh, deputies betting against  
16           me and forcing me to fight, and if I don't fight, then he's basically telling me that he was  
17           gonna beat me, up, cuff me, and tase me all at once. And if I didn't fight, then that would  
18           go on. And I—and deputies are also betting against, you know, me and another inmate.

19           Q:    Okay. Who is the other inmate that, um, they're forcing you to fight?

20           A:    His name is Stanley.

21           Q:    Okay. And who—who are the deputies that are doing this to you?

22           A:    It's Deputy Neu and Deputy Jones and Deputy Chiba and also—was also there and Deputy  
23           Staehly.

24           Q:    And these deputies, how are they forcing you to fight?

25           A:    Well, basically occurred when, when—I thought it was going to be like a push-up contest  
26           or some other sort. Then they took me down to the hallway and told—and told me to, to  
27           fight another inmate, which was Stanley, and told me if I didn't, if I didn't fight that, you  
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1 know, I would—I would basically be get beat up by, by themselves, by Deputy Neu.

2 That's what he told me. And he told me he was gonna mace me and cuff me if I didn't, if I  
3 didn't comply with what he wanted.

4 Q: And what happened at that point?

5 A: Uh, I told him I didn't want to fight. Then he told me what would happen if I didn't fight,  
6 which was beating me up, cuffing me, and macing me. So then after—after realizing I, I  
7 didn't want to get that treatment, then—hold on one second. (Pause.) Sorry. Somebody  
8 was here. But, oh, yeah, if I didn't comply with that, then I would get rolled up and, and,  
9 uh, took—basically took to main line or San Bruno, basically.

10 Q: Okay. Um, so—

11 A: I ended up did, uh fighting. I ended up fighting Stanley on the first day, and basically he—  
12 what he told me was this is where medic—this is medical right here. You guys—if you  
13 guys—if you guys go to medical—if you end up going to medical, you gotta say you fell  
14 off the bunk and none—that basically none of this happened. And he told me anything  
15 goes. Just don't punch in the face so—so no one can basically see the marks. But anything  
16 goes other than the face.

17 Q: What happened in the first fight?

18 A: The first fight we were fighting, tussling, wrestling, and punching each other up until I got  
19 Stanley into a headlock, and then he eventually tapped out, which—which led the fight to  
20 stop. And then we got up, and I walked from the end of the hallway where there was kind  
21 of a blind spot but still visible from the whole hallway and went back to the—went back to  
22 our pod area.

23 Q: Okay. And was there any betting that was going on that you could tell?

24 A: Yes. When—when I got up from the fight and Stanley got up, too, Deputy Neu told  
25 (inaudible).

26 Q: Can you repeat that again? I can't hear you.

27 A: When I got up from the fight with Stanley, after getting up off the floor, Deputy Neu told  
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1 Stanley that he would be coming on Saturday, the following day, to take him to work out  
2 and to, to, to basically train him. And he also told everyone that was there that there will  
3 be a Round 2 and he does not like to lose money.

4 Q: And so what happened, uh—

5 A: Which—which I believe he was betting on the fight because he, uh, Stanley lost.

6 Q: Okay. And was—was one of, either you or Stanley, uh, represented by one of the  
7 deputies? In other words, were you, um, fighting for one of the deputies in particular?

8 A: Yes. The following day, which led to a second fight, um, Jones (inaudible)—

9 Q: Okay. You have to keep your voice up. I can't hear it.

10 A: Basically Jones told me that—that he was counting on me and do not let him down, and  
11 then Deputy Neu kept repeating and saying do you—you're gonna fight my champion  
12 second round. Second round's going down on Saturday. It's going down on Saturday.  
13 You gotta—you're gonna—it's gonna be Round 2. And then, which made me believe,  
14 okay, that Deputy Neu is fighting—or Deputy Neu is his—the person that's under him was  
15 Stanley. And Jones, I was under Jones, 'cause Jones told me good luck and I missed it  
16 yesterday and I'm counting on you today.

17 Q: Okay. And so tell—tell us about the second fight. What happened?

18 A: Well, the second fight happened when we were all in the kitchen and he came and he  
19 made—he was making Stanley do push-ups in the hallway. And then he told him, all right,  
20 well, we're gonna go to the big boy. You're gonna do—you're gonna do some pull-ups.  
21 Well, a lot of people was laughing at—laughing at him that he couldn't do it, and Deputy  
22 Neu, he singled me out and said, oh, you're laughing. Well, you're gonna fight him now.  
23 There's gonna be a Round 2. Then I told him I didn't want to fight, joking around saying  
24 that he doesn't pay up, because he made us fight over a burger. The winner gets a burger.  
25 I told him that he didn't pay up from the previous fight. I did not want to—I didn't want to  
26 fight. So then I then went to the kitchen and tried to avoid him 'cause I really didn't even  
27 want to fight. I was (inaudible) I was scared of doing it again. And when I went inside the  
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1 kitchen, Deputy Jones came and said, come on, little man. Neu has your burger, and I'm  
2 counting on you. I can't—basically, I can't—you know what I mean, don't let me down.  
3 Like I can't have you just not do it. I said, you know, I don't really—I don't want to.

4 And then the inmate, Jonathan Christopher, came and told me Neu was looking for  
5 me. He was walking up the hallway, couldn't find me. He has the burgers, and he was  
6 trying to give it to me and make me fight again. And then he—I told him I didn't want to.  
7 So that inmate left. Then after that, Neu walked up, maybe about a minute later, and told  
8 me, come on. Let's go to the back because it's Round 2, and if you don't do it, then  
9 basically I'm gonna fuck you up—or F you up. Sorry about that. And, and handcuff you  
10 and mace you, and you're going back—you're gonna go to the main line or Bruno.

11 So then I—then I walked from the kitchen to where the fighting area took place the  
12 first day, and Stanley was already waiting there, and they told us the same rules apply, no  
13 hits on the face, and then we started fighting, started tussling. I ended up getting hit in the  
14 private area. I tried to tell him to stop. They wouldn't let us stop. He told me—then he  
15 told me to hit him back in the private area to make it even, and then punch him, and then—  
16 then the fight took a pause because (inaudible) Aquino and Collins came and seen it and  
17 started to run down the hallway. I don't know for what reason, to stop or what, but they  
18 ran halfway down the hallway and then stopped, uh, because they weren't really signaling  
19 for them to—like, the Deputy Neu and Jones were signaling for them to stop and go back.  
20 So then they—I seen the look on their face. They were kinda confused, so they turned  
21 around and started walking back towards (inaudible). Then after that, they separated us.  
22 They made us get back on our feet. Then they made us go at it again with—then the fight  
23 led to us being in—being in a headlock on the floor, and then they told us to stop and said  
24 you guys are both the winners. And then they, they made us go back to the kitchen.

25 Q: Have you been injured in any of these fights?

26 A: Yes. I have bruises on my back, on my elbows, and also my—my ribs still feel like—like I  
27 may be fractured. I'm not—I don't think it's broken but I think it's fractured because like I  
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1 have a hard time breathing still, and I can't sleep on the right side of my, my, my body.

2 And this occurred like in the beginning, the beginning of this month, and now like I believe  
3 it's about, what, three weeks later and I'm still witnessing pain.

4 Q: Did you want to fight?

5 A: No, I did not want to fight in either fights. I was really trying to get out of it each time and  
6 I couldn't.

7 Q: Why, why did you fight?

8 A: 'Cause I was scared that, you know, the deputies were gonna basically cuff me (inaudible).

9 Q: Oh, could you repeat that again? Your voice cut out.

10 A: 'Cause I was scared the deputies was gonna cuff me and beat me.

11 Q: And did the deputies threaten you?

12 A: Yes.

13 Q: And how many deputies threatened you?

14 A: Um, the only one that threatened me was Neu.

15 Q: Okay. And does Deputy Neu work for the Sheriff's Department?

16 A: Yes, he does, along with Jones and Chiba and Staehly. And him and Jones are—I, I feel  
17 like they're in cahoots with each other because even after those days, really before, I feel  
18 like they were bullying me. They would come and rip open my mattress, try to look for  
19 reasons to, you know, get me in trouble. I feel like they're trying to stir like a racial,  
20 something racial going on because I'm the only one of Asian descent in, in the. . .

21 Q: The—the other people that are involved in these fights, um, what—what nationality or  
22 ethnicity are they?

23 A: African-American.

24 Q: Okay. And you are, um—what's your ethnicity?

25 A: I'm Hawaiian and Filipino.

26 Q: And do you feel that this has something to do with your ethnicity?

27 A: Yes, I do, and it like—and if—if it didn't, I feel like they're just trying to stir something up,  
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1 you know, inside of the pod area to where I would get turned on from the African-  
2 Americans where they would get on me, basically beat me up.

3 Q: And the Deputy Neu and Deputy Jones, what nationality are they?

4 A: They are Caucasian, white.

5 Q: Okay. Um, were there any other deputies who were present during these fights?

6 A: Other than the ones I've stated, no.

7 Q: Other than Deputy Neu and Deputy Jones, were there any other deputies?

8 A: Yes. Yes.

9 Q: Who else?

10 A: Deputy Chiba and Deputy Staehly.

11 Q: Okay. Were there any other deputies that saw what happened or came by when—when it  
12 was going on?

13 A: Um, no, that I am aware of. I just know that there was two bailiffs.

14 Q: And do you recall—

15 A: Plus, I had seen them.

16 Q: Do you recall who they were?

17 A: Yes.

18 Q: And what were their names?

19 A: Bailiff Aquino and Bailiff Collins.

20 Q: Okay. And how were these two bailiffs involved?

21 A: They were walking by in the hallway (inaudible). I believe they were coming from court  
22 going towards (inaudible) and they walked by the door, and by the door you can see down  
23 the hallway. And that's when they seen, you know, the fight going on.

24 Q: And how do you feel about what happened to you?

25 A: Basically, I feel scared for my life. You know what I mean? I don't know when they're  
26 gonna come and, you know, try to basically attack or anything. You know what I mean?  
27 I'm kind of just walking on egg shells.

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1 Q: Is there another fight planned as far as you know?

2 A: Um, no, but they keep sending subliminals and telling me that there is gonna be a Round 3,  
3 and, and they told me today that—that he was training Stanley Harris and for me to be  
4 ready for, for the next round.

5 Q: Did they say when the next fight was gonna be?

6 A: Um, not the exact date, but they said that there was going to be one.

7 Q: How do you feel about this next fight?

8 A: Yeah, I'm scared, bro, 'cause, you know, I have a injury from the last two and I don't even  
9 want to do it to begin with. I just really just want to do my time and, and get out of here.  
10 You know what I mean? And I feel like this is (phone cut off-inaudible) because I have to  
11 wake up in fear that, you know, the people that's supposed to protect me is, is out to get  
12 me.

13 Q: And does—do the deputies force you to gamble as well?

14 A: Yes, for food, (inaudible). They knocked over my trays of food before. They—the—you  
15 know, when I work extra in the kitchen and, you know, staff wants to reward me and give  
16 me maybe a burger or a salad, if I come back with it or any change of clothes, you know,  
17 Deputy Neu, he makes me gamble. He'll—I told him I did not know how to play Black  
18 Jack, which is 21, because that's what he would try to (inaudible) gamble, and he would  
19 tell me to pick a card, whichever high card wins, and if I lose, that he would take my food,  
20 which he did take my food plenty of times, and he would—he would basically take it and  
21 tell me that, you know, if I won, I'd be able to keep it and go inside the dorm or he  
22 would—he would make Stanley do push-ups for whatever we have. Say we have a  
23 (inaudible) trying to come back, and this is all stuff that we're supposed to be allowed to  
24 have and receive and bring back to, you know what I mean, our pod area.

25 Q: This gambling, um, why does—why does he do this?

26 A: Um. . .

27 Q: Why does Deputy Neu do this?

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1 A: I don't know why he does it, but I just—I just feel like he gets a kick out of it because I just  
2 see the look on his face and, you know, it looks like it brings him joy by doing this, while  
3 we're suffering by what he's doing. I don't know if it's a gamble addiction or if he just  
4 likes to see inmates go through, you know, you know, a whole lot of pain, and then—you  
5 know, and then he also takes like, like commissary (inaudible), which we pay for ourselves.  
6 It's not what the county gives us, and you know, that's just not right, period. You know  
7 what I mean? He would make us gamble for that, and I don't. . .

8 Q: So he takes your commissary and then makes you gamble for it?

9 A: He would—he would do that to other inmates, correct, but he hasn't done it to me. He's  
10 only done it to—he's only done it to other inmates as of right now.

11 Q: And how big are you and how big is Stanley, the person that you were forced to fight?

12 A: I'm a small guy. I'm only about five-nine, and I weigh about 150. Stan—Stanley is about  
13 six, six feet, and he weighs about 350 pounds, at least. I'm the smallest guy in the pod, and  
14 he's the biggest.

15 Q: Do you know why they chose you to fight?

16 A: I do not. I just feel like I'm being bullied.

17 Q: Were there any others, uh, inmates who were forced to fight or asked to fight?

18 A: Um, not where I am at and not that I'm aware of, but I've heard, you know, when I—when  
19 I speak to other inmates that was maybe here before or, or down in the main line and, you  
20 know, I would just hear a whole lot of stuff about, about these two deputies, Jones and Neu,  
21 where, you know, they would beat inmates up, you know, try to—try to hit them where,  
22 you know, it wouldn't really too much show but it would cause a lot of pain.

23 Q: Okay.

24 A: It would be for no reason.

25 Q: How do you feel right now?

26 A: I'm frightened. I'm scared. Um, I don't really know what—you know, um, I wanted to  
27 stay in the kitchen area so to make my time go by faster, you know, and plus there's little  
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1 privileges. But, you know, this is just making me (inaudible) about, you know, my well-  
2 being, you know, living. You know what I mean? I, I gotta watch my back as if I was on  
3 the street and, and I was getting bullied and picked on.

4 Q: Okay. All right. Um, I'm gonna stop the tape right now, and, uh, we're gonna—we're  
5 gonna just do a very—

6 **(End of statement.)**

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