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STATEMENT OF COMPLAINT

INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT

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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY

LOCATION: Jafar Saker Bridge (Iraq)
DATE: 05-03-23

I, [redacted], want to make the following statement under oath:

About 0645 hrs this morning as I was getting ready for my watch, I heard a couple of soldiers yelling rather loudly. I paid no mind to it until a few moments later I heard a shot, and about 10 minutes after that I heard another shot. I finished dressing then went outside to inquire about the shots I heard. That is when I encountered SPC [redacted] and asked him about what was going on. He [redacted] told me that he had fired a warning shot onto the Jafar Saker bridge due to a man trying to cross at that time he confirmed that PFC [redacted] fired another shot a few moments after his warning shot. The man had struck the man, and he was down according to SPC I went into the guard stopping area and informed SSG [redacted] of the situation and got him involved. Myself and SSG [redacted] then asked PFC [redacted] off the roof to ask him what had happened. He explained to me that the man was crossing the bridge from east to west and confirmed everything that SPC [redacted] had told me.

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After talking to PFC [redacted], I went up on the roof of the water treatment building (where the shot was fired from) and looked through my binoculars and confirmed the man's body laying right in the middle of the bridge (over the river center).

I then called Avalanche X to report the incident. Avalanche X gave us guidance to follow. SSG [redacted], SPC [redacted], and myself got into a HUMVEE to assess the situation on the bridge.

Upon arriving on the bridge, SSG [redacted] and myself left SPC [redacted] and PFC [redacted] to stay with the vehicle while we secured the body. SSG [redacted] and myself checked the man for responsiveness and came to the conclusion he was dead.

We then allowed two locals up on the bridge for body recovery after the investigation. One gentleman identified himself as the man's brother.

Once Avalanche X (CPT [redacted]) showed up on the scene, LT [redacted] and himself took over the investigation. Moments later after conducting his CPT [redacted] investigation, SSG [redacted] and myself were relieved to go back to the water treatment plant.
Nothing Follows
SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

1. SPIES AND PPE NOTICE INDIVIDUAL APPROACHING BRIDGE CARRYING A SATCHEL - GIVE VERBAL, HAND AND ARM SIGNAL WARNINGS. IZ LOOKS TOWARDS POSITION, PAUSES AND CONTINUES.

2. IZ PASSES WARNING SHOT LINE. SPIES 1X RD M4 WARNING SHOT. IZ PAUSES, LOOKS, CONTINUES. SOLDIERS CONTINUE VERBAL AND HAND AND ARMS SIGNALS

3. IZ CROSSES KILL LINE. SOLDIERS CONTINUE VERBAL, HAND AND ARM WARNINGS. PF FIRES 1X RD M16A2 W/SCOPE (RANGE ~ 350M).

4. PATROL FROM POSITION TO BRIDGE FINDS IZ KIA. SATCHEL SEARCHED - BOOKS AND PAPERS INSIDE. IZ IS LOCAL FROM FAMILY RECOVERS THE BODY. NO EXPLANATION FOR HIS ACTIONS GIVEN.
VIEW FROM WARNING SIGNS FACING WEST (OVER BRIDGE)