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LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME [REDACTED]	SSN [REDACTED]	GRADE/STATUS CIV / DEP	
ORGANIZATION/MAIL ADDRESS [REDACTED]			

[REDACTED], WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

Q. What was your primary method of communication?

A. E-mail

Q. How often did you speak with your husband?

A. About once a week by phone.

Q. How often did you write your husband?

A. Not very cause I did not have the time with cooking all the meals for three kids and everything else.

Q. How often did you e-mail your husband?

A. Every week in the beginning, then after the two week phone call, I emailed him every day because something I heard his tone of voice that scared really scared me.

Q. The two week phone, what do you mean by this?

A. That was the telephone call where he wanted to go into LTG PETRAEUS and quit. The call lasted about 30 minutes and the tone in his voice told me something was wrong. I told him out of quitting. I then started to e-mail him constantly, [REDACTED] I even called the family got them to see if they could help him.

Q. When was the last time you communicated with your husband?

A. A few more e-mails after that telephone call, but that phone call was the last time. It was exactly two weeks to the day, a Sunday, that the Jewish chaplain gave me word about his death.

Q. Do you know if your husband was taking care of himself in Iraq, such as exercising, adequate sleep and eating correctly?

A. He was not getting adequate sleep, he just got food poisoning short time before this, said it was the worst experience he had, and almost killed him. He was dehydrated. I don't think he was exercising, sleeping, or eating.

Q. How did your husband appear in recent photos?

A. He was looked awful; you can see it in his last photo, I got from [REDACTED], who visiting him in Iraq.

Q. What kind of items did he request you send him?

A. I would send care packages, beef jerky, books, and philosophical books. After the the telephone call I sent him a CD player and music hoping it would console him. I would send anything to stimulate him. I did everything to absolutely reach him, even asked the chaplain here contact a chaplain in Iraq, to go and see him, but I don't think he was got there in time.

Q. Prior to going to Iraq, would you describe your husband's personality?

A. On top of the world, looking forward to serving, a soldier's soldier. He felt going to Iraq would make him a better professor when he taught cadets who would likely be going over there.

Q. What did he think about going over to Iraq?

A. He was absolutely excited.

Q. What were his thoughts on Iraq?

A. He thought we were doing a great thing in Iraq. He looked at the war in a positive way.

Q. During his tour in Iraq, how was his demeanor and state of mind?

A. It seemed great. I did not notice anything until that two week telephone call.

Q. How did your husband's demeanor and state of mind change?

A. He said he could not be a part of it anymore. The contractors were corrupt, the Iraqi were not trustworthy. He said he lost control. The Iraqi treatment of the insurgents was deplorable and he could not rein them in. He was going to go to LTG PETRAEUS and quit. Although he did not quit, I think he told LTG PETRAEUS about the Iraqi treatment. He may have told the Iraqi commander. The impression I got from him was that someone was going to harm him. I did not think he would kill himself. I've always been his best friend and he always told me everything. I don't think he talked to anybody else.

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Q. When did you notice a change?

A. About two weeks prior to being notified, the telephone call, when he was about 5 weeks out.

Q. Did your husband express any other concerns, problems, or major issues while he was in Iraq?

A. Just the treatment of the insurgents, the corruption of the contractor, and how he did not trust the Iraqis as far as he could spit. He also lost faith in his commanders. He was moral and ethical person.

Q. Do you know specifically what your husband saw which made him so upset?

A. The only specific example was that the detainees were being mistreated. He received an anonymous note from one of his soldiers about the mistreatment. He did not give me any other specific examples.

Q. Did your husband ever mention he was concerned for his life?

A. No he did not. But I was, because I heard something in his voice. I have had training in listening to the tone of a person's voice, such as the inflection. In Ted's voice, there was a fear. He did not like the night time and being alone in that trailer.

Q. Did he send you pictures?

A. Yes, but I am horrible at the computer, and only get partial photos, such as legs, that kind of deal.

Q. Other than the things mentioned previously do you recall if there was anything unusual that occurred to him while in Iraq?

A. The only other thing is that his e-mails tended to get shorter.

Q. Was there anyone in Iraq, who your husband confined in?

A. Just [REDACTED] who visited him in Iraq, he best friend currently in Fayetteville, NC.

Q. Why did you quote Aristotle in your e-mails to him?

A. Because Ted likes the ancients in philosophy. Which is why he went to Emory, one the few schools ti teach ancient philosophy. In quoting Aristotle, I thought it would stimulate him and snap him out of it.

Q. Who is the SGM [REDACTED] you mentioned in an e-mail?

A. SGM [REDACTED] a Christian person, who checked on me allot, and on Ted allot before Ted left for Iraq. He checked on me and sensed something was something wrong. I asked him to call Ted, and he said he would write a letter since he did not own a computer.

Q. Do you know if he spoke with SGM [REDACTED]?

A. I don't think so. SGM [REDACTED] and works at Ft Bragg as a post-man. All I ever known him as is SGM [REDACTED] but I think it is [REDACTED]

Q. You mentioned in an email that he was having a tough time, is the tough time the incidents you previously mentioned?

A. Yes, the telephone call started it all. After that I sent him some tough e-mails in the hope of snapping him out it.

Q. His e-mails to you indicated he may have been feeling low or depressed, was this case?

A. He was low, but I think it was more of sleep depravation.

Q. At any time were you concerned he may commit suicide?

A. No, absolutely not. Actually the opposite, I thought someone would kill him, just because of the tone of his voice.

Q. The note BG SCAPAROTTI previously showed you, was the handwriting consistent with your husband's handwriting?

A. Generally, but a few things looked a fishy. His signature did not look right, but the wording seemed like him. Also the note was clean. His handwriting is just awful and hard to read, and I thought the letter was to clean for him.

Q. Is there anything unusual about his death?

A. The glasses I was given by the CAO. He is always taking his glasses off; I just don't see him wearing his glasses when he died. Also his airborne ring was missing. He wore it above his marriage ring. Something I gave him. Now he may have taken off, but it is missing.

Q. Were the contents of this note consistent with any conversation, e-mail, or letters you had with your husband?

A. It was pretty consistent, almost verbatim.

Q. Did you plan on meeting your husband at his port of entry into the US?

A. No, because I did not have a clue where it would be. Also Ted needed time to come down, and I wanted to

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give him a few days to re-group.

Q. Was your husband left or right handed?

A. He is left handed, like myself.

Q. Does your husband have a history of depression?

A. Not that I am aware. He is the most solid person I have ever met.

Q. Does anyone in his family have a history of depression?

A. Not that I am aware of.

Q. Did he ever give you any indications that he intended to commit suicide?

A. Not at all

Q. Did he begin to give away items, place his finances in order, or possibly call friends and family?

A. Nothing like that at all.

Q. Has your husband ever attempted suicides?

A. No, he is a tough guy

Q. Has anyone in your family or your husband's family committed suicide?

A. No.

Q. Has any of his close friends committed suicide?

A. No.

Q. Do you know what he thought about suicide?

A. Because of our faith, he has never considered it. It has never been an option.

Q. Did your husband have any recurring physical problems?

A. He had a bad knee. I think it was his left knee.

Q. Do you know if your husband was undergoing a life crisis, such as a mid-life crisis?

A. Not that I know of.

Q. Were you and your husband experiencing financial problems?

A. No, if anything he was squared away in finances. I even asked him to square away the boy's college fund prior to going and he did.

Q. Which family member was your husband closest to?

A. His mom, without a shadow of a doubt.

Q. Within the family, do you know who he communicated with on a regular basis?

A. [REDACTED]

Q. How did they communicate?

A. She is a big e-mailer.

Q. How often did they communicate with your husband?

A. Probably allot.

Q. Did anyone in the family express concern about your husband's state of mind while he was in Iraq?

A. [REDACTED] noticed his e-mails were shorter. After the telephone I got from him I called the whole family and got the entire family to try and lift his spirits.

Q. Is there anything else you wish to add to this statement?

A. The one thing I really wish is you guys go to everyone listed in that letter and speak with them. "I think Ted gave his life to let everyone know what was going on." They need to get to the bottom of it, and hope all these bad things get cleaned up.

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