

ORLEANS PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE
SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

INTER-OFFICE MEMO

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To: Major Michael Laughlin
Commander, Special Operations Division

From: Deputy Cory D. Bono
Special Operations Division

Subject: Physical Altercation Involving Inmate Wilton Anderson

Deputy Cory Bono, a member of the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office (O.P.S.O.), assigned to the Special Operations Division (S.O.D.), respectfully submits the following inter-office memo relative to the investigation into a physical altercation involving inmate Wilton Anderson at the House of Detention (H.O.D) Facility.

On Wednesday, December 28, 2011, at approximately 0035 hours, the detective was notified by Lieutenant William Short, who is also a member of O.P.S.O., assigned to S.O.D, of a physical altercation which took place on the fourth floor of the H.O.D. Facility resulting in an inmate sustaining stab wounds. The detective was instructed to conduct an investigation into the incident.

The detective arrived at H.O.D. at approximately 0040 hours and proceeded to the tenth floor, where inmate Anderson was being treated for multiple puncture wounds, apparently sustained during a physical confrontation. Nurse David Oates, who is also a member of the O.P.S.O., assigned to the Medical Division, informed the detective inmate Anderson was to be routed due to the seriousness of his injuries.

At approximately 0045, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Lieutenant D. Frezel arrived on the tenth floor to prepare inmate Anderson for transport. During this time, the detective attempted to question inmate Anderson about the incident, but inmate Anderson would not cooperate with the investigation. New Orleans Fire Department (N.O.F.D) Ladder 9, manned by Captain T. Barr, arrived at approximately 0050 and assisted Lt. Frezel. At 0051 hours EMS unit 3165 manned by L. Lee and H. Scherman arrived to the tenth floor to transport inmate Anderson.

At approximately 0130 hours, the detective proceeded to University Hospital in a further attempt to gain information from inmate Anderson. Through the course of the interview, inmate Anderson stated the alleged were assigned to cell two on his assigned tier.

The detective then contacted Lieutenant Short and requested he and Deputy Mark Jones, who is also a member of O.P.S.O., assigned to S.O.D., begin interviewing the inmates from cell two. The detective then asked inmate Anderson if he would be able to identify the alleged perpetrators using a photographic line up, at which time inmate Anderson stated "I could but I am not a snitch."

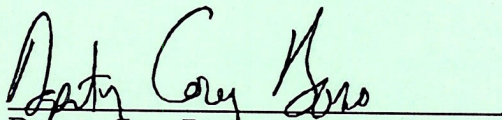
The detective then returned to H.O.D. to assist in the interviews. The detectives met with negative results with each interview, as each inmate stated they had no knowledge of the incident.

The detective then met with Deputy Delaney Jordan, who is also a member of O.P.S.O., assigned to H.O.D. and detailed to the fourth floor at the time of the incident. Deputy Jordan stated he observed inmate Anderson standing at the main gate covered in blood. Deputy Jordan further stated he instructed Deputy Ethan Criddle, who is also a member of the O.P.S.O., assigned to H.O.D. and detailed to the fourth floor, to call for back up. Deputy Jordan then explained Sergeant Kevin Oser, who is also a member of O.P.S.O., assigned as a Watch Commander to H.O.D., along with Lieutenant Short and assisting deputies arrived on the fourth floor shortly after and secured inmate Anderson. Deputy Jordan concluded by stating Sergeant Oser and Lieutenant Short then escorted inmate Anderson to the tenth floor to be treated for multiple puncture wounds.

On Wednesday, December 28, 2011, at approximately 2130 hours, the detective obtained a photograph of each inmate in cell two. The detective then returned to University Hospital where inmate Anderson was still under medical observation. The detective once again attempted to conduct an interview with inmate Anderson, this time inmate Anderson stated the altercation started because he (Anderson) was being vocal about the way feed-up was being conducted. Inmate Anderson further stated every day he was on the tier (approximately two and a half weeks), his feed-up was short, and that he was tired of putting up with it. The detective again asked inmate Anderson if he would cooperate with the investigation. Inmate Anderson stated he would look at the photographic lineup the deputy had prepared. The detective presented the line up to inmate Anderson, and then Anderson stated "I am no rat." The detective then requested inmate Anderson to fill out a voluntary statement, giving his account of the incident, including his statement of not wishing to cooperate in the investigation. The detective went over the form with inmate Anderson, at which time inmate Anderson wrote "I don't know."

Inmate Anderson received approximately ten puncture wounds to the back, one to the left wrist, one underneath his sternum, and two puncture wounds to the anterior head area.

A copy of any relevant paperwork and photographs will be attached and made a part of this report. Any further information received in this case will be forwarded in a supplemental report.


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