

**Affidavit**

I, Phillip Coonfield, do swear under penalty of perjury:

**With regard to specific questions that were posed by the Omar Ameen defense on November 13, 2019**

27. Are there FBI 302(s), notes, or other memorialization of the contact with TMF-1 in September 21, 2017 (described in paragraph 7) in which the FBI obtained photographs of three handwritten Arabic-language statements?

Yes, there is a memorialization of the contact with TMF-1; specifically, I wrote an electronic communication ("EC") to document the meeting.

28. Does the FBI have notes of the interview of Person 5 on October 23, 2017 (described at paragraph 8-13)?

SA Lopez-Fuentes took notes during the interview we conducted of Person 5 and generated the FBI 302 from these interview notes. We stored the notes in a safe at our work location in Iraq. Due to security concerns, our departure from this location in Iraq was somewhat abrupt. The security situation throughout Iraq was unstable for the duration of our time there. We did not have time to conduct an orderly clean-out of the items maintained in the safe. We have since learned that the items we left behind in the safe, including any interview notes, were destroyed.

29. At paragraph 8, who were the other two witnesses interviewed on October 23, 2017?

I have been told that the other witnesses who were interviewed by Special Agent Lopez-Fuentes and myself are identified in the sealed search warrant affidavit as Person 6 and Person 7. Person 6 and Person 7 have no personal knowledge of the murder and it is my understanding they are not part of the extradition request or supplemental extradition request

30. Does the FBI have notes of the interviews of either of the other two witnesses interviewed on October 23, 2017?

A FBI 302 exists for each of those interviews; however, neither of those witnesses had personal knowledge of the murder of Ihsan and it is my understanding that they are not part of the extradition request or supplemental extradition request.

31. Why did the FBI use photographs in TMF-1's phone for identification purposes (as described in paragraph 12) rather than following more reliable FBI ID protocols?

A sequential identification procedure is an approved means of conducting a photo identification. Additionally, we were not provided a photo array in advance of the interview, so at the conclusion of the interview when it had become clear that Person 5 did have personal knowledge of the murder, based on our training and experience we

knew it would be potentially valuable to conduct a photo identification. We used available tools in the setting we were in, with a witness who had traveled to meet us and may not have been reachable for follow-up at a later date.

32. At paragraph 14, to whom did Person 5 present his ID in order to enter interview space on October 23, 2017?

Person 5 showed his ID to SA Lopez-Fuentes, the Arabic language interpreter, and myself.

33. Was any attempt made to obtain adult identification documents for Person 5?

I did not make any attempt to obtain multiple forms of identification; I had no reason to believe the person I was meeting was not Person 5. The interview was a friendly interview, and during the initial stages of such an interview, it is important to build rapport, particularly where there is no reason to question the identity of the interviewee.

34. Did SA Coonfield see Person 5's identification card on October 23, 2017?

I did see Person 5's identification card at this interview. The card was written in Arabic, and I had no reason to doubt that he was who he said he was.

35. During the October 23, 2017 interview, or at any time thereafter, did FBI question Person 5 about the inconsistencies between his purported September 21, 2017 handwritten statement and the information provided to FBI on October 23, 2017?

No. At the 2017 interview, I was tasked with interviewing Person 5 to gauge his level of personal knowledge of the murder. I did not compare his statement to the one acquired previously. The circumstances under which the FBI Fly Team operates is not the same as would be the case with an FBI case agent operating domestically. We were operating in a conflict zone with limited resources, focused solely on each discrete assignment we were tasked to perform. My purpose in the interview was to gather information while maintaining the safety and security of all participants.

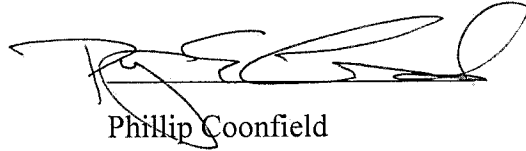
36. If not, why not?

Please see the response to question 35.

37. Did FBI ask Person 5 whether he authored and/or signed any of the written statements?

Please see the response to question 35.

I certify that the foregoing is true and accurate to the best of my recollection.



Phillip Coonfield

11/25/2019

Date

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