

AFFIDAVIT

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

1. I am an FBI Special Agent, and have been ordered by the Court to provide testimony in this case. I hereby submit this affidavit, and request that the Court accept this submission in lieu of testimony.
2. I have a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in international studies. I joined the FBI in 2009 in the counterterrorism division.
3. From 2016-2019, I was assigned to the FBI Fly Team. The FBI Fly Team is a small, highly trained cadre of counterterrorism investigators, including special agents and intelligence analysts, based at FBI Headquarters. The Fly Team deploys to locations around the world to respond to terrorist threats and to provide support to the field in the FBI's counterterrorism mission. The team brings the FBI's strategic and tactical counterterrorism capabilities to bear in partnership with other U.S. Government agencies and foreign partner-nation entities in critical overseas locations to detect, penetrate, and disrupt terrorist networks.
4. In 2019, I became a Supervisory Special Agent and am currently stationed in Washington, D.C.
5. As a member of the FBI Fly Team, I received specialized training, including interview techniques and cultural training specific to the location of deployment. I have extensive field experience conducting interviews. I have conducted approximately 300 interviews of ISIS members, or alleged members of ISIS, in my years on the FBI Fly Team. I have received training specific to the region on recognizing deception in interviews.
6. I have served in various locations around the world as a member of the FBI Fly Team. In the fall of 2017, I was stationed in Iraq. I was assigned specific taskings related to the United States' criminal investigation of Omar Abdulsattar Ameen (Ameen). I was not a case agent assigned to the Ameen case; rather, I was asked to undertake discrete tasks as part of the broader FBI investigation.
7. One of those tasks was to receive documents that were transmitted to me on or about September 21, 2017. A known member of the Tribal Mobilization Force (hereinafter referred to as TMF Member 1) showed me three individual witness statements that were handwritten in Arabic, signed and fingerprinted. Two of the statements are the statements of the individuals I have been told are referred to in court pleadings as Witness A and Person 5. The third statement was from an individual I have been told is referred to in court pleadings as Person 1. I was not able to keep the originals of these statements; instead, I took a photograph of each one with my phone.¹ I was not present when the statements were written, signed or fingerprinted;

¹ I disclose this information because I understand that the Court has sought further information relating to the signatures and fingerprints of Witnesses A and Person 5. It was my understanding that TMF Member 1 is a member of the Iraq Tribal Mobilization Forces (TMF). According to open source reporting, the TMF is an Iraqi force of Sunni Arab Tribal Fighters attached to the Shia-dominated Popular Mobilization Forces (PMF) and governed by the Popular Mobilization Commission (PMC) that was formally established in 2014 by the Iraq Office of the Prime Minister. Upon consultation within the FBI, I have come to understand TMF Member 1 has been working alongside U.S. forces in counter-terrorism operations for years. As a counter-terrorism partner, he regularly

instead they were already completed when they were shown to me. TMF Member 1 informed me that the statements were going to be taken to court for certification, and I had the impression the witness statements were going to become part of a court proceeding in Iraq. I was not provided with a certified copy of the statements.

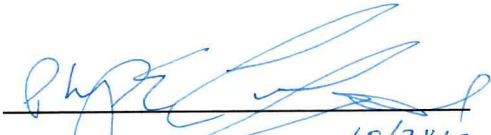
8. Approximately one month later, I met Person 5 for an in-person interview. This interview occurred on or about October 23, 2017, as memorialized in an FBI 302 (Memorandum of Interview). Person 5 was one of three interviews I conducted with Special Agent (SA) Emerson Lopez-Fuentes on that same day. All three individuals arrived together for the interviews.² We interviewed each individual separately while the others waited outside in a seating area. TMF Member 1, who had brought these individuals in for the interview, also waited outside in the seating area.
9. For the interview of Person 5, I was accompanied by SA Lopez-Fuentes and an Arabic language interpreter. The interview was a formal interview conducted by SA Lopez-Fuentes and myself; no member of any foreign government or the public was in the room.
10. My general practice is to inform an interviewee that any participation is voluntary, but I do not specifically recall giving an admonishment relating to voluntariness to Person 5. SA Lopez-Fuentes and I were armed during the interview, but our weapons were concealed. No promises were made to the witness, and no benefits were given to the witness.
11. Person 5 appeared to me to be sincere in relaying the statement that he gave regarding the murder. I have a strong recollection of the emotional toll the narrative took on the witness, which I attribute, among other things, to his young age and the circumstances of the murder.
12. After the interview, we asked TMF Member 1 for consent to use his cellular phone to conduct a photo identification with Person 5. TMF member 1 selected photos to start the lineup, and I then used TMF Member 1's smart phone to scroll through multiple photos that included one photo of Ameen. Person 5 immediately stopped on Ameen's photo and positively identified him as Omar Ameen. The original FBI 302 indicates that there was a photo identification, but initially did not include the photo of Ameen that Person 5 identified in the 1A file attached to the 302 report. When asked by the case agent several months later about the photo identification, I authored a supplemental FBI 302 to include the photograph in the 1A file. The gap in dates between the FBI 302 of the interview and the 302 of the photo is the result of this. I never transmitted that photograph of Ameen to the Iraqi Judge in the extradition case.
13. The length of the interview was approximately between 45 minutes and 90 minutes.
14. Person 5 presented identification to enter the interview space but was not asked to sign anything or fingerprint anything. I have no knowledge of the signature or fingerprint of Person 5. I did not show Person 5 the handwritten statement of his account that I had seen previously and photographed on my phone, nor did I discuss this with him.

shared information and intelligence with U.S. forces, to include the FBI, to assist in counter-insurgency operations, as well as counter-terrorism investigations both inside and outside of Iraq. I am not aware of any instance where TMF Member 1 has fabricated or falsified information or passed on information that the FBI later discovered to be fabricated or falsified.

² Additional details about the setting or circumstances of the interview may be classified, and thus cannot be disclosed in this forum. If required to testify, I will be unable to answer any questions that would require me to disclose classified information.

15. I left Iraq almost immediately after the interview of Person 5, in October 2017. I have had no involvement in the Republic of Iraq's extradition request. I never met the individuals referred to as Witnesses A and B, and I had no further contact with Person 5.

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


Phillip Coonfield 10/28/2019