

1-325 Allegations of "Mock Executions"  
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I conducted a review of all statements pertaining to allegations of misconduct and maltreatment of detainees by member of C Company, 1-325 in the 3 BCT sector. These allegations originated from a statement made by PFC [redacted] that "mock executions" were taking place by members of his chain of command.

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I reviewed statements from more than 30 soldiers taken by the company commander, CPT [redacted] resulting from a commander's inquiry. All soldiers were read their rights prior to giving statements. The primary suspects, LT [redacted] SGT [redacted] and SGT [redacted] executed DA3881s (Rights Warning) prior to making statements.

The statements revolve around 2 primary incidents. On 20 June vicinity Zone 45 LT [redacted] allegedly took a detainee, a boy, from his truck and brought him to the front of the truck. SPC [redacted] states that he saw LT [redacted] put a gun to his head, whisper something in his ear, and then move the barrel to the right of his head and discharge his weapon. SPC [redacted] and several other witnesses confirm they heard a shot fired and then the boy was released. PFC [redacted] saw LT [redacted] fire a round next to the boy. LT [redacted] states he was firing at wild dogs that were threatening him. SGT [redacted] is the only soldier who reports hearing wild dogs in the area, whereas more than 6 soldiers denied hearing dogs in the immediate vicinity. Multiple witnesses have heard LT [redacted] fire warning shots in order to deter looters. SGT [redacted] reported that LT [redacted] "feels good when he scares people." The company commander's assessment is that LT [redacted] has been operating outside the sphere of his command guidance. For instance, he failed to maintain communication with the commander over a period of days although he apparently should have been able to maintain adequate communication with the company cp from zone 45. LT [redacted] apparent desire to administer "street justice" was evident from the statements of junior enlisted soldiers in the unit who stated they routinely fired warning shots. SPC [redacted] fired an M203 smoke around to the front of fleeing looters at the direction of his chain of command. [redacted]  
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The second incident involves SGT [redacted] B Co 70th Engineers. A father and his two sons were apprehended while looting. The man spoke English. SGT [redacted] proceeded to engage him in conversation and asked him such questions as, "What if one of your sons was killed" as a result of your criminal activity. SGT [redacted] took one of the boys around the side of a building outside of the view of the father and allegedly fired a shot in the air intending to scare the father. PFC [redacted] reported knowledge of such activity and implicated SGT [redacted]

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in taking an Iraqi behind a building to scare him. SGT [redacted] reports that SGT [redacted] reported to him that he (SGT [redacted]) had pointed a weapon at a family to scare them. SGT [redacted] states that he saw SGT [redacted] take a boy around the side of the building and then heard a shot. SGT [redacted] later appeared with the boy and said he fired a warning shot. SGT [redacted] states he fired a warning shot when the boy attempted to flee. [redacted]. SPC [redacted] reports that SGT [redacted] told him (SPC [redacted]) we should act like we are going to shoot them (Iraqis). [redacted]

SGT [redacted] was present and directly involved during both incidents. In regards to the 20 June alleged mock execution by LT [redacted] SGT [redacted] states that he took the detainee to LT [redacted] who he thought intended to release the boy. He turned away; heard a shot fired and ran to LT [redacted] who told him a dog tried to bite him. In regards to the 22 June SGT [redacted] incident, SGT [redacted] reports that he reported to LT [redacted] and asked him if he wanted the father and 2 sons released. LT [redacted] replied, "Are they crying yet?" They were detained until LT [redacted] arrived onsite. Subsequently SGT [redacted] took one of the boys around the corner and then SGT [redacted] heard a shot fired. When SGT [redacted] returned he reported that he had fired a warning shot. The three individuals statements [redacted] bear a remarkable consistency indicating that they are either instinctively covering for each other or are telling the truth. There is probable cause to believe that either SGT [redacted] was directly involved in the misconduct or perjured himself in his statements. [redacted]

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