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BUREAU OF DIPLOMATIC SECURITY**U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD**

30 May 2006

**Spot Report - 053006-01 TM-20****Subject:** COM PSD Team fires eleven rounds into an aggressive vehicle**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary: On May 30, 2006, at approximately 0953 hrs, a COM PSD Advance Team engaged an aggressive vehicle with small arms fire (SAF) while enroute from the International Zone to the Ministry of Culture. As the Team approached a major four-way intersection the lead vehicle assumed a blocking position to stop oncoming traffic. While other traffic came to a halt the Well-gunner observed a Silver, Mercedes Sedan occupied by one Military Aged Male (MAM) driving aggressively towards the motorcade. As the vehicle weaved through stopped traffic team members gave repeated hand and verbal signals for the driver to stop. The Well-gunner then fired a Pen Flare at the vehicle followed by two well aimed shots into the vehicle's grill. The vehicle continued its direction of movement and at this time, the Right-Rear and Left-Rear gunners each fired two aimed shots into the grill of the vehicle. This also failed to stop the vehicle or gain the attention of the driver. At this point, the Well, Right-Rear, and Left-Rear gunners each fired two aimed shots into the windshield of the vehicle. The vehicle came to an immediate controlled stop within twenty meters of the motorcade. The driver appeared to be uninjured. There were no principals in the motorcade and no COM personnel were injured. The motorcade continued to its venue without further incident.

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RSO Action: RSO is investigating the shooting; PSD Team members are completing their written statements.

Location: Red Zone Baghdad, Iraq

Drafted By: Mike Duke, Watch Officer, RSO TOC, Baghdad, Iraq

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5 June 2006

**Spot Report - 060506-01****Subject:** COM PSD fires on an aggressive vehicle.**Reporting Office:** REO Al Hillah.

Summary: On 5 June 2006, at approximately 1000, a COM PSD team departed the Regional Embassy Office, Al Hillah. While stopped in heavy traffic, a silver sedan approached the motorcade at a high rate of speed. Hand signals, a pen flare, and smoke canister were employed to stop the vehicle but the driver ignored the warnings. The well gunner then fired three rounds into the grill and the vehicle came to a stop. The driver appeared not to have been injured. The PSD team and principle continued to venue without further incident. No COM personnel were injured.

RSO Action: ARSO is investigating the shooting; ARSO will obtain statements upon the teams return to the REO.

Location: Al Hillah, Iraq**Drafted By:** Eric Jagels, ARSO Al Hillah, Iraq

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June 5, 2006

Spot Report - 060506-04

Subject: COM PSD Team Fires on Aggressive Vehicle.

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Basrah

Summary: On June 5, 2006 at approximately 0945 hrs, a Triple Canopy COM PSD Team en route to a venue in Basrah encountered an aggressive motorcycle. The motorcade was stopped in traffic when a motorcycle with 2 males onboard with a large box broke out of stopped traffic. PSD members in the follow car gave hand and verbal signals to stop which were ignored by the driver. As the motorcycle continued its approach the left rear fired one round into the front fork of the motorcycle. The vehicle came to a stop and no injuries were evident. The motorcade continued to the venue without incident. No COM personnel were injured during the incident.

RSO Action: RSO conducting investigation. Statements will be forwarded separately.

Location: Basrah, Iraq

Drafted by: Ivan Wray, RSO, US REO Basrah

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Thanks for the thorough report, Eric!

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REF ID: A800286

From: Jagels, Eric M (Al Hillah)
Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2006 3:54 PM
To: Myers, Jon R (Baghdad); Lischke, Jeff D (Baghdad)
Cc: Howard, Joseph J (Baghdad); Becht, Matthew R (Baghdad); Prier, Christopher E (Baghdad)
Subject: 6 June PSD shoot

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Gentlemen,

Enclosed is my report from the shooting incident. I interviewed all parties involved, I had them diagram the event and use matchbox cars to recreate the events. Everyone told similar stories and I was not able to find any real flaws in their stories to "unravel" what they claimed happen. A point that came out of this is the need for a bigger flashlights, this team in the past has used a high candle power spot light that plugs into a cigarette light (I know this because I have seen them use it in the past). That piece of equipment blew a bulb and was not operable during their move. We are in the process of getting more to use in all of our CAVs as a signaling device. The shooter has been taken off the team and is working a desk for a week as per SOP.

Respectfully,
Eric Jagels

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U.S. Regional Embassy Office -
BASRAH

July 18, 2006

SPOT REPORT - 071806-07

SUBJECT: IDF REO Basrah

REPORTING OFFICE: RSO Basrah, Iraq

SUMMARY: At approximately 0530 hrs, the U.S. Regional Embassy Office (REO) Basrah was attacked by 3 rounds of mortar fire. The rounds landed in the vicinity of the front gate. The REO's emergency response protocols were enacted. All personnel were accounted for. One Triple Canopy guard suffered shrapnel wounds to both legs and scalp. The REO's guard towers continue to observe SAF and explosions in the neighborhood 1500-2000 meters northwest of the REO.

RSO ACTION: The wounded guard was brought to the REO's medical clinic and medevac was requested. At 0640 the guard was transported in a British helicopter to the trauma facility at Shaibah Logistics Base. An initial sweep of the compound was conducted in accordance with SOP, no UXO was discovered. The REO remains on an increased alert status with restricted movement for all personnel. Local national workers were turned away at 0630 due to the ongoing incident.

LOCATION: Basrah, Iraq

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U.S. Embassy Baghdad

September 22, 2006



SPOT REPORT - 092206-02

SUBJECT: DOS IRM Contract Employee Killed By Rocket Attack on
Regional Embassy Office Basrah**REPORTING OFFICE:** RSO TOC Baghdad Iraq**SUMMARY:** On 09/22/06 at approximately 1220 hours, one rocket was launched against the Basrah REO and impacted in the housing area striking trailer K-7. The rocket (NFI) detonated, collapsed the trailer, and killed the occupant instantly. The victim was an American Citizen Department of State contractor serving as the Acting Information Programs Officer (IPO). (Name withheld pending next of kin notification.)**RSO ACTION:** The imminent danger notification alarm was activated. All personnel were restricted to the REO compound, directed to hard cover, and instructed to don personal protective equipment (PPE). All staff were accounted for except the victim. Once the debris was lifted, an RSO PSD medical doctor and physician assistant determined the identity and confirmed the death of the employee. Charge¹, Consul General, and command centers immediately notified. REO Basrah is currently holding an EAC meeting, after which the Charge¹ will convene Embassy Baghdad's EAC. RSO Baghdad Air Wing will provide medium lift helicopters to transport an IMS employee and RMO-P personnel (if needed) to REO Basrah. RSO Basrah will secure IPC until replacement IMS employee arrives.**LOCATION:** Regional Embassy Office, Basrah, Iraq**DRAFTED:** Ron Chavez, Watch Officer, RSO TOC, Baghdad, Iraq**CLEARED:** Chuck Lisenbee, RSO Baghdad

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RSO Baghdad

30 September 2006

SPOT REPORT - 093006-01

SUBJECT: One Shot Fired at Threatening Pedestrian at the US REO CAC

REPORTING OFFICE: RSO Basrah, Iraq

SUMMARY: On 09/30/06 at approximately 1815 hours, a single shot was fired at a threatening civilian who approached the US REO CAC. The individual was carrying a bag in his hands in a suspicious manner as he walked towards the gate. The guards gave several verbal and hand signal warnings for the man to stop but he continued to advance towards the guards. The guard displayed his weapon, and then fired a single shot to stop the threat. The round missed the man but impacted slightly in front of him and lodged in a HESCO sand barrier without exiting.

An Iraqi local national who lives near the CAC and is known to the fixed site guards approached the man and attempted to talk to him before removing him from the area. He reported to the guards that the man was a mentally disturbed person. There were no casualties or injuries as a result of this incident.

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RSO ACTION: RSO is investigating the shooting and the circumstances around the incident. It remains to be determined if the person was mentally disturbed, or if this was an insurgent probe. RSO is requesting photographs from the British CCTV system. It is possible that this same disturbed individual has approached the CAC previously. REO Fixed Site Guard Command is reviewing Use of Force procedures and Department of State Rules of Engagement policy with the entire guard force. Initial indications appear to be no negligence or malfeasance on the part of the Fixed Site guard who fired the shot. All guards remain on high alert for any suspicious individuals approaching the US REO CAC. All guards have been recently briefed on the suicide bomber vest threat.

LOCATION: REO Basrah

DRAFTED: ARSO Basrah: Alex Brinker

APPROVED: RSO Basrah: Bryan Bachmann

CLEARED: DRSO Baghdad: Chuck Lisenbee

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November 3, 2006

SPOT REPORT – 110306-02**Subject:** COM PSD Team Deploys Smoke on Aggressive Vehicles**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Kirkuk

Summary: On 02 November 2006, at approximately 0920 hours, a COM PSD unit enroute from the Kirkuk REO to the USAID compound in Erbil encountered a Black BMW and White Opel that appeared to be following and probing the motorcade. For over nine miles, these vehicles approached the motorcade in an aggressive manner and failed to keep a satisfactory distance from the rear of the motorcade. The suspected vehicles moved around each other trying to gain ground on the motorcade. After one vehicle slowed down, the other would speed up and take its place. The follow vehicle's well gunner had the back windshield up, while the right rear had their door open. Both the well gunner and the right rear made several attempts to communicate with the drivers of both vehicles by signaling with flashlights, hand signals, and eventually muzzling the vehicles with their long guns.

After the drivers of the suspected vehicles failed to heed the warnings of PSD personnel, the Shift Leader instructed the right rear to prepare a smoke grenade in the event either vehicle made another attempt to close in on the motorcade. When the Black BMW came around the White OPEL and approached the rear of the motorcade at a high rate of speed, the right rear deployed a green smoke grenade

on the road. At this point, the suspected vehicles finally backed off and remained 100-150 meters from the motorcade. Both vehicles have appeared on the Kirkuk TOC BOLO list.

RSO Action: PSD members were debriefed and provided a statement. No further investigation is necessary.

Location: Approximately 38 kilometers south of Erbil, Iraq

Drafted: RSO James "Chance" Rowe, Kirkuk, Iraq
Cleared: RSO Randall Bennett, Baghdad, Iraq

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27 November 2006

Spot Report - 112706-001

SUBJECT: Escalation of Force by TC Guard Force REO Basrah.**REPORTING OFFICE:** RSO Basrah, Iraq

SUMMARY: On November 27, 2006 at approximately 2135 hrs, Triple Canopy Security Personnel who were guarding the front gate at REO Basrah engaged a local Iraqi with small arms fire. An automobile approached at a high speed and stopped and discharged an unidentified male carrying a white bag. The car then sped off. The unidentified male individual carrying a white bag then approached the REO front gate. Guards gave verbal warnings for the individual to stop. The individual failed to comply with verbal warnings. The Guard Force Supervisor threw a non-lethal flash grenade in an effort to stop the individual from approaching the gate. Despite the use of the flash grenade the individual continued to approach front gate. At approximately four (4) meters from the front gate, with the apparent "suicide probe" individual continuing to ignore all commands, security guards engaged the individual with their rifles, stopping his approach. Local police and medical services were contacted and responded. At approximately 2220 hrs an Iraqi ambulance carried the individual away for medical aid. No COM personnel were injured during the incident.

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RSO ACTION: RSO is conducting an investigation. ROI, statements and photos will be forwarded separately.

Location: REO Basrah, Iraq

DRAFTED: ARSO Ricardo Gibert, Basrah Iraq

APPROVED: RSO Brian Murphy, Basrah Iraq

CLEARED: RSO Randall Bennett, Baghdad Iraq

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INCIDENT REPORT

This report may be in addition to DS SPOT reporting.

Date of Report: 30 December 2006

Location: Al Hillah

Task Order: 8

Person Releasing Report: Sanganetti

Title of Person Releasing Report: Operations Chief

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Date of Incident: 30 December 2006

Time of Incident: 2000

Contractor Involved: Blackwater

Detail Location of Incident: Al Hillah REO

Personnel Involved: TCN Guard Force

Incident Synopsis: On 30 December 2006, at approximately 2000 hours and explosion of unknown origin occurred approximately 100 meters outside the Al Hillah compound. The explosion was followed by small arms fire (SAF) being fired from the same location as the explosion. Upon accessing the incident a TCN tower guard observed an individual in the same area of the explosion and SAF. The tower guard fired two rounds at the individual, observed the rounds strike the dirt, reassessed the situation and was unable to relocate the individual. There was no damage to the compound or injuries sustained by any individuals.

Outline injuries if applicable: None

Supervisor Actions to Mitigate Adverse Actions or Preclude Re-occurrence: N/A

Personnel Notified of Incident: RSO, BW SDL

Supervisor synopsis of local impact of incident: N/A

Additional Reports Generated: DoS Sport Report

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18 May 2006

Spot Report - 051806- 01 Team #20

Subject: COM PSD Team fires one round into an aggressive vehicle**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary: On 18 May, 2006 at approximately 1034 hrs, a COM PSD Advance Team was enroute from the Ministry of Industry and Minerals to the International Zone (IZ). The Team was located in a [redacted] in front of IZ Check Point [redacted] (CP) in order to stop oncoming traffic while the remainder of the [redacted] convoy entered the CP. While all other traffic adhered to the teams instructions to stop, a Gray, four-door, sedan occupied by one Military Aged Male (MAM) continued driving toward the CP. Team members gave repeated hand and verbal signals to the driver and an attempt was made to fire a pen flare but it malfunctioned. At this time the Left-Rear then fired one shot into the engine block of the vehicle. The vehicle continued forward in a slow roll and came to a stop 40 meters from the CP. The lone occupant appeared to be uninjured. There were no principals in the motorcade and no COM personnel were injured. The motorcade continued on without further incident into the International Zone.

RSO Action: RSO is investigating the shooting; PSD Team members are completing their written statements.

Location: Red Zone Baghdad, Iraq

Drafted By: Mike Duke, Watch Officer, RSO TOC, Baghdad



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Date of Incident	18 May 2006	Time of Incident	0840
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Type of Incident

(e.g. Use of Lethal Force/Use of Non-Lethal Force/Distracting Devices Deployed/Ambush)

Location of Incident

(Describe location in detail. Include route name, local landmarks, grid coordinates if known, etc.)

Description of Incident

(Describe in detail the nature of the incident, all personnel involved, Principle(s) involved, injuries, if any, other US government and/or NGOs involved, other foreign nationals, TCNs and/or non-US government agencies involved, etc.)

USE OF LETHAL FORCE

— Approximately 25 meters from Checkpoint

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On Thursday, May 18th, at 0830, [] staged and conducted an operational briefing for the day's mission in direct support of [] PSD mission to MO Industry and Minerals [] The brief was conducted per [] SOP and included the overall situation in Baghdad, mission brief and rules of engagement. The intelligence portion of the brief highlighted venue and route specific threats of direct and indirect fire, as well as possible multiple VBIED's.

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The Follow Vehicle load plan was as follows:

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Upon departure from [] via the [] route, [] was traveling in a [] motorcade heading West towards []. As [] arrived at checkpoint [] the first [] vehicles of the motorcade made the left turn into the checkpoint, while the following [] vehicles remained static on the main roadway waiting to enter the checkpoint. While waiting static on the roadway a grey in color 4-door sedan occupied by one male driver was approaching the follow vehicle from the direction of bridge []. The vehicle was seen maneuvering around stopped traffic that was adhering to our commands. My two rear gunners and my well gunner were giving verbal and visual commands including flashing a spot light to signal for the vehicle to stop. With consideration to the threatening manner in which the driver was operating the vehicle and the fact that the driver repeatedly ignored multiple less lethal warnings The vehicle was considered a direct threat to the motorcade. The vehicle continued to maneuver around stopped traffic as my well gunner attempted to fire off one pen flare, but the pen flare malfunctioned and would not fire. With no time to reload the pen flare again, and the subject vehicle continuing its approach – despite warnings, my left rear door gunner, [] fired one well-placed round from his [] into the engine block of the aggressive vehicle. The driver appeared uninjured. After the round impacted the sedan the vehicle did not stop and continued to roll towards our motorcade. Both

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door gunners and well gunner used good restraint while an Iraqi National Guard soldier from checkpoint [] ran out toward the vehicle and signaled the individual to stop his vehicle. Upon seeing the ING soldier the individual immediately stopped his vehicle in the middle of the roadway and [] continued into checkpoint [] without further incident or injury.

It should be noted that there has been recent direct threats against All Green Zone Checkpoints. There have been several successful and unsuccessful attempts to either breach or blow up Green Zone Checkpoints. It also should be noted that on the rear of our, black in color, fighting follow vehicle it says in big, bold white letters "Warning stay back 100 meters" in both English and in Arabic..

[] SL immediately notified RSO/TOC of the incident. b2

Upon return to [] SL, left rear Door Gunner and the [] Detail Leader reported to the RSO/TOC for a debrief and spot report. b2

No injuries or additional property damage was observed. For further information see attached DS Sworn Statements by listed Operator's involved. -END-

Action Taken

(Describe in detail what actions were taken, i.e. deployed pin flares, deployed specific weapons systems, etc.)

Approx. 1034 hours One Round Fired from an [] into the front right corner of the engine block. b2

Follow-Up Required

(Indicate what if any follow-up action is required, i.e. further investigation, notifications, etc.)

None at this time - pending any other action taken by the RSO's investigative unit.

Operator(s) Involved [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] b6 [REDACTED] b7c	Vehicle(s) Involved [REDACTED]	Vehicle [REDACTED] b2	Team(s) Involved [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] b2
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Sworn Statement

Date 18 May 2006	Time 10:44
Location Approximately 20 meters from Check Point	
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I, b6 b7c hereby make the following statement at the request of

, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I understand that this statement is made in furtherance of an official administrative inquiry regarding potential misconduct or improper performance of official duties and that disciplinary action, including dismissal from the Department's Worldwide Personnel Protective Services contract, may be undertaken if I refuse to provide this statement or fail to do so fully and truthfully. I further understand that neither my statements nor any information or evidence gained by reason of my statements can be used against me in a criminal proceeding, except that if I knowingly and willfully provide false statements or information, I may be criminally prosecuted for that action under 18 United States Code, Section 1001. I agree that the statements I furnish and any information or evidence resulting there from may be used in the course of disciplinary proceedings, which could result in disciplinary action, including dismissal.

I have served in the United States Marine Corps from |

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I have been with Blackwater Security Consulting supporting the Diplomat Security Mission since [REDACTED]. Since my time with Blackwater I have been on PSD Team [REDACTED] where I was Front Right Door Gunner, I then moved to Advance Team [REDACTED] where I conducted missions [REDACTED] for appointed officials in Saddam Hussein's Trail as well as conducting Tactical Site Surveys for various Venues in the Baghdad area. Our Mission is to [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and being the advance element on venue to establish and ensure the security of the venue prior to the Protective Security Detail's arrival. While on Team [REDACTED] we have trained with aggressor vehicles to practice our escalation of force standard operating procedures. We also train on emergency tactics, to best prepare for any situation that might arise while conducting a mission. I have been in numerous situations where I was able to mitigate the threat without firing a shot. During my military

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service I received extensive training in the use of the full size version of this weapon [] to include firing at known and unknown distances and at multiple targets both stationary and moving. b2

[REDACTED] On Thursday May 18th 2006, at 0815 [] staged and conducted an operational briefing for the day's mission in direct support of [] mission to the Ministry of Industry and Minerals []. The brief was conducted in accordance with [] standard operating procedures and included the overall situation in Baghdad, mission brief and rules of engagement. The intelligence portion of the brief highlighted venue and route specific threats of direct and indirect fire, as well as possible and multiple VBIED's (vehicle borne improvised explosive device). b2

I was the Left Rear Gunner in the [] suburban in a [] car motorcade. This vehicle is equipped with a [] which allows the [] to interact with traffic to the rear. This Suburban is black in color. On each rear door, in big white letters, it says "WARNING - Stay back 100 meters". This is written in both English and Arabic. There were [] other personnel in this vehicle. I was armed with a U. S. Department of State issued rifle the []. During my military service I received extensive training in the use of this weapon, to include firing at known and unknown distances and at multiple targets both stationary and moving. I have also trained with this weapon in close combat and urban combat environments. I last qualified as expert with this weapon in April 2006 and performed additional live-fire training with this weapon, [] in April 2006. b3 b2

Our mission today was an advance for [] at the Ministry of Industry and Minerals []. This mission required us to leave the relative safety of the U.S. military controlled International Zone and travel for several kilometers through a part of Baghdad where para-military forces hostile to the U.S. presence in Iraq routinely conduct insurgent operations. Attacks on American military and contractors are prevalent in this area. b2

On the 18th day of May 2006 at 1034 hours, team [] was on our way back to [] coming from supporting Team [] at the Ministry of Industry and Minerals. [] was traveling West in a [] motorcade coming from the direction of bridge [] arrived at [] where the motorcade was at a short halt due to the motorcade having to make a hard left U turn into Check Point []. I observed a Red Car stopped at Haifa Street to our rear approximately 50 meters away. I then observed A Gray/Silver four door sedan, driven by one male occupant making a right turn off of Haifa Street, the individual accelerated past the stopped Red Car and continued toward our Motorcade. I, [] sitting in the Left Rear and [] sitting in the right Rear cracked our doors and began to give the proper Hand and Arm Signals for the 4-door sedan b6 b7c

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to stop. During this time my Well Gunner, [REDACTED] was shining the Spot light at the incoming vehicle as a signal for him to stop. The single male occupant showed no sign of compliance to our Hand and Arm Signals or the Spot Light and continued to proceed toward the rear of our Motorcade. The Well Gunner, [REDACTED] immediately attempted to fire one Pen Flare but the Pen Flare misfired. While realizing that the Pen Flare misfired I kept my eyes on the Gray/Silver four door Sedan. As the vehicle continued to approach our motorcade, and knowing that there was not enough time to for the Well Gunner to try and reload the Pen Flare. The vehicle continued to ignore our directions to stop. The driver's actions were consistent with methods used by VBIED suicide bombers. I perceived the vehicle's actions to be a threat to our motorcade based on my training, experience and recent intelligence reports. I placed one well Aimed Shot to the front of the vehicle to disable the threat. Once I engaged the Vehicle, the Vehicle did not come to a complete stop. The vehicle was at a slow roll until an Iraqi National Guard Soldier came out yelling at the single male driver to come to a complete stop. Once the driver noticed the Soldier, the driver came to an immediate stop. Only One shot was fired with no apparent injuries. Our motorcade continued on to [REDACTED] with no further incidents or injuries. -END- b2

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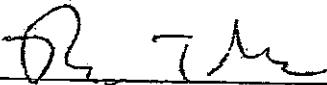
I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 18th day of
May, 2006.

Signed		
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SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE		

Witness Signature		
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Sworn Statement

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Date 18 May 2006	Time 1034
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I, [redacted], hereby make the following statement at the request of _____, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I understand that this statement is made in furtherance of an official administrative inquiry regarding potential misconduct or improper performance of official duties and that disciplinary action, including dismissal from the Department's Worldwide Personnel Protective Services contract, may be undertaken if I refuse to provide this statement or fail to do so fully and truthfully. I further understand that neither my statements nor any information or evidence gained by reason of my statements can be used against me in a criminal proceeding, except that if I knowingly and willfully provide false statements or information, I may be criminally prosecuted for that action under 18 United States Code, Section 1001. I agree that the statements I furnish and any information or evidence resulting there from may be used in the course of disciplinary proceedings, which could result in disciplinary action, including dismissal.

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I attended the [redacted] course. After passing that successfully, I then deployed to Iraq under a Blackwater/Dept. of State contract. For my first [redacted] in country I was a [redacted] for the Iraqi Protective Detail's (IPD) advance team (Team [redacted]). Following that, I spent [redacted] on the Ambassador's Protective Detail (APD) as a [redacted]. Upon the start of my second contract I resumed duties supporting IPD as a [redacted] serving on Team [redacted] from [redacted] until the [redacted]. At which time I was attached permanently to Team [redacted] as its [redacted]. Additional duties included concurrent training [redacted], and I stepped into the [redacted] role while leadership was away during most of November on the Nasiriyah mission. Both with the U.S. Army and With BSC, I have received extensive training in use of lethal and non lethal force, the continuum of force, static as well as mobile security, and marksmanship of the [redacted].

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I have been with Blackwater Security Consulting, supporting the Diplomat Security Mission, since [redacted]. During my time with Blackwater I have been on Team [redacted], Team [redacted], Team [redacted], and APD Advance. I have been slotted in every door gunner slot during my time with Blackwater. And I have had extensive time in both the Left Rear and the Right Rear of my team's Follow vehicle.

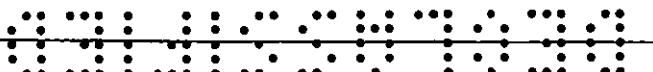
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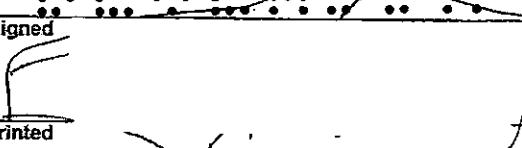
While returning to [redacted] from supporting Team [redacted] at the Ministry of Industry and Minerals on the 18th of May 2006 at 1034 [redacted] I, [redacted] was seated in the right rear of the [redacted] vehicle. I observed a gray, four door sedan turning onto our street approaching our motorcade from the direction of bridge [redacted]. I opened my door and waved my



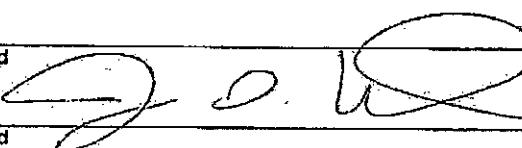
hand in the local "stop" motion while yelling "Kiff". As the vehicles to the front of the gray sedan stopped, I proceeded to close my door. As I closed my door the gray sedan bypassed the stopped vehicles and continued to make his way towards our motorcade. At which time I re-opened my door so that I could orient on a vehicle that was now becoming a significant threat. As the gray vehicle continued to roll towards us ignoring our attempts to stop it, I lost the angle of view on it. I yelled to my vehicle "I've lost the angle!" I then heard a single shot fired from the other side of my vehicle. As I re-entered the vehicle, I was able to see the vehicle through the left side window. It had a single hole in the right front of the hood, right above the head light. The vehicle continued a slow roll for a few seconds after the shot. The vehicle was occupied by one male driver. He appeared to be uninjured. I head the SL call the TOC and report the incident as we continued to turn into Checkpoint without further incident or injury.-END-

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I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

Signed	
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Address	
DSS/RSO/BW APO, AE 09348	b6 b7c

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 18th day of
May, 2006.

Signed	
Printed	JASON O. VEDAL
SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE	

Witness Signature	
Printed	ROBINE SALAS
Address	RSO TOC



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Sworn Statement

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Date 18 May 2005	Time 1034
Location Approximately 20 meters from Check Point	
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I, , hereby make the following statement at the request of
 , who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I understand that this statement is made in furtherance of an official administrative inquiry regarding potential misconduct or improper performance of official duties and that disciplinary action, including dismissal from the Department's Worldwide Personnel Protective Services contract, may be undertaken if I refuse to provide this statement or fail to do so fully and truthfully. I further understand that neither my statements nor any information or evidence gained by reason of my statements can be used against me in a criminal proceeding, except that if I knowingly and willfully provide false statements or information, I may be criminally prosecuted for that action under 18 United States Code, Section 1001. I agree that the statements I furnish and any information or evidence resulting there from may be used in the course of disciplinary proceedings, which could result in disciplinary action, including dismissal.

I, served in the United States Marine Corps from

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I was hired by Blackwater Security Consultants and was trained on performing personal security in high threat areas for the U.S Department of State. In [] I arrived to Baghdad Iraq and was assigned to Team [] which is a Technical Site Survey (TSS) / Advance team. The TSS/ Advance team is responsible for []

[] being the advance element on venue to establish and ensure the security of the venue prior to the Protective Security Detail's arrival. While on Team [] we have trained with aggressor vehicles to practice our escalation of force standard operating procedures. We also train on emergency tactics, to best prepare for any situation that might arise while conducting a mission.

Our mission today was an advance for [] at the Ministry of Industry and Minerals [] This mission required us to leave the relative safety of the U.S. military controlled International Zone and travel for several kilometers through a part of Baghdad where para-military forces hostile to the U.S. presence in Iraq routinely conduct insurgent operations. Attacks on American military and contractors are prevalent in this area.

Our vehicle was the [] vehicle in a [] motorcade. I utilize a [] spotlight and pen flares to ensure cars and other threats keep a safe distance away from our motorcade. I also use voice commands such as "kiff", meaning patience/stop in the Iraqi language and physical gestures to keep these same threats at a safe distance away from our motorcade. Most Iraqi drivers heed all of these signs and keep a safe distance away from the motorcade. The motorcade was traveling to the International Zone via checkpoint [] on a two lane road. About 45 meters before the entrance of Checkpoint [] I observed a grey 4-door sedan occupied by one Male driver pulling out approximately eighty meters behind us. The vehicle accelerated past stopped traffic that was adhering to the hand and arms signals and verbal commands to stop coming

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from the follow door gunners and well gunner. The driver of the sedan began gaining rapidly on us. I shined my spotlight on his face and flashed it on and off to try to gain his attention while giving the hand signal to stop. When he didn't slow down I heard both door gunners open their doors and shout the verbal command to stop, "kiff." The vehicle continued to speed closer so I attempted several times to fire my pen flare in his direction but it misfired. The driver continued to close the gap on our motorcade, ignoring our repeatedly directions to stop. Based on my experience, training and recent intelligence reports, I determined that the vehicles actions were a threat to our motorcade. The left gunner was already sighting in on the vehicle and telling me to fire off a pen flare. I replied it won't fire and the left door gunner fired one well aimed shot to the vehicles engine block. At that time the vehicle had gotten within 20-30 meters of our motorcade the round impacted the hood a few inches above the right head light in an effort to disable it. It immediately slowed but did not stop it; the vehicle continued to roll slowly towards our motorcade and eventually came to a stop with no apparent injuries. The shift leader was informed that the pen flare misfired and the left door gunner fired one shot. The Shift Leader sent a situation report to the Tactical Operations Center.

[] continued to enter checkpoint [] without further incident or injury. -

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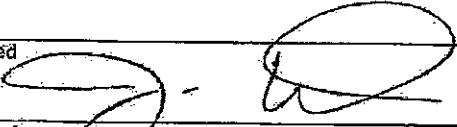
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I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

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DSS/RSO/BW APO, AE 09348	

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 18th day of
May, 2006.



Signed	
Printed	JASON O. VEAH
SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE	



Witness Signature	R. T. M.
Printed	ROBERT SALAS
Address	DSS TAC

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Caramelo, Michael D

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From: Rodney Blount
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2006 12:46 PM
To: David Rogers
Subject: Fwd: BW Incident Report and DOS Statement for TM [REDACTED] Shoot 18May06
Attachments: pat1744733863; pat163786108; pat1747267107; pat898425935

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Sorry!

[REDACTED] Detail > wrote:

Date: Thu, 18 May 2006 08:19:31 -0700 (PDT)
From: [REDACTED] Detail
Subject: BW Incident Report and DOS Statement for TM [REDACTED] Shoot 18May06
To: Rodney Blount
CC: [REDACTED]

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Rodney,

Attached are Tm [REDACTED] BW Incident Report and DOS Statements for their shooting incident today. I have reviewed them and determined that they are suitable for delivery to DOS to have State witness their signatures.

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Iraq Protection Detail
Detail Leader

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Rodney Blount
Blackwater Security
Senior Detail Leader/Operations Chief
Baghdad, Iraq

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Dave -

At your earliest convenience, please review the above PSD Serious Incident Reports from Baqubah.

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Summary:

As of 23 March 2006, during motorcade operations in Baqubah, it appears that approximately nine (9) disabling rounds were fired (simultaneous efforts from different dismounted areas of responsibilities) into the engine compartment in efforts to stop a potential threat.

According to the report, it appears the motorcade was waiting to clear traffic (team members deployed to support traffic facilitation) when the rear security officers observed a white four door sedan (suspect vehicle recently on a BOLO list) swiftly and aggressively approached the motorcade from the rear. The security officers immediately deployed verbal and non-verbal (pen flare) warning signs to stop, slow or divert the suspect vehicle away from the motorcade.

According to the report, the suspect vehicle failed to comply with all warning signs and continued to approach the motorcade presenting what appeared to be at a real threat. At this time, the rear security officers fired nine disabling rounds (simultaneous efforts) into the engine compartment in efforts to stop the potential threat.

The suspect vehicle came to an immediate stop and the driver was seen uninjured. There were no injuries or collateral damage to report. The motorcade continued without further incident.

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Should you require additional information please do not hesitate to contact me via email.

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With much respect -

Sincerely,
Victor Esposito
Program Manager
Department of State Programs
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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD



23 May 2006

Spot Report - 052306-01

Subject: COM PSD Team Fires Multiple Rounds into an Aggressive Vehicle

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary: On May 23, 2006, at approximately 1400 hrs, a COM PSD Team stopped traffic to facilitate the movement of their motorcade. The TC and two rear gunners were directing traffic outside of the Counter Assault Team (CAT) vehicle when a white four-door sedan abruptly drove around stopped traffic. The rear gunners attempted to gain the attention of the driver through verbal and hand signals. The sedan continued to approach and at [redacted] meters, both rear gunners fired two, 2-3 round bursts, into the front and hood of the sedan. The sedan came to an immediate controlled stop. The driver, sole occupant, exited and stood near his vehicle and appeared to be uninjured. No COM personnel were injured and the motorcade continued on without further incident. There were two principals in the convoy at the time of the shooting.

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RSO Action: RSO is investigating the shooting; PSD Team members are completing their written statements.

Location: Baqubah, Iraq

Drafted By: Roque Salas, Watch Officer, RSO TOC Baghdad

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

TITLE		DS CASE NUMBER / REPORT NUMBER	
COM PSD (Baqubah) Fires on Aggressive Vehicle		2006 - 0065	
TRUE NAME N/A		CASE TYPE Use of Force	
POST Baghdad	DATE REPORTED 05-23-2006	DATES INVESTIGATED 05-23-2006	REPORTING AGENT S/A Pryer

SYNOPSIS

Summary: On May 23, 2006, at approximately 1415 hrs, a COM PSD, (Team [REDACTED] in Baqubah, fired on a vehicle after determining that the vehicle posed an immediate threat to their motorcade. This use of force was appropriate and within the parameters of DS use-of-force policy. Injury to the single occupant in the threat vehicle was possible but not observed. End Summary.

The following chain of events is derived from the statements provided by the team members involved in the shooting:

1. The Counter Assault Team exited the venue and took up a position [REDACTED] before the rest of the motorcade pulled onto the roadway. Traffic responded to their presence and at least six vehicles came to a stop in both travel lanes between 30 and 50 meters from the CAT vehicle.
2. A single, white in color, sedan, occupied by one male, drove around and through the stopped traffic and headed towards the motorcade.
3. The PSD team yelled for the driver to stop and waved their rifles in the air in an effort to get his attention. The vehicle continued towards the motorcade.
4. Two team members fired into the lower front of the vehicle in an effort to get the vehicle to stop. The vehicle continued to drive towards the motorcade.
5. The shooters raised their point-of-aim higher on the front of the car and fired again. This time the vehicle swerved to the side and came to a stop. The driver was seen to be holding up his hands. He did not appear to be injured but a wound to his lower extremities is quite possible based on the shooting pattern.

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PSD INCIDENT REPORT

Date of Incident	23 May 2006	Time of Incident	1415
Type of Incident	Use of Lethal Force		
i.e. Use of Lethal Force/Use of Non or Less Lethal Force/Distraction Devices Deployed/Ambush)			
Location of Incident	At the intersection of Venue (Blue Dome) Gate Entrance and		
(Describe location in detail, include route name, local landmarks, and coordinates if known, etc.)			
Description of Incident	I have served in various duty positions within the US Army, Army Reserves, and Army National Guard.		
(Describe in detail the nature of the incident, all personnel involved, Principle(s) involved, injuries, if any, other US government and/or NGOs involved, other foreign nationals, TCNs and/or non-US government agencies involved, etc.)			
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[REDACTED] am currently assigned to the CAT Team
the vehicle that the CAT utilizes is an up armored [REDACTED] with a [REDACTED] mounted
in the turret. The [REDACTED] team on cat is comprised of [REDACTED]

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On 23 May 2006 at 1410 [REDACTED] rolled out of the venue (Blue Dome) Grid.

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CAT is the [REDACTED] our task was [REDACTED]
blue dome entrance and Route [REDACTED] which runs east, west along the
southern edge of the Walled Compound around the venue, to allow ease of
passage for the motorcade.

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[REDACTED] the UP Gunner, [REDACTED] fired pin flares in each
direction to warn oncoming traffic, I could visually see the pin flare that was
shot in the direction of my sector, the remaining CAT members deployed from
the vehicle to continue to visually signal, by extending our rifles [REDACTED] in a
180 degree arch to our fronts, and verbally signal traffic, by yelling KIF and
STOP to halt. The TC, [REDACTED] and I were on the right front of the
vehicle to halt traffic coming from the west, the left rear door gunner, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] deployed the vehicle while the [REDACTED]

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Traffic halted on the West approximately 25 to 30 meters away from the CAT
when a white sedan came from behind the stopped traffic at a high rate of
speed, weaving through at least 6 stopped vehicles with at least two vehicles
that had begun to reverse out of the intersection to the west. At that point I
moved further toward the center median of the road with [REDACTED] about 10
feet to my left, closer to the center median, and continued to visually signal
the vehicle by waving my rifle, and [REDACTED] in a 180 degree arch to my front and
verbally yelled KIF and STOP, in a attempt to get the vehicle to stop. The
driver ignored all the warning indications, and continued to approach our
vehicle at 25 to 30 miles per hour. At that time, and with the knowledge of at
least three white sedan VBIED'S on the BOLO List, I feared for my life and
the life of my teammates who were also exposed. Meanwhile I could see the
motorcade out of my peripheral vision had pulled through the gate of the
venue and the Lead Vehicle was halted at the intersection preparing to enter
onto route [REDACTED]. At that instance as a last resort, I engaged the moving
vehicle that I perceived as a direct threat, with deadly force firing three rounds
at the grill area of the vehicle. After my initial engagement I paused very
briefly, remaining sighted in on the vehicle, and reassessed the situation (this
happened within seconds). The vehicle continued moving forward, toward my
position and was within [REDACTED] meters of the [REDACTED]. I engaged the vehicle again a
second time, with two more rounds, wherein the vehicle came to a complete
stop. The threat vehicle was approximately 15 meters from the front of the
CAT vehicle, and was angled "sharp" right almost perpendicular to my
position. The driver put his hands in the air, and appeared to be moving
under his own power once the motorcade had exited onto Rte [REDACTED]. The
CAT TC, [REDACTED] issued the verbal command to recover. The
CAT assumed its position [REDACTED], and returned to FOB
Warhorse without further incident.

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Action Taken <small>(Describe in detail what actions were taken, e.g., destroyed/lost vehicles, destroyed/missing weapons systems, etc.)</small>	Reported to higher.			
Follow-Up Required <small>(Indicate if any follow-up action is required, e.g., further investigation, notifications, etc.)</small>	N/A IN PROGRESS			
Operator(s) Involved	Vehicle(s) Involved	CAT	Team(s) Involved	

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On May 23, 2006 team [REDACTED] escorted two Department of State officials to one of our regular but most dangerous venues, the Blue Dome at grid [REDACTED]. Riding in the CAT vehicle during this movement was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED seat). When departing this venue, the Counter Assault Team is tasked with [REDACTED]

When leaving the venue on this day, we stopped traffic by exiting the vehicle. Vehicles to east stopped at around 30 meters from the clearing team and approximately 50 meters to the west with the assistance of the turret gunner, [REDACTED] firing a flare in this direction. I turned to ensure the road was clear before calling out the motorcade. When I turned to face our direction of travel (west), a white four door sedan quickly and aggressively drove around two lanes of stopped traffic (westbound) to the east, picking up speed, heading directly towards our vehicle (parked in the middle of the roadway). I waved the muzzle of my rifle with a vigorous and obvious movement up and down yelling "STOP," knowing that in the past 45 days, we have had 3 white four door sedans on our BOLO list. The threat vehicle did not attempt to brake. Hearing my teammate, [REDACTED] to my right yelling "KEEF" and "STOP" also. I then shot a group of three shots to the front of the vehicle. When the vehicle still failed to yield to the side of the road, I shot another three round group working them slowly towards the driver. When my sight picture made it to the driver, he had his hands outside of his vehicle, and the vehicle stopped on the far side (south) of the road, approximately 15 meters from the CAT. I had a clear view of the drivers' hands and called the motorcade out to the road to return to base.

End of Statement.

Reported to higher.

N/A

Action Taken

(Describe in detail what actions were taken, i.e. deployed pin flares, deployed specific weapons systems, etc.).

Follow-Up Required

(Indicate what if any follow-up action is required, i.e. further investigation, notifications, etc.)

Operator(s)
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Date of Incident	23 MAY 06	Time of Incident	1415
Type of Incident	Distraction Device Deployed Pen Flare		
(i.e. Use of Lethal Force/Use of Non-Lethal Force/Distraction Devices Deployed/Ambush)			
Location of Incident	Baqubah, Iraq Route Blue Dome Vic. Grid# b2		
Description of Incident	I Served In the Marine Corps from [redacted] In [redacted] I was accepted and completed the High Threat Protection Operations Course #20, Blackwater Training Facility. The training standards mirrored those used to train Special Agents in the US Department of State's Diplomatic Security Service. From [redacted] until [redacted] I was stationed in [redacted]. While there I was the rear gunner in the counter assault vehicle. I also worked as an observer on rooftops. From [redacted] until present I have work for team [redacted] as a part of the counter assault team.		
Counter Assault Team is assembled as follows. When departs a venue the Counter Assault team is tasked with [redacted]			
While exiting the blue dome, at above stated time and date. I was tasked as the [redacted] in the Counter Assault Team (CAT) Vehicle. The Cat vehicle is a US Military HUMMV, painted Desert Tan with a Turret and a bright red, 3' X 3', Warning sign that states in Both Arabic and English, "Convoy Ahead, Stay back 100 meters". As the motorcade came to the intersection to leave the Blue dome the vehicle was facing south, [redacted] and [redacted] dismounted the vehicle to help stop traffic, [redacted] to the east and [redacted] to the west. I turned the turret to the west and fired a pen flare to stop traffic. All the vehicles stopped two lanes wide and about three cars deep approximately 75 meters to the west. I then turned the turret to the east to scan for other			

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threats. As I got in position I heard both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] yelling for a car to stop, I then heard approximately seven shots. I turned the turret back to the west leaving [REDACTED] with security to the east and saw a car turned in the middle of the road facing south about 20 feet to our west. The driver was showing his hands and was no longer perceived as a threat. The motorcade then passed us, the team mounted back into the vehicle. We then pulled away and continued with our movement.



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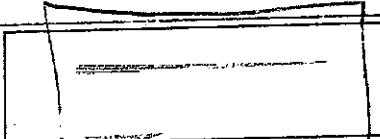
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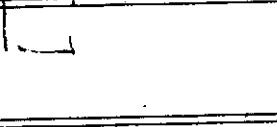
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From: Lischke, Jeff D (Baghdad)

Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2006 10:54 AM

To: Poyer, Christopher E (Baghdad); Becht, Matthew R (Baghdad)

Cc: Krajicek, John (Baghdad); Wommack, William G (Baghdad); Crowningshield, Teresa R (Baghdad)

Subject: FW: Baqubah Serious Incident Report

-----Original Message-----

From: David T. Rogers

Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2006 10:15 AM

To: Lischke, Jeff D (Baghdad); Renee Crowningshield; Wommack, William G (Baghdad)

Subject: Baqubah Serious Incident Report

To all,

On 23 May 06 at 1415, location [REDACTED], Blackwater PSD team [REDACTED] was departing from the venue Blue Dome, Baqubah to FOB Warhorse. The motorcade consisted of [REDACTED]

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Prior from departing venue [REDACTED] loaded the passengers and established positive communication with the team's TOC. [REDACTED] departed the venue in the order of the [REDACTED]. The motorcade exited the main gate onto a side road that runs north to south and intersects with route [REDACTED]. This side road is solely used for vehicles planning on entering/exiting the compound. To the north the road is blocked off from traffic by jersey barriers. At the south end the road intersects with route [REDACTED] and has alternating jersey barriers used to slow entering traffic. At the entrance/exit is a static Iraqi Army truck that is used to block traffic from entering this side road. Iraqi soldier's man this position and are responsible for security and moving the truck to allow authorized vehicles in.

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It was at this time the motorcade was exiting the venue onto the side road that the CAT vehicle pushed forward onto route [REDACTED] vehicles halted on the side road and waited. As the CAT team signaled traffic to halt on route [REDACTED] a white sedan sped past halted vehicles in the east bound lane and proceeded in the direction of the CAT. There has been a white sedan on the Bolo list for several weeks leading up to this mission. Ignoring all their warnings (verbal, hand signals and one pen flare), the CAT TC, [REDACTED] and right rear gunner, [REDACTED] began engaging the vehicle with their DoS approved [REDACTED] rifles and authorized [REDACTED] ammo. [REDACTED] began engaging with three rounds to the grill area. [REDACTED] also engaged the vehicle with three rounds into the grill. The vehicle continued to move in the direction of the motorcade and both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] continued to engage the threat with three rounds from [REDACTED] and 2 rounds from [REDACTED]. The vehicle swerved and came to a halt on the south side of the east bound lane. It was clear the driver of the vehicle had opened his door and placed his hands in the air using his own power. The CAT TC assessed the situation and called the motorcade out. The motorcade proceeded south on the side road and exited onto route [REDACTED]. The motorcade then turned west on route [REDACTED] and continued on to FOB Warhorse without further incident.

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I have attached the reports from the personnel involved. Please review this and let me know if you need any thing else form me. I also want to reiterate that the team has not and will not provide any statements to any other organization other than BW management and to the RSO.

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Dave -

I apologize for the delay in sending this report. Please review the above PSD Serious Incident Reports from Baqubah.

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Summary:

As of 27 May 2006, the rear security officer fired two (2) disabling rounds into the engine compartment area in efforts to stop a potential threat.

During motorcade operations to/from the Governance Center in Baqubah (second incident in the last month at this venue), the rear security officer observed a silver mini van (suspect vehicle) swiftly and aggressively approaching the motorcade from the rear through stopped traffic. The suspect vehicle maneuvered in and out of traffic as it advanced towards the departing motorcade. (Field Note: Traffic was stopped by the [redacted] to support the motorcade.)

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The rear security officer immediately deployed verbal and non-verbal warning signs to stop, slow or divert the suspect vehicle away from the motorcade. According to the report, the suspect vehicle failed to comply with all warning signs and continued to approach the motorcade with aggressive actions.

At this time, the rear security officer fired two disabling rounds from his [redacted] into the engine compartment area in efforts to stop the potential threat. The suspect vehicle immediately stopped and pulled off the roadside. It appears that two (2) Iraqi Police Officers approached the mini van - the driver did not appear to be injured. The motorcade continued without further incident.

NAMES: [redacted] b6
WEAPONS: [redacted] b7c
AMMO: [redacted] b7c

Should you require additional information please do not hesitate to contact me via email. Thank you and have a safe evening.

Sincerely,

Victor Esposito

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Program Manager
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I would like to make the following statement on the events that took place on 27 May 2006 at 1242 hrs. The events took place at grid [redacted]

The intersection of our venue (Governance

Center) and Route [redacted]

I am currently assigned to Team [redacted] Baqubah, Iraq. I hold the position of [redacted] During motorcade operations I am assigned to the Counter Assault Team (CAT) as the Left Rear Door Gunner. The following individuals are also assigned to the CAT vehicle:

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We were tasked to escort and provide security for 1 (one) Department of State Diplomat and 1 (one) Interpreter while they conducted meetings within The Governance Center. While on venue, the normally busy Route [redacted] was very desolate and uneasily quiet.

At 1240 hrs we departed The Governance Center and proceeded South out the gate to Route [redacted]. As a member of the CAT we are responsible for

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[redacted] on Route [redacted] just outside of The Governance Center gate. The Vehicle was oriented to the West, in order to facilitate our movement back to FOB Warhorse. Once the vehicle was set in position [redacted] to provide security to our rear (East), with my [redacted]

A Silver/Grey Mini Van was traveling Westbound along Route [redacted] proceeding to our rear. The rear of the CAT Vehicle displays a bright red sign than warns drivers to stay back 100 meters, in both English and Arabic. I began flagging my weapon in an exaggerated up and down motion in order to get the drivers attention. I then shouted "Qif" to have the mini van stop. The mini van continued to proceed forward but was not yet a threat to the motorcade or myself.

I took an additional step away from the CAT vehicle in order to better silhouette myself for the driver to see. I continued my exaggerated rifle and hand movements as well as increased my tone of "Qif".

The mini van began to slow and violently pulled over to the South side of Route [redacted] approximately [redacted] meters from my location. I continued to observe the vehicle to ensure security. The Mini van then accelerated and proceeded to move to the North side of Route [redacted] then, quickly, shouted "Qif" and flagged my weapon.

The mini van was approximately [redacted] meters from my position and had no signs of slowing. I felt the mini van was a security threat to the motorcade, my team mates and myself. I stepped back towards the CAT vehicle in order to seek cover and engaged the vehicle with two (2) [redacted] rounds from my [redacted]

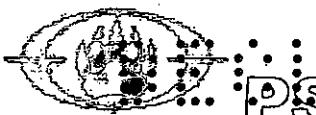
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The rounds impacted the top right portion of the vehicles grill.

The mini van then stopped and immediately began to reverse out back to the East. I continued to observe the vehicle as it pulled over to the South side of Route [redacted]. Two (2) Iraqi Police Officers approached the mini van. The Driver did not appear to be injured.

The motorcade continued out of The Governance Center Gate and proceeded westbound on Route [redacted]. I then moved back into my position in the CAT vehicle and prepared to join the motorcade.

I feel my actions were justified and allowed all members of the Motorcade to return to FOB Warhorse safely. There were no civilian casualties and damage was minimal.



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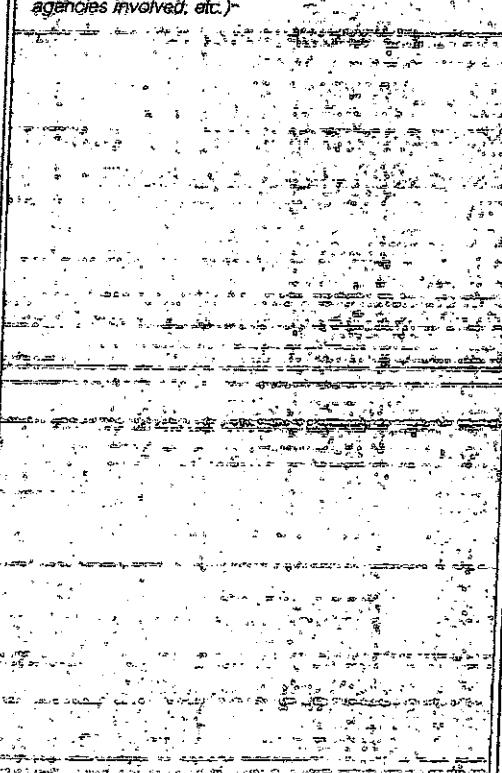
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Date of Incident	27 MAY 06	Time of Incident	12:41
Type of Incident	Disabling Shoot (Overview)		
Use of Lethal Force / Use of Non-Lethal Force / Distractor Devices Deployed (in bush)			
Location of Incident	Baqubah, Iraq Route		
Description of Incident	Vic. Grid# I, 102 I served in the United States Army from		
<p>W W W 2</p> <p>(Describe in detail the nature of the incident; all personnel involved; Principles involved; names, if any, of other US government and/or NGOs involved, other foreign nationals, NGOs and/or non-US government agencies involved, etc.)</p> 			
<p>After departing the Army, I joined Blackwater USA in I deployed to Iraq in late [REDACTED] and have been part of a protective detail working out of Baqubah since. During this time, I have spent time as a door gunner, the lead vehicle driver, Counter Assault Team (CAT) driver, [REDACTED] gunner, and currently the [REDACTED]</p>			

After departing the Army, I joined Blackwater USA in [REDACTED]. I deployed to Iraq in late [REDACTED] and have been part of a protective detail working out of Baqubah since. During this time, I have spent time as a door gunner, the lead vehicle driver, Counter Assault Team (CAT) driver, [REDACTED] turret gunner, and currently the [REDACTED]

On May 27, 2006 Baquiban team, [REDACTED] escorted a Department of State official to the Governance Center at grid [REDACTED] for a meeting with the Governor of the Diyala Province. Riding in the CAT vehicle during this movement was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

When leaving the venue on this day, we stopped traffic by show of force with our up-armored M1114. When our vehicle came to a stop on the roadway, the team exited the vehicle to show a presence in order to allow an easy flow of the motorcade exiting the venue. While I was getting the attention of the vehicles traveling eastbound, I heard [REDACTED] yelling "KEEF" in a very clear and commanding manner towards the westbound traffic, followed by two consecutive rounds. At that moment both lanes of traffic came to a halt and I called [REDACTED] Tactical Commander,

[REDACTED] to let him know that the road was clear for a safe and fluid departure. I then immediately sent a situation report to the Shift Leader, [REDACTED]

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End of Statement.

Reported to higher.

N/A

Action Taken

(Describe in detail what actions were taken i.e. deployed pin flares, deployed specific weapons systems, etc.)

Follow-Up Required

(Indicate what if any follow-up action is required. i.e. further investigation, notifications, etc.)

Operator(s)
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Team(s)
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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

28 May 2006

Spot Report - 052806-01 E-30

Subject: COM PSD fires on an aggressive vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO Baghdad, High Threat Office.

Summary: On 27 May 2006, at 1241 hrs, a COM PSD team was departing from the Baqubah Governance Center (venue) in a [redacted] convoy enroute to FOB Warhorse. The motorcade departed the venue through the main gate and onto a side road which intersects with route [redacted]. As the motorcade entered the side road, the Counter Assault Team (CAT) vehicle

The [redacted] vehicles halted on the side road and waited for [redacted] As the CAT team signaled traffic to halt on route [redacted] a silver mini-van sped towards the CAT vehicle from the east, in the south lane. The left rear gunner began signaling the vehicle with both verbal and visual signals. The vehicle then pulled over and came to a stop. Without warning the vehicle accelerated towards the CAT vehicle, at this time the left rear gunner engaged the vehicle with two rounds from his [redacted] rifle. The vehicle came to an immediate halt and then began reversing to the east. The vehicle once again came to a halt and was approached by two Iraqi Police officers. The driver appeared to be unharmed. The CAT vehicle commander assessed the situation and called the motorcade out. The motorcade proceeded south on the side road and exited onto route [redacted]. The motorcade continued on to FOB Warhorse without further incident. There were three principals in the motorcade. No COM personnel were injured during this incident.

RSO Action: RSO is investigating the shooting; PSD Team members are completing their written statements.

Location: Baqubah, Iraq

Drafted By: Mike Duke, Watch Officer, RSO TOC, Baghdad, Iraq.

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

May 28, 2006

SPOT REPORT - 052806-02

SUBJECT: Blackwater Aircraft Attacked by SAF

REPORTING OFFICE: RSO Baghdad

SUMMARY: On May 28, 2006, at approximately 1954 hours, a Blackwater aircraft (helicopter) returning from a training mission was hit by small arms fire (SAF) from multiple shooters near Bridge . Two rounds hit the aircraft. The door gunner returned fire and one insurgent was reportedly KIA according to an Iraqi Army element that subsequently responded to the scene. The Blackwater aircraft and crew returned safely to base.

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RSO ACTION: Notified the 4th ID who deployed to the attack site. Pending further investigation by RSO investigation section.

LOCATION: Baghdad, Iraq

Drafted By: Roque Salas, Watch Officer, Baghdad, Iraq

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PSD INCIDENT REPORT

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Date of Incident	28 May 2006	Time of Incident	1945	
Type of Incident	USE OF LETHAL FORCE			
(i.e. Use of Lethal Force/Use of Non or Less Lethal Force/Distracting Devices Deployed/Ambush)				
Location of Incident	Af No Venue Name b2 (Describe location in detail. Include route name, local landmarks, grid coordinates if known, etc.)			
Description of Incident	<p>(Describe in detail the nature of the incident, all personnel involved; Principle(s) involved, injuries, if any, other US government and/or NGOs involved, other foreign nationals, IGOs and/or non-US government agencies involved, etc.)</p> <p>On Sunday, May 28th, at 1915, Blackwater Aviation conducted a day Baghdad flight orientation briefing for our new pilots and gunners.</p> <p>The flight crews are as follows:</p> <p>At approximately 1925 Blackwater Aviation a flight of [] departed LZ [] along the briefed route. When the flight reached the north side of Baghdad at grid [] at approximately 1945 the flight heard automatic AK-47 gunfire. While conducting evasive maneuvers the crew spotted at least three individuals with AK-47 shooting at both aircraft on full automatic. The aircraft were maneuvered to provide the gunners an opportunity to suppress the ground fire.</p> <p>Aircraft [] was hit with two rounds, one in the windscreens and one in aircraft fuselage just forward of the tailboom. Aircraft [] sustained no damage. [] aircraft and crews returned to LZ [] safely.</p> <p>No crewmember was injured while conducting this mission.</p> <p>Upon return to LZ [] and securing all equipment crew members prepared sworn statements.</p> <p>No further information at this time.</p> <p>Please see attached DS Sworn Statements by listed Operator's involved.</p> <p>18 rounds fired from [] to suppress enemy ground fire.</p> <p>Pending any other action taken by the RSO's investigative unit.</p>			
Action Taken	<p>(Describe in detail what actions were taken, i.e. deployed munitions, deployed specific weapons systems, etc.)</p> <p>18 rounds fired from [] to suppress enemy ground fire.</p>			
Follow-Up Required	<p>(Indicate what if any follow-up action is required, i.e. further investigation, notifications, etc.)</p> <p>Pending any other action taken by the RSO's investigative unit.</p>			

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Operator(s) Involved		Vehicle(s) Involved		Team(s) Involved	Blackwater Aviation
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Dan Laguna
Program Manager
Blackwater Aviation
DSS Iraq Mission

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Sworn Statement

Date 28 May 2006	Time 19:45 Local
Location _____ b2	

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I, _____, hereby make the following statement at the request of

State Department _____, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I understand that this statement is made in furtherance of an official administrative inquiry regarding potential misconduct or improper performance of official duties and that disciplinary action, including dismissal from the Department's Worldwide Personnel Protective Services contract, may be undertaken if I refuse to provide this statement or fail to do so fully and truthfully. I further understand that neither my statements nor any information or evidence gained by reason of my statements can be used against me in a criminal proceeding, except that if I knowingly and willfully provide false statements or information, I may be criminally prosecuted for that action under 18 United States Code, Section 1001. I agree that the statements I furnish and any information or evidence resulting there from may be used in the course of disciplinary proceedings, which could result in disciplinary action, including dismissal.

Introductory Paragraph:

WPPS weapons qualification prior to Iraq assignment.

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Report: At approximately 1945 hours local time, 28 May 2006 Blackwater aircraft _____ with a crew consisting of pilots _____ and myself, and gunners _____ and _____ were conducting a local area orientation flight. We were the _____ aircraft in a flight of _____. At vicinity grid _____, two personnel in dark clothing and wearing hoods were observed by our crew engaging the lead aircraft with AK47's. As I flew in to cover the _____ aircraft the two observed personnel began engaging our aircraft. I maintained a steady platform while both _____ and _____ returned fire to the individual engaging us on the South side of the building of the above grid. The _____ aircraft broke contact due to rounds received. I turned the aircraft to the East to cover the leads egress; and then we were re-engaged by the second individual on the East side of the building. My

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gunner, [REDACTED] returned fire on the individual until he broke contact and disengaged. [REDACTED]

I then reformed on the [REDACTED] aircraft and returned to LZ [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] aircraft received damage from two observed rounds while our aircraft received no noticeable damage from initial inspection.

/-----Nothing Follows-----/

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I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

Signed

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Address

LZW [REDACTED] Baghdad Iraq

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 28th day of
May, 2006.

Signed

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SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

Witness Signature

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Sworn Statement

Date 28 May 2006	Time 19:45
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I, ~~[REDACTED]~~, hereby make the following statement at the request of ~~[REDACTED]~~, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I understand that this statement is made in furtherance of an official administrative inquiry regarding potential misconduct or improper performance of official duties and that disciplinary action, including dismissal from the Department's Worldwide Personnel Protective Services contract, may be undertaken if I refuse to provide this statement or fail to do so fully and truthfully. I further understand that neither my statements nor any information or evidence gained by reason of my statements can be used against me in a criminal proceeding, except that if I knowingly and willfully provide false statements or information, I may be criminally prosecuted for that action under 18 United States Code, Section 1001. I agree that the statements I furnish and any information or evidence resulting there from may be used in the course of disciplinary proceedings, which could result in disciplinary action, including dismissal.

Introductory Paragraph: I, ~~[REDACTED]~~, served in the US Army for ~~[REDACTED]~~ b6 b7c

I received extensive training in the use of weapons to include rifles and machine guns. This training included the specific responsibility of soldiers to safe-guard civilians and the proper use of the force continuum. While serving in Army Aviation, I received advanced training in the use of weapons and small unit tactics. This training was in small groups with little or no guidance from higher authority. In ~~[REDACTED]~~ I attended Blackwater Security Consultant's Department of State class ~~[REDACTED]~~. After successfully completing the course requirements, I deployed to Baghdad, Iraq in ~~[REDACTED]~~ as part of the Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service, Iraqi Protective Detail - Blackwater Aviation. I have worked in Baghdad, Iraq for ~~[REDACTED]~~ as a member of a protective detail. During this time I have flown over 200 hours in support of protective detail assignments. b6 b7c

Report: On Sunday, May 28th, at 1925, Blackwater Aviation Mission brief conducted at flight ops, all crewmembers briefed on route of flight and venues. Departure time was set and crews went to aircraft. Aircraft departed LZ ~~[REDACTED]~~ and began orientation. Initial route was west to ~~[REDACTED]~~, 14 July South, East Bridge, Al Rasheed airfield, Route ~~[REDACTED]~~ north to Min of Transportation, City Hall, Min of Finance, Min of Health. b2

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Bridge [] Bridge [] to the SEU. At approx 1945, Aircraft was approx 125' agl and 85 knots, as aircraft flew in vicinity of [] all crew members heard gunfire from the left side of aircraft. I was on the controls but had no visual contact with the shooter on the ground, began to maneuver aircraft in right break turn to orient on the fire, made visual contact and took control of aircraft to orient left side on the shooters on the ground. Two personnel were id'd as shooters and they continued to fire at the aircraft, [] returned fire, hitting one. [] felt a vibration in the aircraft and contact was broke. [] Base was notified of the incident and the flight returned to LZ [] Post flight inspection revealed two impacts on the aircraft, one in the nose, and one in the tail.

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Dave -

Please review the above PSD Serious Incident Report, Sworn Statements and the PowerPoint presentation from Baghdad.

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As of Sunday 28 May 2006, it appears that BWA encountered automatic fire (AK-47's) on the north side of Baghdad while conducting a flight orientation brief for all new pilots and door gunners. According to the report, the aircraft encountered automatic fire and then maneuvered to provide the door gunners an opportunity to observe and suppress the ground fire. The aircraft was hit with two (2) rounds, one in the windscreens and one in the fuselage just forward of the tail boom.

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According to the report, crew members in both aircrafts observed 2 to 3 armed individuals running in the street; one of those individuals raised his weapon towards the helicopter. The left door gunner of aircraft _____ and co-pilot of their sister craft observed the threats, acquired the target and suppressed fire for escape.

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It appears that one of the insurgents who was observed firing at the aircraft may have been injured (by suppressive fire) according to several Sworn Statements [] and []. There were no Blackwater injuries to report.

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Should you require additional information please do not hesitate to contact me via email.

Best Regards -

Sincerely,

Victor Esposito

Program Manager

Department of State Programs

703-399-0012

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Sworn Statement

Date 28 May 2006	Time 19:45
Location [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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I, [REDACTED], hereby make the following statement at the request of [REDACTED], who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

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Introductory Paragraph: I, [REDACTED] served in the US Army for [REDACTED] | b6

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I received extensive training in the use of weapons to include rifles and machine guns. I also received training on fighting in an urban environment. This training included the specific responsibility of soldiers to safe-guard civilians and the proper use of the force continuum. While serving in [REDACTED] I received advanced training in the use of weapons and small unit tactics. Training emphasized operating alone and in small groups with little or no guidance from higher authority. In [REDACTED] I attended Blackwater Security Consultant's Department of State class [REDACTED]. After successfully completing the course requirements, I deployed to Baghdad, Iraq in [REDACTED] as part of the Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service, Iraqi Protective Detail - Blackwater. I have worked in Baghdad and Kirkuk Iraq for [REDACTED] as a member of a protective detail. During this time I have served on dozens of protective detail assignments.

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Report: At approximately 1945 hours local time, 28 May 2006 Blackwater aircraft [REDACTED] with a crew consisting of [REDACTED]

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were conducting a local area orientation flight. We were the [] aircraft in a flight of []. At vicinity grid [] two personnel in dark clothing and wearing hoods were observed by our crew engaging the lead aircraft with AK47's. As we flew in to cover the [] aircraft the two observed personnel began engaging our aircraft. We maintained a steady platform while both [] and [] returned fire to the individual engaging us on the South side of the building of the above grid. The [] aircraft broke contact due to rounds received. We turned the aircraft to the East to cover the [] egress when we were re-engaged by the second individual on the East side of the building. My gunner, [] returned fire on the individual until he broke contact and disengaged.

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I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

Signed

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Address

RSO/DSS/Blackwater APO, AE 09348

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 29th day of
May, 2006.

Signed

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SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

Witness Signature

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Sworn Statement

Date 28 May 2006	Time 19:45
Location North of Baghdad,	b6 b7c b2 b7d

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I, [redacted], hereby make the following statement at the request of [redacted], who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I understand that this statement is made in furtherance of an official administrative inquiry regarding potential misconduct or improper performance of official duties and that disciplinary action, including dismissal from the Department's Worldwide Personnel Protective Services contract, may be undertaken if I refuse to provide this statement or fail to do so fully and truthfully. I further understand that neither my statements nor any information or evidence gained by reason of my statements can be used against me in a criminal proceeding, except that if I knowingly and willfully provide false statements or information, I may be criminally prosecuted for that action under 18 United States Code, Section 1001. I agree that the statements I furnish and any information or evidence resulting there from may be used in the course of disciplinary proceedings, which could result in disciplinary action, including dismissal.

Introductory Paragraph:

I, [redacted] b6 b7c served in the US Army for [redacted] years from [redacted]

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[redacted] I signed a contract as an independent
contractor to [redacted]

contractor for Blackwater Aviation (Presidential Airways) and arrived in Baghdad, Iraq on [REDACTED]. After arriving, I was designated an MD 530F [REDACTED] performing security for Paul Bremer under DOD contract then later the U.S. Ambassador to Iraq under contract with DOS. I am responsible for the safe and professional operation of my aircraft and welfare of my crew while conducting aerial reconnaissance and security for convoy and static positions in a combat zone.

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On 28 May, 2006 at approximately 1945 hours, I was the [REDACTED] in the [REDACTED] aircraft (tail number [REDACTED]). I was flying in the [REDACTED] position [REDACTED] seat) and my [REDACTED] was in the [REDACTED] seat. I had [REDACTED] gunners onboard, [REDACTED] on the left side, and [REDACTED] on the right side. Our mission was to conduct a local area orientation for our four newest gunners. This flight was briefed and the objective was to fly a route that would provide the gunners exposure and orientation to the major routes venues (Ministries) in the Baghdad area of operations.

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As we were approaching the north side of Baghdad, at grid [REDACTED] I heard automatic AK-47 gunfire coming from the left side of the aircraft, while simultaneously observing one individual in the middle of the north/south running street pointing an AK-47 at my aircraft and firing on full automatic.

Since I had visual contact with the individual on the ground, I immediately took the flight controls from [REDACTED] and maintained visual sight of the individual firing at my aircraft. I then maneuvered the aircraft back to the south running along the west side of the street in a position so the left side gunner could observe the individual who was firing at our aircraft and return fire. I then observed three individuals with weapons. One individual was running down an alleyway to the east and two individuals were in the street firing at the aircraft with AK-47s. My left side gunner returned fire at the individual to the left which was dressed in black clothing. I observed the second individual to the right shooting at the aircraft, at which time we received a round in the windscreen on the left pilot's side. I then felt a vibration in the aircraft and called the flight to return to base.

Upon arrival to [REDACTED] LZ, we inspected the aircraft and found one bullet entry point on the left pilot's side windscreen and exiting out on the right side windscreen after going through the corner of the instrument panel. Another bullet entry point was found in the aircraft fuselage just forward of the tailboom and exiting the other side of the fuselage.

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Sworn Statement

Date 28 May 2006	Time 19:45 Local
Location [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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I, [REDACTED] b6 b7c, hereby make the following statement at the request of [REDACTED], who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I understand that this statement is made in furtherance of an official administrative inquiry regarding potential misconduct or improper performance of official duties and that disciplinary action, including dismissal from the Department's Worldwide Personnel Protective Services contract, may be undertaken if I refuse to provide this statement or fail to do so fully and truthfully. I further understand that neither my statements nor any information or evidence gained by reason of my statements can be used against me in a criminal proceeding, except that if I knowingly and willfully provide false statements or information, I may be criminally prosecuted for that action under 18 United States Code, Section 1001. I agree that the statements I furnish and any information or evidence resulting there from may be used in the course of disciplinary proceedings, which could result in disciplinary action, including dismissal.

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Introductory Paragraph: I, [REDACTED] served in the US Army for [REDACTED] b6 b7c

I received extensive training in the use of weapons to include hand held, assault, long range weapon systems and machine guns. I have also received training on fighting in an urban environment. This training included the specific responsibility of soldiers to safe-guard civilians and the proper use of the force continuum. In [REDACTED] I attended Blackwater Security Consultant's Department of State WPPS-2 class [REDACTED]. After successfully completing the course requirements, I deployed to Baghdad, Iraq in [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] as part of the Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service, Blackwater Aviation Section. I have been working in the Iraqi region since [REDACTED] not only with Blackwater but with other agencies as well.

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Report: At approximately 1945 hours local time, 28 May 2006 Blackwater aircraft [REDACTED] with a crew consisting of pilots [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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and gunners [] and I were conducting a local area orientation flight. We were the [] aircraft in a flight of []. At vicinity grid [] two personnel in dark clothing and wearing hoods were observed by our crew engaging the lead aircraft with AK47's. As we flew in to cover the lead aircraft the two observed personnel began engaging our aircraft. Both [] and I returned fire to [] the individual engaging us on the South side of the building of the above grid.

The [] aircraft broke contact due to rounds received. Our aircraft turned to the East to cover the [] egress when we were re-engaged by the second individual on the East side of the building. I returned fire on the individual until he broke contact and disengaged.

We then reformed on the [] aircraft and returned to LZ []. The [] aircraft received damage from two observed rounds while our aircraft received no noticeable damage from initial inspection.

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Sworn Statement

Date 28 May 2006	Time 1945
Location Grid Vicinity:	near bridge b2

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b6 b7c, hereby make the following statement at the request of _____, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the _____

U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I understand that this statement is made in furtherance of an official administrative inquiry regarding potential misconduct or improper performance of official duties and that disciplinary action, including dismissal from the Department's Worldwide Personnel Protective Services contract, may be undertaken if I refuse to provide this statement or fail to do so fully and truthfully. I further understand that neither my statements nor any information or evidence gained by reason of my statements can be used against me in a criminal proceeding, except that if I knowingly and willfully provide false statements or information, I may be criminally prosecuted for that action under 18 United States Code, Section 1001. I agree that the statements I furnish and any information or evidence resulting there from may be used in the course of disciplinary proceedings, which could result in disciplinary action, including dismissal.

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I have been with Blackwater Security consulting, supporting the diplomatic mission in Iraq since [REDACTED] Since my time with [REDACTED] Blackwater, I have been assigned to Team [REDACTED] in Al-Hillah, Iraq, where I was assigned a left observer/door gunner. I was also assigned as a rear observer/gunner in the counter assault vehicle, as well as the counter assault vehicle commander prior to my departure and reassignment to Baghdad. Upon arrival to Baghdad, I was then assigned to the Ambassadors Detail Advance team. This team is tasked with the direct support of the Ambassadors Detail, our Mission is to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and being the element on venue to establish and ensure the security of the venue prior to the Ambassadors Protective Security Detail's arrival. While assigned to both team [REDACTED] and the Ambassadors Advance Team, we trained with aggressor vehicles to practice our escalation of force, standard operating procedures. We also train on emergency tactics, to best prepare for any situation that might arise while conducting a mission. I have been in numerous situations where I was able to mitigate the threat without firing a shot.

On Thursday May 28th 2006, at 1845 Blackwater Aviation staged and conducted an operational briefing for the evenings mission a local area orientation for Blackwater Aviation Personnel. The brief was conducted in accordance with Blackwater Aviations standard operating procedures and included the overall situation in Baghdad, mission brief and rules of engagement. The intelligence portion of the brief highlighted venue and route specific threats of direct and indirect fire, as well as [REDACTED]

possible and multiple VBIED's (vehicle borne improvised explosive device).

Our mission this evening, was to conduct a local area orientation for the newly appointed observers/gunners. I was assigned as the right observer/gunner for aircraft number [] which was the [] aircraft. As we were approaching the vicinity of bridge number [] I heard automatic AK-47 fire, this fire subsequently impacted our aircraft. The pilot immediately conducted maneuvers for the overall safety of the crew and the aircraft. At that point right observer/gunner, [] began to engage and return fire with approximately eight to ten rounds. I observed gunner [] return fire, at an individual dressed in all black, holding a weapon that was firing at the aircraft. I observed a minimum of two rounds possibly hit the shooter, this individual then fell to the ground and appeared to crawl to the side of the road and take up a crouching position.

Pilot [] then stated, that he began to feel a strange vibration in the controls of the aircraft and called for the flight to return to [] Landing Zone. Upon arrival to the landing zone, a visual inspection of the aircraft was conducted, one hole in both the right and left pilot windscreens was observed. One hole in the aircraft's fuselage was also observed.

Nothing follows.

I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

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Sworn Statement

Date 28 May 2006	Time 19:45 Local
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, hereby make the following statement at the request of

State Department _____, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I understand that this statement is made in furtherance of an official administrative inquiry regarding potential misconduct or improper performance of official duties and that disciplinary action, including dismissal from the Department's Worldwide Personnel Protective Services contract, may be undertaken if I refuse to provide this statement or fail to do so fully and truthfully. I further understand that neither my statements nor any information or evidence gained by reason of my statements can be used against me in a criminal proceeding, except that if I knowingly and willfully provide false statements or information, I may be criminally prosecuted for that action under 18 United States Code, Section 1001. I agree that the statements I furnish and any information or evidence resulting there from may be used in the course of disciplinary proceedings, which could result in disciplinary action, including dismissal.

Introductory Paragraph:

Conducted WPPS weapons qualification prior to Iraq assignment.

Report: At approximately 1945 hours local time, 28 May 2006 Blackwater aircraft [] with a crew consisting of pilots [] and gunners [] and [] were conducting a local area orientation flight. We were the [] aircraft in a flight of []. At vicinity grid [] two personnel in dark clothing and wearing hoods were observed by our crew engaging the lead aircraft with AK47's. As we flew in to cover the [] aircraft the two observed personnel began engaging our aircraft. Both I and gunner [] returned fire to the individual engaging us on the South side of the building of the above grid.

The [] aircraft broke contact due to rounds received. Our aircraft turned to the East to cover the [] egress when we were re-engaged by the second individual on the East side of the building. [] returned fire on the individual until he broke contact and disengaged.

I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

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Address	b6 b7c
LZ [redacted], Baghdad Iraq	

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 29th day of May 2006.

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SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

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Pryer, Christopher E (Baghdad)

From: Lischke, Jeff D (Baghdad)
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2006 9:36 AM
To: Pryer, Christopher E (Baghdad)
Subject: FW: air hit

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-----Original Message-----

From: David T. Rogers | [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2006 9:04 AM
To: Lischke, Jeff D (Baghdad); Crowningshield, Teresa R (Baghdad)
Subject: Fwd: air hit

Jeff and Tony,

On Sunday, May 28th, at 1915, Blackwater Aviation conducted a day Baghdad flight orientation briefing for our new pilots and gunners.

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The flight crews are as follows, in aircraft [REDACTED]

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At approximately 1925 Blackwater Aviation a flight of [REDACTED] departed LZ [REDACTED] along the briefed route. When the flight reached the north side of Baghdad at grid [REDACTED] at approximately 1945 the flight heard automatic AK-47 gunfire. While conducting evasive maneuvers the crew spotted at least three individuals with AK-47 shooting at both aircraft on full automatic. The aircraft were maneuvered to provide the gunners an opportunity to suppress the ground fire.

Aircraft [REDACTED] was hit with two rounds, one in the windscreens and one in aircraft fuselage just forward of the tailboom. Aircraft [REDACTED] sustained no damage. Both aircraft and crews returned to LZ [REDACTED] safely.

No crewmember was injured while conducting this mission.

Upon return to LZ [REDACTED] and securing all equipment crew members prepared sworn statements.

No further information at this time.

Please see attached DS Sworn Statements by listed Operator's involved.

Let me know if you have any questions or comments.

V/R,

Dave

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Note: forwarded message attached.

David T. Rogers
 WPPS Project Manager
 Blackwater USA
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Date 30 May 2006	Time 0950
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I, [REDACTED] b6 b7c hereby make the following statement at the request of _____, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

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I, [REDACTED] served in the United States Marine Corps from

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I was hired by Blackwater Security Consultants and was trained on performing personal security in high threat areas for the U.S Department of State. In [] I arrived to Baghdad Iraq and was assigned to Team [] which is a Technical Site Survey (TSS)/ Advance team. The TSS/ Advance team is responsible for [] b2

being the advance element on venue to establish and ensure the security of the venue prior to the Protective Security Detail's arrival. While on Team [], we have trained with aggressor vehicles to practice our escalation of force standard operating procedures. We also train on emergency tactics, to best prepare for any situation that might arise while conducting a mission.

Our mission today was an advance for [] at the Ministry of Culture []. This mission required us to leave the relative safety of the U.S. military controlled International Zone and travel for several kilometers through a part of Baghdad where para-military forces hostile to the U.S. presence in Iraq routinely conduct insurgent operations. Attacks on American military and contractors are prevalent in this area. b2

Our vehicle was the [] vehicle in a [] motorcade. I utilize a spotlight and pen flares to ensure cars and other threats keep a safe distance away from our motorcade. I also use voice commands such as "kiff", meaning patience/stop in the Iraqi language and physical gestures to keep these same threats at a safe distance away from our motorcade. Most Iraqi drivers heed all of these signs and keep a safe distance away from the motorcade. The motorcade was traveling to the Ministry of Culture on a two lane road. We were held at an intersection in dead lock traffic near [], all traffic behind us adhered to our commands and formed two single file rows of cars which were pulled off to the right side of the road approximately 80 meters behind our motorcade. I observed a grey Mercedes 4-door sedan make an aggressive

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left lane change behind all the stopped traffic and accelerate toward our Motorcade at a very high rate of speed. At that time I shined my 2,000,000 candle spot light at the driver in the Mercedes and flashed it on and off to gain his attention while giving the hand and arm signals in an attempt to get him to stop in which he did not. Drivers of the stopped vehicles also observed the Mercedes attempting to bypass the stopped traffic. Individuals leaned out of there windows holding out there hands signaling for the Mercedes to stop along with the pedestrians standing on the median waved there hands to signal for the vehicle to stop. The Mercedes ignored all signs and accelerated past the stopped traffic. The vehicle approached from the rear I fired one pen flare which went straight for the vehicle and passed within two feet of the roof and at that time I could clearly see the vehicle was occupied by one Male driver. The vehicle accelerated past stopped traffic that was adhering to the hand signals and verbal command "kiff" coming from the follow door gunners and well gunner. The driver continued to close in on our motorcade, ignoring our repeated directions to stop. Based on my experience, training and recent intelligence reports, I determined that the vehicles actions were a threat to our motorcade. At that time, I the well gunner, fired first, two shots to the vehicles engine block in an attempt to disable the vehicle. The vehicle was not disabled and the driver did not slow but continued towards our motorcade when the right and left door gunners fired two rounds apiece to the engine block this had no affect on the vehicle or the driver. At that time the vehicle was still approaching at a high rate of speed and had closed to within [] meters of our motorcade when I fired two shots to the driver side of the windshield which also had no affect on the speed or direction of travel to the Mercedes. Then the right and left door gunner also engaged the windshield of the vehicle with 1 to 2 rounds apiece. The vehicle finally slowed to a stop approximately 20 meters behind us. Traffic cleared in front of us and we were able to proceed and put distance between our motorcade and the threat. I did not observe any injury to the driver of the vehicle. The shift leader was then informed of the situation and sent a situation report to the Tactical Operations Center. [] continued to Ministry of Culture without further incident or injury.-END-

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I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 30th day of

May, 2006.

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, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I understand that this statement is made in furtherance of an official administrative inquiry regarding potential misconduct or improper performance of official duties and that disciplinary action, including dismissal from the Department's Worldwide Personnel Protective Services contract, may be undertaken if I refuse to provide this statement or fail to do so fully and truthfully. I further understand that neither my statements nor any information or evidence gained by reason of my statements can be used against me in a criminal proceeding, except that if I knowingly and willfully provide false statements or information, I may be criminally prosecuted for that action under 18 United States Code, Section 1001. I agree that the statements I furnish and any information or evidence resulting there from may be used in the course of disciplinary proceedings, which could result in disciplinary action, including dismissal.

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I have been with Blackwater Security Consulting supporting the Diplomat Security Mission since [REDACTED] Since my time with Blackwater I have been on PSD Team [REDACTED] where I was a Door Gunner and Acting [REDACTED] where I conducted [REDACTED] for appointed officials in Saddam Hussein's Trial as well as conducting Advances and Tactical Site Surveys for various Venues in the Baghdad area. Our Mission is to [REDACTED]

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advance element on venue to establish and ensure the security of the venue prior to the Protective Security Detail's arrival. While on Team [REDACTED] we have trained with aggressor vehicles to practice our escalation of force standard operating procedures. We also train on emergency tactics, to best prepare for any situation that might arise while conducting a mission. I have been in numerous situations where I was able to mitigate the threat without firing a shot.

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On Tuesday May 30th 2006, at 0915, [REDACTED] staged and conducted an operational briefing for the day's mission in direct support of [REDACTED] mission to the Ministry of Culture [REDACTED]. The brief was conducted in accordance with [REDACTED] standard operating procedures and included the overall situation in Baghdad, mission brief and rules of engagement. The intelligence portion of the brief highlighted venue and route specific threats of direct and indirect fire, as well as possible and multiple VBIED's (vehicle borne improvised explosive device) I was the Right Rear Gunner in the [REDACTED] Vehicle, a Suburban, of a [REDACTED] motorcade. On each rear door, in big white letters, it says "WARNING – Stay back 100 meters". This is written in both English and Arabic. There were four other personnel in this vehicle. I was armed with a U. S. Department of State issued [REDACTED] rifle, [REDACTED]. During my military service I received extensive training in the use of this weapon, to include firing at known and unknown distances and at multiple targets both stationary and moving. I have also trained with this weapon in close combat and urban combat environments. I last zeroed and qualified with this weapon in early May 2006 and performed additional live-fire training, to include firing from a Suburban vehicle, on [REDACTED].

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Our mission today was an advance for [REDACTED] at the Ministry of Culture [REDACTED]. This mission required us to leave the relative safety of the U.S. Military-controlled International Zone and travel for several kilometers through a part of Baghdad where para-military / Insurgent forces hostile to the U.S. presence in Iraq routinely conduct terrorist and guerrilla operations. Attacks on American military and civilians are prevalent in this area.

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On the 30th day of May 2006 at 0950 hours, [] was in route to the Ministry of Culture to conduct an Advance for [] was traveling in the vicinity of [] in a motorcade.

The congestion of the area created stop-and-go traffic, making the motorcade extremely vulnerable to a VBIED attack. The traffic trailing the motorcade was adhering to commands to maintain a standoff from our motorcade at about [] meters. As the Right Door Gunner, I observed a silver Mercedes sedan maneuver around the halted traffic and continue toward our motorcade. The Well Gunner, [] shined the spotlight at the Mercedes. I could see drivers from the halted vehicles signaling, with the common hand signal to yield, for the Mercedes to stop. There was a single occupant, the driver in the vehicle. I assessed the Mercedes as a possible threat. I observed a non-lethal flare fired from the Well Gunner fly directly over the suspect vehicle. The vehicle did not slow its approach to our motorcade and had closed to about [] meters. In past incidents, non-threat vehicles would slam on their brakes when they saw the flares. I assessed the Mercedes as a possible VBIED and imminent threat. I opened my door, simultaneously hearing a shot fired from the Well Gunner and seeing impact in the grill of the threat vehicle. The threat was not disabled and continued to close on the motorcade, without slowing, now at less than [] meters. I assessed the situation as the Mercedes being a hostile. I aimed and fired 2 well-placed shots at the grill of the Mercedes in an attempt to disable the vehicle and threat. I could hear other shots fired from the Well gunner and the Left Door Gunner, [] I observed rounds impacting the grill of the Mercedes. I reassessed the threat and saw that the Mercedes still had not slowed its closure with our motorcade at all, closing to about [] meters. I fired two more well-placed shots in the grill of the Mercedes to further attempt to disable the threat. I reassessed the situation and observed rounds impacting the grill and the windshield of the threat vehicle. The threat vehicle seemed to finally be disabled and slow to a stop. It did not appear the driver stopped the vehicle himself. I am confident all four of my rounds impacted the grill of the Mercedes. I did not observe any casualties. [] Shift Lead, [] immediately reported the incident to the TOC as we continued mission to! [] -END-

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 30th day of
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Sworn Statement

Date 30 May 2006	Time 0950
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I, [redacted] b6 b7c, hereby make the following statement at the request of

[redacted], who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I understand that this statement is made in furtherance of an official administrative inquiry regarding potential misconduct or improper performance of official duties and that disciplinary action, including dismissal from the Department's Worldwide Personnel Protective Services contract, may be undertaken if I refuse to provide this statement or fail to do so fully and truthfully. I further understand that neither my statements nor any information or evidence gained by reason of my statements can be used against me in a criminal proceeding, except that if I knowingly and willfully provide false statements or information, I may be criminally prosecuted for that action under 18 United States Code, Section 1001. I agree that the statements I furnish and any information or evidence resulting there from may be used in the course of disciplinary proceedings, which could result in disciplinary action, including dismissal.

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In [redacted] I was honorably discharged from the United States Army. In [redacted] I was hired by Blackwater Security Consultants and was trained on performing personal security in high threat areas for the U.S Department of State. In [redacted] I arrived to Baghdad Iraq and was assigned to Team [redacted] which is a Technical Site Survey (TSS)/ Advance team. The TSS/ advance team is responsible for [redacted]

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and ensure the security of the venue prior to the Protective Security Detail's arrival. While on Team [redacted], we have trained with aggressor vehicles to practice our escalation of force standard operating procedures. We also train on emergency tactics, to best prepare for any situation that might arise while conducting a mission. During my time in Baghdad, Iraq from [redacted] to present day I have never discharge my weapon to mitigate a threat to our motorcade. I have been in numerous situations where I was able to mitigate the threat without firing a shot.

On Tuesday, May 30th, at 0915, [redacted] staged and conducted an operational briefing for the day's mission in direct support of [redacted] mission to the Ministry Culture of [redacted] The brief was conducted in accordance with [redacted] standard operating procedures and included the overall situation in Baghdad, mission brief and rules of engagement. The intelligence portion of the brief highlighted venue and route specific threats of direct and indirect fire, as well as possible multiple VBIED's (vehicle borne improvised explosive device) Past intelligence reports have stated a direct VBIED threat on Coalition Forces and Suburban Vehicles.

I was the Left Rear Gunner in the fighting [redacted] suburban in a [redacted] motorcade. This vehicle is equipped with a [redacted], which allows the Well Gunner to interact with traffic to the rear. There were four other personnel in this vehicle. I was armed with a U. S. Department of State issued rifle designated as the [redacted]. During my military service I received extensive training b2 in the use of this weapon, to include firing at known and unknown distances and at multiple targets both stationary and moving. I have also trained with this weapon in close combat and urban

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combat environments. I last qualified as expert with this weapon in April 2006 and performed additional live-fire training with this weapon, _____ in April 2006.

Our mission today was to advance for _____ at the Ministry of Culture. This mission required us to leave the relative safety of the U.S. military controlled International Zone and travel for several kilometers through a part of Baghdad where para-military forces hostile to the U.S. presence in Iraq routinely conduct insurgent operations. Attacks on American military and contractors are prevalent in this area. b2

Our vehicle was the _____ vehicle. Our Well gunner utilizes a spotlight and pen flares to ensure cars and other threats keep a safe distance away from our motorcade. I use voice commands such as "kiff", meaning patience/stop in the Iraqi language and physical gestures to keep these same threats at a safe distance away from our motorcade. Most Iraqi drivers heed all of these signs and keep a safe distance away from the motorcade. The motorcade was traveling to the Ministry Of Culture on a two lane road. b2

We were held at an intersection in dead lock traffic near _____, all traffic behind us adhered to our commands and formed two lanes of cars which were pulled off to the right and left side of the road approximately 80 meters behind our motorcade. I observed a Gray Mercedes 4-door sedan make an aggressive lane change behind all the stopped traffic and accelerate toward us at a very high rate of speed. At that time I noticed the well gunner shining his spot light at the driver of the Mercedes and flashed it on and off to gain his attention while giving the hand and arm signals in an attempt to get him to stop which he did not. At this time I opened my door and was also given hand and arm signals to the driver of the Mercedes to try and get him to stop his vehicle. The Drivers of the stopped vehicles also observed the Mercedes attempting to bypass the stopped traffic. They leaned out of there windows holding out there hands signaling for the Mercedes to stop along with the pedestrians standing along the median signaled for the vehicle to stop. The Mercedes ignored the signals and accelerated past the stopped traffic coming toward us at a very high rate of speed. The well gunner fired one pen flare aimed straight at the vehicle and passed just above the roof of the vehicle. b2

At this time I could here the verbal command "kiff" (to stop), coming from the right door gunner, the well gunner and myself. The driver continued to close the gap on our motorcade, ignoring our repeated directions to stop. Based on my experience, training and recent intelligence reports, I determined that the vehicles actions were a threat to our motorcade. At that time I could hear the well gunner fire two shots in an attempt to disable the vehicle. The vehicle was not disabled and the driver did not slow but continued towards our motorcade. At this time I yelled that I was taking a shot and fired two shots into the grill of the vehicle which was now about _____ meters from our convoy. The Vehicle was still not disabled and continued towards or motorcade. I then fired one shot into the windshield of the vehicle in hopes of stopping the threat to our motorcade. b2

At this time the vehicle had gotten within _____ meters and eventually came to a stop. I did not observe any injuries to the driver at this time. I immediately notified my Shift Leader and gave him a situation report. The Shift Leader sent a situation report to the Tactical Operations Center. _____ continued mission to the Ministry of Culture without further incident or injury. I-END- b2

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Dave -

Please review the above Incident Reports from Baghdad.

Summary

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As of 30 May 2006, the rear security officers fired approximately six (6) disabling rounds into the engine compartment area in efforts to stop a potential threat.

During motorcade operations to the Ministry of Culture in Baghdad, the rear security officers observed a silver four door Mercedes sedan (suspect vehicle) with a single male occupant rapidly and aggressively approaching the motorcade from the rear. The suspect vehicle maneuvered in and out of traffic as it move forward towards the motorcade.

(Field Note: The Operational Pre-brief included an intelligence portion that highlighted venue and route specific threats of direct and indirect fire, as well as possible and multiple VBIED's for this particular venue plus - recent Intel reports within the last week indicated that there were specific threats to SUV's departing the International Zone and there were specific threats of two VBIED's roving in the vicinity.)

The rear security officers immediately deployed verbal and non-verbal (spot light and pen flares) warning signs to stop, slow or divert the suspect vehicle away from the motorcade. According to the report, the suspect vehicle failed to comply with all warning signs and continued to approach the motorcade with aggressive actions.

At this time, the rear security officers fired approximately six disabling rounds into the engine compartment area in efforts to stop the potential threat. The suspect vehicle immediately stopped. There were neither injuries nor collateral damage to report. The motorcade continued without further incident.

NAMES: _____ (left rear) b6 b7c

WEAPONS: [REDACTED] b2

AMMO: _____

NAMES: _____ (right rear) b6 b7c

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Should you require additional information please do not hesitate to contact me via email. Thank you and have a safe evening.

Sincerely,

Victor Esposito

Program Manager

Department of State Programs

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-----Original Message-----

From: David T. Rogers [REDACTED] **RECD**
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2006 10:30 AM
To: Lischke, Jeff D (Baghdad); Crowningshield, Teresa R (Baghdad); Smith, Anthony G (Baghdad)
Subject: Serious Incident Report_ Team [REDACTED] 30 May06

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To all,

On Tuesday, May 30th, at 0915, [REDACTED] staged and conducted an operational briefing for the day's mission in direct support of [REDACTED] PSD mission to MO Culture [REDACTED] The brief was conducted per [REDACTED] SOP and included the overall situation in Baghdad, mission brief and rules of engagement. The intelligence portion of the brief highlighted venue and route specific threats of direct and indirect fire, as well as possible multiple VBIED's.

The Follow Vehicle load plan was as follows:

[REDACTED] Follow Vehicle is a [REDACTED], which allows us access to the rear from a [REDACTED]

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Upon departure from [REDACTED] via the [REDACTED] was traveling in a [REDACTED] motorcade heading Northeast towards [REDACTED]. As [REDACTED] approached [REDACTED] a suspicious silver Mercedes was spotted by the TC. This vehicle was acting very suspicious towards the motorcade by not stopping, or moving out of the way despite multiple signals from the driver, and driving slowly and attempting to turn into our motorcade. The vehicle finally moved over to the right side of the road and the motorcade passed the vehicle on the left. As we were approaching [REDACTED] it was noticed the intersection was very congested so we created some stand off from the front and the rear. As the motorcade was waiting for traffic to clear, the same Silver Mercedes was approaching from the rear. The vehicle was seen maneuvering around stopped traffic that was adhering to our commands. It was also noticed that civilian vehicles that were stopped and adhering to our commands were attempting to signal to the driver of the Silver Mercedes to stop. With no success, the Silver Mercedes continued around the stopped traffic and accelerated towards the motorcade. The two rear gunners and my well gunner were giving verbal and visual commands including flashing a spot light to signal for the vehicle to stop. With consideration to the threatening manner in which the driver was operating the vehicle and the fact that the driver repeatedly ignored multiple less lethal warnings, the vehicle was considered a direct threat to the motorcade. As the vehicle continued to approach our motorcade, the well gunner fired one pen flare. The pen flare was aimed directly at the vehicle and sailed right over the hood. The vehicle continued its approach - despite multiple warnings. The well gunner, [REDACTED] fired one well-placed round from his [REDACTED] into the engine block of the aggressive vehicle. The vehicle did not stop or attempt to slow down. The well gunner fired another well-placed round to the vehicles engine block. The vehicle continued to come towards the rear of the motorcade at the same rate of speed. Both door gunners then placed two well-aimed rounds to the subjects' engine block and hood area. When the Gunners reassessed the situation, they noticed the vehicle was still approaching at the same high rate of speed. Both Door

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gunners and Well gunner transitioned to the windshield and placed two more well-aimed rounds to the passenger side and driver side windshield. The vehicle then stopped in the middle of the roadway as we continued the mission. [] SL called the incident to the TOC as [] continued mission to []. After the incident was reported, Big Army went to the scene and reported nothing found. No injuries were observed to the driver.

Intel reports within the last week indicated that there were specific threats to Suburbans leaving the International Zone and there were specific threats of 2-VBIEDs roving in the vicinity of []. It should be noted that on the rear of our black fighting follow, it says in big, bold white letters "Warning stay back 100 meters" in both English and in Arabic..

[] SL immediately notified RSO/TOC of the incident.
[] SL notified the [] Detail Leader.

Upon return to [] SL, LR Door Gunner, RR door Gunner and Well gunner reported to the RSO/TOC for a debrief and spot report.

No injuries or additional property damage was observed. For further information see attached DS Sworn Statements by listed Operator's involved.

If you have any additional questions please contact me directly.

V/R,

David T. Rogers
WPPS Project Manager
Blackwater USA

Baghdad, Iraq

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**U.S. EMBASSY-BAGHDAD**

31 May 2006

Spot Report – 053106-02

Subject: Sniper Attack on COM PSD in Tikrit**Reporting Office:** REO Kirkuk – Regional Security Officer

Summary: Two shots were fired at a BW [redacted] while he maintained an observation post at the Tikrit Provincial Council Center during a PRT visit. The protectees were evacuated without incident and there were no casualties.

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Report: On May 31, 2005, ~ 1340hrs, a COM Blackwater PSD [redacted] was fired upon by an unidentified sniper as he stood [redacted] at the Tikrit Provincial Council building. Two aimed rounds impacted on a wall adjacent to the [redacted] position. The direction of the fire or identity of the sniper could not be determined. The second round appeared to be a tracer. The protectees were immediately evacuated and left the venue 15 minutes prior to their scheduled departure. There were no injuries.

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RSO Action: Movements to the Provincial Building on hold until more site security can be initiated. Awaiting PSD debrief and will pass details for exploitation to RSO Baghdad TOC. This is at least the second time this venue has received SAF since November.

Location: Tikrit, Iraq**Drafted By:** Michael J. Stutzman, ARSO, Kirkuk, Iraq

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PSD INCIDENT REPORT

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Date of Incident 31 May 06 Time of Incident 1230 hrs

Type of Incident <i>(i.e. Use of Lethal Force/Use of Non or Less Lethal Force/Distraction Devices/Deployed/Ambush)</i>	Received sniper fire from unknown element
Location of Incident <i>(Describe location in detail - include route name/local landmarks, grid coordinates if known, etc.)</i>	Provincial Council Building GRID
Description of Incident <i>(Describe in detail the nature of the incident, all personnel involved, principles involved, injuries, if any, other US Government and/or NGOs involved, other foreign nationals, TCNs and/or non-US government agencies involved, etc.)</i>	<p>On 31 May 2006 at approximately 1230 hrs. I received sniper fire directed at me while manning an [redacted] of the Provincial Council Building in Tikrit, Iraq.</p> <p>While in my [redacted] of the Provincial Council Building manning the [redacted] I received sniper fire from an unknown element. There were 2 shots fired at me, the first round impacted the wall approximately 6 inches to the left of my head. The second round impacted the wall approximately 4 to 5 ft below my position. After the first shot was fired I ducked down as low as I could but tried to locate where the shot came from. When the second round impacted I got down completely out of sight and waited for the attack to stop. I over heard the radio traffic from the PSD element on the ground and they were thinking the shots were fired by IPs stopping traffic. I advised my shift leader by radio that the two shots were directed at me had impacted very close me and they were not fired by IP's. The TC advised all [redacted] positions to stay down and relocate. I then moved to another [redacted] out of the line of fire. I then heard over the radio that the PSD ground element had confirmed one impact on the side of the building and observed a charred area in grass where a tracer slug had fallen and started a fire. The fire was extinguished and the PSD ground element recovered the slug. I then heard the shift leader call over the radio telling the AIC to prepare the [redacted] for extraction. The motorcade was staged and the [redacted]</p> <p>[redacted] The motorcade left the venue and returned to FOB Speicher. When the motorcade cleared the intersection in front of the Provincial Council Building the advance shift leader radioed for the advance team to collapse and load into the vehicles to depart the venue. We left the venue and returned to FOB Speicher with out any further incidents. Nothing follows</p>
Action Taken <i>(Describe in detail what actions were taken, i.e. deployed pin flares, deployed specific weapons systems, etc.)</i>	Reported to Detail Leader and RSO Kirkuk
Follow-Up Required <i>(Indicate what if any follow-up action is required, i.e. further investigation, notifications, etc.)</i>	Information passed onto U.S. Army 101 st Airborne Division 3 rd BCT

Operator(s) Involved		Vehicle(s) Involved	None	Team(s) Involved	Tikrit SET Team
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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

02 June 2006

Spot Report - 060206-01

Subject: Non-COM PSD Team involved in an incident.

Reporting Office: REO Al Hillah

Summary: On June 2, 2006, at approximately 1015 hours, a Triple Canopy non-COM PSD Team comprised of [redacted] non-tactical vehicles with three passengers (KBR employees), was involved in an incident involving a black BMW occupied by an unknown number of individuals. As the convoy approached the entrance to FOB Charlie the rear vehicle in the convoy was struck, pushed off the road, and became disabled by the BMW. The lead and limo proceeded onto FOB Charlie while the BMW backed up and attempted to ram the disabled vehicle again. PSD personnel exited the vehicle and immediately came under SAF from an unidentified location. The PSD team then engaged the BMW with SAF. The lead vehicle returned and safely removed the PSD personnel from the scene. No casualties were reported.

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RSO Action: Dispatched Army assets to secure the site and requested a military escort be provided for the teams return to REO Al Hillah.

Location: FOB Charlie, South Central, Iraq

Drafted By: Mike Duke, Watch Officer, RSO TOC Baghdad, Iraq.

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Summary:

As of 05 June 2006, during motorcade operations in Al-Hillah, it appears that three (3) disabling rounds was fired into the engine compartment in efforts to stop a potential threat.

During motorcade operations in Al-Hillah (RTI compound), the rear security officer observed a silver sedan (suspect vehicle) with two male occupants quickly and aggressively approaching the motorcade from the rear. The security officer immediately deployed verbal and non-verbal (pen flare, hand signals and smoke) warning signs to stop, slow or divert the suspect vehicle away from the motorcade.

According to the report, the suspect vehicle failed to comply with all warning signs and continued to approach the motorcade from the rear. At this time, the rear security officer fired three disabling rounds into the engine compartment in efforts to stop the potential threat.

The suspect vehicle came to an immediate stop. There were no injuries or collateral damage to report. The motorcade continued without further incident.

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Should you require additional information please do not hesitate to contact me via email.

With much respect -

Sincerely,
Victor Esposito
Program Manager
Department of State Programs
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Sworn Statement

0	Date 05 June 2006	Time 0940
b2	Location One-hundred meters north of Karbala traffic circle	

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I, [redacted] b6 b7c hereby make the following statement at the request of _____, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

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On Monday, June 5th, at 0945, Team [] conducted an operational mission to the RTI compound in Al Hillah, Iraq for meetings. I was the left observer in the [] vehicle of a [] vehicle motorcade. b2

Our Motorcade was traveling south on route [] when our motorcade came to halt due to heavy congestion in the intersection to the front of our motorcade. At that time the TC of my vehicle [] b6 b7c call out that we had traffic to our front and that we will need to create a reactionary gap. I then opened my door and leaned out and started to give visual and verbal warnings to the approaching vehicles to the rear of our motorcade to stop.

The vehicles to the rear stopped immediately, approximately at 60 meters to the rear of our vehicle. I heard over the DS issued radio that other PSD team members where deploying from their vehicles to clear the traffic to the front of the motorcade. At this time I retrieved a smoke canister from the vehicle. Smoke canisters are commonly used by PSD motorcades when stopped in traffic congestion to attract the attention of an inattentive driver, and/or to signal traffic to yield and respect the motorcade's reactionary gap. b2 b6 b7c

I saw a silver sedan overtaking stopped traffic and approaching our motorcade from a distance of [] meters. Due to the speed of the approaching sedan, I was unable to ascertain more specific details reference the occupants of the vehicle. I deployed the smoke canister and threw it to the rear of our motorcade to signal the approaching silver sedan to yield, and transitioned back to my [] b2

I began to acquire a sight picture with my [] to prepare to deploy disabling rounds at the silver sedan. I saw a pen flare fly by the sedan at approximately [] meters away, but the vehicle continued to rapidly approach our motorcade. I then lost my field of fire and visual with the silver sedan. I heard three shots and heard [] b6 b7c the rear observer, advise that the silver sedan had stopped and that he had fired 3 disabling rounds into its grill.

I continued to give hand signals to halt traffic briefly until traffic cleared enough for our motorcade to proceed. We continued to our venue with no further incidents.

No further information at this time.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 5th day of

June , 2006

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SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

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Sworn Statement

Date 05 June 2006	Time 0940	IP TEL
Location One-hundred meters north of Karbala traffic circle		

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I, _____, served in the United States Marine Corps, from _____

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I was hired by Blackwater Security Consulting, Moyock, North Carolina, where received Department of State training for operating in a Personal Security Detail in a high threat environment. The vetting course included qualifying with the [redacted]

[redacted] and the [redacted]. My training also include formations, driving at high speeds, and attacks on principles.

I am currently at the regional embassy in Al-Hilla, Iraq. I have been here since [redacted]. Since being assigned to the REO al-Hillah,

I was put in charge of [redacted] Columbian nationals conducting static security around the embassy. My duties include supervising the Columbians in all activities which include personal and vehicle searches.

I also supervise all movements that come into the compound and leaving the compound. I inspect and inventory all the weapons and gear in all the towers around the compound and I assist in the training of the Columbians nationals in different reaction, evacuation drills, and the [redacted]. On March 21, 2206 I was [redacted] assigned to team [redacted] at the regional embassy in Al-Hilla and have been conducting many protective details ever since.

On June 5, 2006 at 0940 hours while manning the [redacted] position of the Team [redacted] counter assault vehicle I discharged three disabling rounds from a [redacted] weapon system into a silver sedan which posed a threat to our vehicle at [redacted].

While traveling from the regional embassy office in AL-Hilla to the RTI compound our [redacted] motorcade was traveling south on Route [redacted]. As we were traveling south on Route [redacted] traffic was pulling to the side of the road and keeping a safe distance from our motorcade. As we approached Karbala circle the motorcade slowed down and stopped 100 meters north of the traffic circle due to heavy traffic. The left and right rear observers were given the command to crack doors to signal traffic to the rear to yield and maintain a reactionary gap.

At this time I began to flash my surefire flashlight to signal for traffic to yield. All the traffic came to halt at a safe distance of 60 meters behind our vehicle. I saw a silver sedan weaving through the stopped traffic that had yielded to the rear of our motorcade. I notified my teammates of the aggressive silver sedan and continued to flash my surefire light at the vehicle to signal for the driver to yield. At forty meters I noticed that the vehicle was occupied by two clean shaven males with a dark complexion, wearing light colored clothing.

At [] meters the vehicle continued approaching at a high rate of speed, disregarding all visual signals to yield. At this time I fired a pen flare at the silver sedan, while left rear observer [] deployed a violet colored smoke grenade to signal for the silver sedan to stop.

Due to regular intelligence briefs, I am aware that a commonly employed insurgent tactic is to drive a vehicle laden with explosives into coalition vehicles or personnel and detonate said vehicle. It should be noted that a silver sedan matching the description of the above listed vehicle was recently added to the BOLO list. I knew that if the suspect vehicle were allowed to approach within [] meters, our motorcade and principal could be within the blast radius if the vehicle were to detonate. Due to this, I fired 3 disabling rounds at the grill of the silver sedan from the [] weapon system. The suspect vehicle came to an immediate halt and both occupants put their hands up. No injuries were apparent. I immediately notified the vehicle commander and teammates of my use of non-lethal force by firing disabling rounds at the suspect vehicle.

Shortly after, traffic cleared and the motorcade continued to the venue with no further incidents.

End of statement.

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Date 05 June 2006	Time 0940
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On 05 June 2006, at approximately 0940, I _____, a DSS certified personal security specialist, was the CAV (Counter Assault Vehicle) _____. While transporting principles to R.T.I venue, we were traveling southbound on Route _____. Our _____ motorcade was b2 approaching Karbala Traffic Circle. As a _____; I was focused on my sector, which is the road to my front. As the motorcade approached Karbala Traffic Circle, I observed that the motorcade was slowing down due to heavy congestion to our front. At that time I informed the occupants in my vehicle we were going to be stopping. At that time our Vehicle, the Counter Assault Vehicle (CAV), kept a distance of several car lengths from the main body of the motorcade and did not allow approaching vehicles from the rear to violate our reactionary gap. Our left and right observers then cracked doors and used hand and arm gestures to signal approaching traffic to yield to our motorcade.

While still looking forward I noticed that the traffic had come to a complete stop and team members were deployed from the main motorcade to direct and clear traffic so we could start moving again. At that time I heard the sound of a pen flare being deployed and another observer yelling "smoke out". Then I heard a three round burst from our _____ that is mounted in the rear of the CAV. While all of this was happening I was still focused on what was going on to my front

so I didn't physically see any of this. Soon after the shots were fired, I saw that the traffic situation to our front had cleared and I yelled to everyone that we were moving. At which time the two rear observers in the CAV, got back in the vehicle, closed their doors and we departed the location en route to our planned venue. The movement continued without further incident.

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Date 05 June 2006	Time 0940
Location One-hundred meters north of Karbala traffic circle	

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On 05 June 2006, at approximately 0940 hours, I was assigned to Team [redacted]. I [redacted] am a Department of State trained personal security detail member / [redacted]. I was in the last vehicle in a [redacted] vehicle motorcade. I was sitting in the right front seat as the [redacted]. The Team was transporting principals to R.T.I. venue.

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Our motorcade was traveling south on route [redacted]. Approximatley 100 meters north of Karbala Circle the motorcade suddenly stopped due to congested traffic in the traffic circle. I heard the Tactical Commander announce that they were going to deploy team members to clear traffic. I saw fellow team members exit the vehicles and move toward the front of the motorcade in an attempt to clear traffic.

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My vehicle was approximately [redacted] meters behind the [redacted] vehicle in the motorcade. We were stopping traffic from the rear in an attempt to maintain a [redacted] meter security perimeter. Both my right [redacted] and left [redacted], rear observers had opened their doors. They were using hand and arm signals to stop approaching traffic. Traffic had stopped approximately 60 meters behind our motorcade. I heard the rear observer [redacted] state that there was a fast approaching silver sedan. [redacted] said the silver sedan was weaving through

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stopped traffic and was still rapidly approaching the motorcade despite his [] signaling the vehicle by flashing his surefire light b6 b7c and the left and right rear observers [] and [] signaling with hand gestures commonly used to signal Iraqi drivers to stop. At that time one smoke device and one pen flare was deployed in attempt to signal the vehicle to stop. The vehicle continued through the smoke and ignored the pen flare that was deployed to signal it to stop. I heard 3 rounds fired. Rear observer [] reported that the silver sedan was approximately [] meters from our motorcade and still approaching rapidly when he fired 3 disabling rounds from his [] weapon system. b7 [] stated that the vehicle stopped immediately after the rounds b6 b7c impacted the grill. I did not see the rounds impact the vehicle.

I notified the Shift Leader [] immediately. I asked the b6 b7c rear observer if there appeared to be any injuries. He stated that there appeared to be no injuries. The vehicle was a silver sedan, occupied by two males.

Shortly after the motorcade continued toward the Karbala traffic circle en route to venue. Once we arrived on venue I notified Blackwater Operations Center via [] and gave Ops Chief [] a b6 b7c situation report of the incident. b2

Nothing further to report at this time.

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RB/60292 Sworn Statement

Date 05 June 2006	Time 0940
Location One-hundred meters north of Karbala traffic circle	

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On 5 June 2006, at approximately 0940, PSD Team [redacted] Team, departed the Al Hillah REO in order to conduct a PSD mission to the RTI Compound.

The Team was moving south on Rt. [redacted] in a [redacted] motorcade, b2 which consisted of [redacted]. Approximately 100 meters north of Karbala traffic circle the motorcade slowed due to heavy traffic. The motorcade eventually came to a complete stop. At that time two team members from the [redacted] vehicle and two team members from the [redacted] vehicle were ordered to deploy to the front of the motorcade in order to direct and clear traffic. At this time the Counter Assault Vehicle pulled rear security for the motorcade. The left observer [redacted] and the right observer [redacted] from the Counter Assault Vehicle used hand signals and verbal warnings to stop approaching traffic. All traffic to the rear of the motorcade stopped approximately 60 meters away from the Counter Assault Vehicle. Then a silver sedan weaved through the already halted traffic approaching the motorcade. The left and right observers used hand signals and verbal warnings to stop the silver sedan. The silver sedan kept approaching. Left rear observer [redacted] deployed a smoke canister to signal approaching traffic to yield. b6 b7c

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When the silver sedan was approximately [] meters away the rear observer [] deployed a pen flare. The silver sedan kept approaching. When the silver sedan was approximately [] meters away the rear observer fired a three round burst from his State Department issued [] at the grill of the sedan in order to disable the vehicle. The vehicle then came to a stop. At that time the Counter Assault Vehicle Commander [] informed the Shift Leader [] via radio that the Counter Assault Vehicle had fired shots to disable a vehicle.

Traffic soon cleared and the motorcade was able to continue en route to the RTI Compound.

Once the team arrived on venue the Counter Assault Vehicle Commander [] notified BW Ops [] of the incident.

I have verbally interviewed those individuals involved in this incident and have reviewed their written statements. I believe the statements to be complete and represent the perceptions of each individual involved.

I have nothing further to report at this time.

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Sworn Statement

Date 05 June 2006	Time 0940
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On 5 June 06 at approximately 0945, I was traveling in the last vehicle of a _____ vehicle motorcade, of Team _____ in the right rear observer position. Our motorcade was on it's way to our venue RTI. We were heading south on route _____ into Karbala circle when we where caught in traffic congestion approximately 100 meters north from the entrance of the traffic circle. Vehicle commander _____ advised us over the radio to stop traffic to the rear of our motorcade to provide a reactionary gap. I exited the vehicle and started signaling traffic with hand and arm signals commonly used to stop Iraqi traffic. We had a lane of traffic stopped approximately 60 meters from our position, when a silver sedan came weaving in and out of traffic towards our position. The vehicle did not heed our hand and arm signals and continued approaching rapidly. The rear security deployed a pen flare at approximately _____ meters from our position and the left rear observer deployed a violet colored smoke canister, both to signal the driver to stop his vehicle, both were ineffective. I was preparing to fire disabling rounds into the grill of the vehicle when I heard three rounds fired by rear observer [redacted]. Upon deployment of three disabling rounds the silver sedan stopped immediately. I saw that the vehicle was occupied by males, and saw no apparent signs of injury. Both occupants remained inside the vehicle. _____

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We continued to pull security on the threat for a short period of time until we were able to clear traffic and continue to the venue without further incident.

I have nothing further to report at this time.

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PSD INCIDENT REPORT

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Date of Incident	5 June 2006	Time of Incident	1000 hours	LEO
Type of Incident	Use of Non-Lethal Force (Use of Non-Lethal Devices Used to Disrupt or Distract Devices Deployed/Ambush)			
Location of Incident	Al Hilla, Iraq			
Description of Incident	Team <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> use of lethal force. Disabling shoots to grill area of vehicle.			
Action Taken	I have verbally interviewed those involved in this incident and have reviewed there written statements, I believe the statements to be true, accurate and complete.			
Follow-Up Required	The Department of State T.O.C. was immediately notified of the incident. Upon return from mission, a written statement was provided to D.S. agents.			

Operator(s) Involved	Vehicle(s) Involved	Team(s) Involved	Team <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**



TITLE		DS CASE NUMBER / REPORT NUMBER	
05JUN2006 Al Hillah PSD Shoot		2006-0074	
TRUE NAME		CASE TYPE	
Blackwater PSD Team		Administrative	
POST	DATE REPORTED	DATES INVESTIGATED	REPORTING AGENT
REO Al Hillah	06 June 2006	05 June 2006	Eric Jagels

SYNOPSIS *b2*

On 5 June 2006, a Blackwater PSD team leaving REO Al Hillah, engaged a suspicious vehicle with rounds from an [redacted]. The driver of the suspicious vehicle was not hurt in the incident. ARSO investigation led to the determination that this was a justified shooting incident.

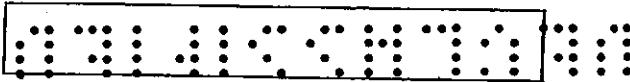
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1. On 05JUN2006, RA interviewed [] the Shift Leader (SL) for the 05JUN2006 PSD movement from REO Al Hillah to the Research Triangle Institute (RTI) compound. According to [] the team's [] vehicle motorcade moving south on route [] when they started to slow due to heavy traffic and eventually came to a complete stop. At this point in time two members from the lead vehicle and 2 members from the follow vehicle were deployed to clear traffic. While this was happening the Counter Assault Vehicle (CAV) was pulling rear security for the motorcade. The left and right observers in the CAV opened their doors to give visual and verbal warning to stop approaching traffic. Due to his position in the motorcade [] did not witness the events to the rear, he commented on his actions as a SL and what he heard on the radio.
2. RA interviewed [] the left rear (LR) of the CAV. [] restated the heavy congestion and traffic. [] was commanded by the vehicle commander to open the doors ensure the vehicles to the rear knew to maintain their distance (at this time it was approximately 60 meters). [] began to use visual and verbal signals for the vehicles to stop/maintain their distance. [] was in the process of deploying a smoke canister to signal any inattentive drivers to stay back when he saw a silver sedan starting to overtake stopped traffic (a silver sedan was added to the "BOLO" list the night prior reference!). [] deployed the smoke at approximately the same time he saw a pen flare being shot out of the rear of the CAV at the approaching sedan. He transitioned to his [] and began to take aim at the aggressive vehicle, he did not shoot due to the fact the approaching vehicle moved out of his field of fire. [] continued to give visual and verbal signals for other vehicles to stay back after the shots were fired.
3. RA interviewed [] the right rear (RR) of the CAV. [] deployed from the CAV to ensure the vehicles to the rear maintained their distance. [] stated he saw the silver sedan drive past the other vehicles that were stopped approximately 60 meters to the rear, he heard [] say "smoke out" and almost immediately thereafter saw a pen flare launched from the rear of the CAV. [] saw the silver vehicle drive at the motorcade after the pen flare had been launched and smoke deployed (he saw the vehicle drive through the smoke cloud). [] prepared to fire disabling rounds when he heard the well gunner fire at the approaching vehicle. He saw the vehicle come to a stop at approximately 25-30 meters.
4. RA interviewed [] the well gunner and person responsible for firing the rounds. When the motorcade came to a halt, and the LR and RR to deploy to give their signals for traffic to stop/maintain their distance, he immediately began to use a "Sure Fire" flashlight to signal vehicles not to move. [] noticed a silver vehicle begin to drive past the stopped vehicles, at this point he prepared to use a pen flare should the driver continue to disregard the signals from the LR and RR. When the vehicle continued to approach the motorcade ignoring the signals he fired a pen flare towards the vehicle. When the vehicle failed to stop after the pen flare he fired three rounds into the grill.
5. Due to the fact that the RSO shop has a good working relationship with the Iraqi Police (IPs), RA contacted them to ascertain if there were any injuries or if locals had reported the incident. The IPs []

reported no injuries and was not aware of any incidents involving an American PSD team and the local people. On June 2, 2006 when a Triple Canopy non-COM PSD team was involved in car accident and shooting, I had the IPs bring in the drive of the vehicle that the PSD team destroyed. The IPs were not able to produce any people or evidence from the events that transpired.

6. Based on the facts presented, ARSO concludes that this was a justified shooting incident.

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INCIDENT REPORT

This report may be in addition to DS SPOT reporting.

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05 June 06

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Date of Report:

Location:

Task Order:

Person Releasing Report:

Title of Person Releasing Report:

Basrah REO, Iraq

Tracy Carroll

TC Project Manager

Date of Incident:

Time of Incident:

Aprox. 1036 hours

Contractor Involved:

Triple Canopy, Inc.

Detail Location of Incident:

EOB compound

Incident Synopsis:

At approximately 1036 hours on 05 June 2006, one round was fired at a motorcycle with 2 males on board who refused to stop after adequate warnings, and who posed an imminent threat to the motorcade. No injuries were noted or reported.

The following is the subsequent of events: (initial time approx)

0954 hours: Motorcade departs the US REO

0958 hours: Motorcade arrives on Venue

1035 hours: Motorcade departs Venue

1036 hours: Motorcade stops in traffic near [redacted] b2

1036 hours: Motorcycle is observed making its way around stopped traffic towards the motorcade, and refuses to heed warnings.

1036 hours: Shot is fired and motorcade continues

1040 hours: Motorcade returns to the US REO

Outline injuries if applicable:

None noted or reported

Supervisor Actions to Mitigate Adverse Actions or Preclude Re-occurrence:

Discussions between the RSO, Project Manager, and Deputy Project Manager are ongoing.

Personnel Notified of Incident:

Triple Canopy PM/DPM/DL/RSO/ARSO

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Supervisor synopsis of local impact of incident:

Refer to attached reports.

Additional Reports Generated:

See attached statement of [redacted]

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TO: Ivan Wray, Regional Security Officer, US Embassy, Basrah, Iraq
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FROM: [REDACTED] Protective Security Specialist, Team [REDACTED]
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SUBJECT: Shooting incident on 05 June 2006
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I [REDACTED] served in the United States Marine Corps from [REDACTED]

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In [REDACTED] I attended the WPPS training program with Triple Canopy, and received further training regarding, but not limited to; Protective Security, Vehicle Driving Dynamics, Advanced Weapons Training, and the Department of State's Use of Force and Rules of Engagement. After successfully passing the WPPS Certification, I attended the Department of State's [REDACTED] course in [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] and successfully passed the certification.

Upon successful completion of training, I was deployed to the US REO in [REDACTED].

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On [REDACTED] I was assigned to [REDACTED] Team, Team [REDACTED] at the US REO in Basrah, Iraq. On this day, I was specifically assigned to the Advanced Team as a 2nd Agent in Charge. My primary weapon system on this day was the [REDACTED] This [REDACTED] weapon was issued to me by the Department of State, and I have had extensive training and experience in the use of this weapon system. My last qualification with this weapon system was in May 2006.

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I am also familiar with the Department of State's Rules of Engagement policies as directed under Section III and Section XX. I had recently attended in-service training on the DOS Rules of Engagement in May 2006. I am familiar with the DOS ROE's as they apply to me.

Our mission on 05 June 2006 was to transport 3 Department of State Principals and one Department of State Interpreter to the Basrah Business Center. This mission required us to travel in a [REDACTED] motorcade, a few kilometers through Basrah City, where forces hostile to the MNFI operate. The attacks on MNFI and civilians working for the MNFI are common.

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During previous intelligence briefings, I learned that a common tactic employed by Anti MNFI forces was the use of a motorcycle to conduct sudden small arms, indirect fire, and grenade attacks on MNFI forces and personnel. As recently as 03 June 2006, reports indicated that insurgent forces on a motorcycle detonated an IED in the Old Basrah Market area, killing at least 27 civilians and wounding many more. Redefine reports stated

both males. I then closed my vehicle door and we continued on with the motorcade towards the venue.

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The entire event, from the time I realized that the motorcycle posed an imminent threat to the motorcade, until I fired my 1 (one) round into the motorcycle was no more than 5-10 seconds. I had no time to deploy any other means to signal the motorcycle to stop. I had no other alternative but to fire into the motorcycle to stop its forward momentum and its continuing threatening actions.

All of the above facts are true to the best of my direct knowledge and recollection.

Respectfully,


Protective Security Specialist
Triple Canopy, Team _____
05 June 2006/1600 hours

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Date: June 7, 2006

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To: Regional Security Office

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From: [redacted] b6
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Re: Contact @ the area of [redacted] b2

On the above date at about 1020 am a shot was fired from the [redacted] vehicle in Team [redacted] motorcade. I, [redacted] was the [redacted] in that vehicle. We were turning right onto the street at [redacted] when a fast moving vehicle came from the left side. The left rear gunner was [redacted] who I hear pop his door and yell at the vehicle and then I heard one single shot was fired. I radio to [redacted] the team leader and noticed him that a shot had been fired. We then proceed back to [redacted]

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To: Regional Security Office

From: [redacted] Team [redacted] b6 b7c

On June 7, 2006 at approximately 1024 AM, Team [redacted] was forced to take a back street from [redacted] to [redacted] where traffic was heavy while approaching [redacted] coming out on the main Highway our Limo was running hot so was unable to keep a normal operation speed. Doing so I ordered the lead vehicle to push up and block traffic where they did so and a white vehicle single passenger was moving at a high rate of speed, which when coming out was already danger close. Which the Lead Left Rear [redacted] had to make a judgment call. Instead of allowing the vehicle to hit the Limo he engaged the vehicle with a single round to the right side front of the oncoming vehicle which from the back of the motorcade I was able to witness all the signs giving by [redacted] to avoid but the driver did not comply with orders giving. I did witness a flashing light from his weapon as well as hand and arm signals. I also did witness the passenger get out of the vehicle so no damage or injury was inflicted to this person. I called a [redacted] report into the TOC and pushed on to [redacted] with out further incidents. END OF STATEMENT

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Left Lead Rear

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To: Regional Security Officer

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From: [REDACTED]

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On June, 7th 2006 at approximately 1024 hrs, I [REDACTED] was left rear in the lead vehicle of a [REDACTED] vehicle motorcade. We were traveling into [REDACTED] when a white pick up truck with one occupant was traveling towards us at a high rate of speed. As the lead vehicle made the turn I observed the truck was approximately 75 yards from us, I yelled popping door, then automatically popped the door open then gave the hand and arm signals for them to stop. The driver made eye contact and proceeded to drive towards us at that time I used my flashlight on my weapon system to stop the vehicle, he did not comply at this time my muzzle was already up as show of force. At this time I shot a round into the vehicle which caused him to come to a stop. When I witnessed the vehicle stop immediately went back to covering my sector and continued on with the mission.

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-----End of Statement-----

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BUREAU OF DIPLOMATIC SECURITY**U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD**

07 June 2006

Spot Report - 060706-01 TM-D7**Subject:** COM PSD Team fires one round into an aggressive vehicle**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary: On June 7, 2006, at approximately 1024 hrs, a COM PSD Team engaged an aggressive vehicle with small arms fire (SAF) while enroute from the Ministry of Interior to the International Zone. As the Team approached an intersection the lead vehicle assumed a blocking position to stop oncoming traffic. While in the blocking position, the left-rear gunner, observed a Truck occupied by one Military Aged Male (MAM) driving aggressively towards the motorcade. As the vehicle approached to within [] meters of the blocking position, the team members gave repeated hand and verbal signals for the driver to stop. The left-rear gunner then attempted to gain the drivers attention with several flashes of his high-powered flashlight, which were ignored by the driver. The vehicle continued towards the convoy in an aggressive manner and when it was within [] meters the left-rear gunner engaged the vehicle with one well aimed shot from his [] rifle into the vehicle's grill area. The vehicle then came to an immediate controlled stop within twelve feet of the motorcade. The driver appeared to be uninjured. There was one principal in the motorcade and no COM personnel were injured. The motorcade continued to the International Zone without further incident.

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RSO Action: RSO is investigating the shooting; PSD Team members are completing their written statements.

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~~Location: Red Zone, Baghdad, Iraq~~

~~Drafted By: Mike Duke, Watch Officer, RSO TOC, Baghdad, Iraq~~

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Cole-Pasquale, Danielle N

From: Gayhart James W
Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2008 4:05 PM
To: Cole-Pasquale, Danielle N
Subject: Spanish Translation

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In order to inform of the following hours of the day of Thursday June 14, 2006 at 1615 hours, we received shots from rifles in [] therefore we took cover and observed with binoculars [] and saw one man in the middle of some palm trees and he was observing us with his rifle at [] We responded with four shots of [] until the Iraqi entered a house. [] b2

This is all I have to inform you of this matter.

James W. Gayhart
Supervisory Special Agent
DS/ICI/CI
Phone (571) 345-7516
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FAX: (571) [] } b7c

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PARA : MR. BOGOTA

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MEXICO DE LOS PALKERAS Y LE REGISTRAMOS OBSERVAMOS
CON SU FUSIL HACIA [] A LOS QUE RESPONDI CON 4 DISPAROS
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REPORTE DE INCIDENTE

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Fecha del Reporte: 10/06/2017 CLASIFICACIÓN: B0047

Localización:

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Día del incidente: Jueves

Hora del Incidente: 16:00 hrs

Nombre del Guardia: [redacted]

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Localización del Incidente: [redacted] u otros)

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Tipo de Armas usados: [redacted] b2

Cantidad de disparos efectuados: 04

Dirección y distancia: 290° - 10m. 400m.

Incidentes: (Narrar en breve lo sucedido)

ESTANDO EN [redacted] POCEROS PINTADOS DE ROJO A LA DE SU SIT, BOSQUEANDO DE DODOS SPOTS POR ALGUNOS VI A LA ZONA UN NUEVO DE LOS DODOS CON UN MURO DE UN PUNTO CUBIERTO 290-900M. ANTES DE LLEGAR EL RUMBO CON 4 DISPAROS DE) BL DODOS ESTA QUE CAYO UNO, Y SE REGRESO A CONTINUACION.

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Reporte sobre heridos:

Acciones de algún Supervisor:

A quien reporto el incidente: control

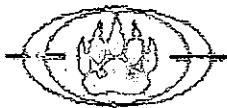
Zona hacia donde realizo los disparos: AL TERRITORIO

Reporte General Adicional:

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PSD INCIDENT REPORT

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Date of Incident | 11 Jun 06 | Time of Incident | 1021

Type of Incident
(i.e. Use of Lethal Force or Use of Non or Less Lethal
Force/Disruption Devices Deployed/Ambush)

Location of Incident
(Describe location in detail, include route name, local landmarks, give coordinates if known etc.)

Description of Incident
(Describe in detail the nature of the incident, all personnel involved, principals involved, injuries, if any, other US government and/or NGOs involved, other foreign nationals, TCUs and/or non-US government agencies involved etc.)

[Redacted]

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Use of Deadly Force by Blackwater Tikrit SET PSD Team against unknown Local National (LN) vehicle.

On MSR in vicinity of grid [Redacted] b2

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The load plan was as follows.

At approximately 1011 hrs, the Blackwater Tikrit SET PSD Team departed COB Speicher en route to The Governorate Building in downtown Tikrit via vehicle motorcade to transport US State Department PRT members to a meeting. The motorcade left COB Speicher and turned right onto MSR [Redacted]

At approximately 1021 hrs, while traveling on MSR [Redacted] observed a white sedan closing on the motorcade from the rear. I advised [Redacted] (Shift Leader) that we had a fast moving vehicle to our rear. He stated that he could see it in his mirror.

When the vehicle reached approximately 120 meters from the motorcade, I began shining a 2,000,000 candle power spotlight at the vehicle, and also confirmed with [Redacted] that our rear strobe lights were in fact on. I continued shining the spotlight at the vehicle until it reached approximately [Redacted] meters from the motorcade. At this time, I perceived the vehicle to be a potential threat to the lives of our principals and the PSD team. I advised [Redacted]

that I was preparing to fire a pen flare at the oncoming threat, in order to prevent it from approaching the motorcade. When the vehicle reached approximately [Redacted] meters from the rear of the motorcade, I fired the pen flare. The flare bounced off the surface of the road, approximately 30 meters in front of the oncoming threat, and bounced into the median of MSR [Redacted]. Despite all previous warnings, the vehicle continued to close distance on us aggressively.

When the vehicle reached approximately [Redacted] meters, I firmly believed this vehicle to be a definite threat, and I sounded off in the vehicle that I was preparing to fire. At approximately [Redacted] meters I fired a 3-4 round burst from my [Redacted] into the grill of the threatening vehicle in order to disable it. After receiving the burst of fire, the vehicle pulled off onto the left shoulder of the south bound lane of MSR [Redacted]. In a controlled and deliberate manner, and came to a complete stop. As I continued observing the vehicle, I saw what appeared to be a single male occupant exit the driver's door of the vehicle,

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Action Taken	<p>(Describe in detail what actions were taken, i.e., deployed air assets, used crowd control weapons, etc.)</p> <p>[Redacted]</p>	<p>followed by what appeared to be a second male occupant exiting the passenger side door.</p>
Follow-Up Executed	<p>(Indicate which if any follow-up actions are required, i.e., further investigation, notifications, etc.)</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>Notify Department of State</p>	

Operator(s) Involved	(Well)	Vehicle(s) Involved	Team(s) Involved	Tikrit SET Team
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	b6 b7c (Right Rear) US Army 1LT (Left Rear) (Driver)			

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Tikrit SET Team
DSS Iraq Mission

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Sworn Statement

Date 11 June 2006	Time 1020
Location Grid _____	b2

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I, _____, hereby make the following statement at the request of _____, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I understand that this statement is made in furtherance of an official administrative inquiry regarding potential misconduct or improper performance of official duties and that disciplinary action, including dismissal from the Department's Worldwide Personnel Protective Services contract, may be undertaken if I refuse to provide this statement or fail to do so fully and truthfully. I further understand that neither my statements nor any information or evidence gained by reason of my statements can be used against me in a criminal proceeding, except that if I knowingly and willfully provide false statements or information, I may be criminally prosecuted for that action under 18 United States Code, Section 1001. I agree that the statements I furnish and any information or evidence resulting there from may be used in the course of disciplinary proceedings, which could result in disciplinary action, including dismissal.

On Sunday, 11 June 2006, at approximately 1020, IVA Grid _____ I was driving the _____ vehicle in route to Tikrit Governorate. I heard the well gunner, _____ say a fast moving vehicle was approaching from our rear. I glanced into the rear view mirror and witnessed a silver vehicle moving quickly and aggressively towards the motorcade approaching from the rear. I then heard _____ say, he was shooting a flare. I heard the flare pop and I glanced into the rear view mirror and saw a smoke trail that faded out of my line of sight. I then heard _____ say the vehicle was not stopping and he was preparing to fire his weapon. I did not look in the rear view mirror to avoid making my vehicle less stable. I heard a short burst, of 2 or 3 rounds, fired from the _____. I then glanced into my rear view mirror and saw the vehicle was pulling off the road.

Nothing Follows

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I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

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Signed

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IPD Team Tikrit PSS

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this _____ day of

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SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

Witness Signature

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Sworn Statement

Date 11 June 2006	Time 1020
Location MSR [redacted] bypass around Tikrit b6 b7c	

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I, _____,

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On Sunday, 11 June, 2006 as the PSD motorcade (I was in the _____ truck sitting in right rear position) was traveling south on the Tikrit bypass. Our well gunner _____ called out a fast mover approaching our rear at about 100 meters out. He again called out that the same vehicle is still approaching at a distance of about _____ meters and that he is switching to the spot light. Again he called out that the vehicle is still coming and that if he is shooting the pen flare. Vehicle kept coming at a fast rate of speed and again our well gunner called out that the vehicle is within _____ meters and that he is taking a shot at the grill to disable the vehicle. I felt that the vehicle was a threat to us in the vehicle and also to the principles in the limousine ahead of us by the actions displayed and the lack of restraint in moving on the motorcade after all means short of lethal had been applied.

Nothing Follows

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I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

DECLARATION

Signed

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this _____ day of

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SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

Witness Signature

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Sworn Statement

Date 12 June 2006	Time 2108	(P)
Location On MSR [redacted] in vicinity of grid [redacted]	[redacted]	b2 b7c b6 b7c

I, [redacted], hereby make the following statement at the request of [redacted], who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

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I, [redacted] enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in [redacted]

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In [redacted], I attended Worldwide Protective Services (WPPS) training and evaluation at the Blackwater Training Center in Moyock, NC. In [redacted], after successful completion of WPPS, I arrived in Baghdad, Iraq and was assigned to the Blackwater Tikrit SET PSD Team. In [redacted], I returned to Blackwater Training Center, and successfully completed Worldwide Protective Services (WPPS) II training. Since arriving in Tikrit, I have served on the Advance Team, Close Protection Team, and have been assigned as the [redacted] since [redacted], for the Motorcade [redacted] Vehicle. During this six month period as the [redacted], I have not been involved in any shootings while protecting Chief of Mission personnel.

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Nothing follows

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I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

Signed

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Address

Blackwater Tikrit SET PSD, COB Speicher, Iraq

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this _____ day of

, 20_____.

Signed

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SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

Witness Signature

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Sworn Statement

Date 11 June 2006	Time 1020
Location MSR [redacted] south in the vicinity of [redacted]	
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I, [redacted], hereby make the following statement at the request of [redacted], who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I understand that this statement is made in furtherance of an official administrative inquiry regarding potential misconduct or improper performance of official duties and that disciplinary action, including dismissal from the Department's Worldwide Personnel Protective Services contract, may be undertaken if I refuse to provide this statement or fail to do so fully and truthfully. I further understand that neither my statements nor any information or evidence gained by reason of my statements can be used against me in a criminal proceeding, except that if I knowingly and willfully provide false statements or information, I may be criminally prosecuted for that action under 18 United States Code, Section 1001. I agree that the statements I furnish and any information or evidence resulting there from may be used in the course of disciplinary proceedings, which could result in disciplinary action, including dismissal.

On 11 June 2006 at approximately 1020hrs while acting as [redacted] in the follow vehicle of our PSD motorcade, my well gunner fired a 3 round disabling burst from his [redacted] into the grill of a vehicle aggressively approaching from our rear. b2

At approximately 0900hrs the Tikrit PSD team staged and conducted an operational brief of the day's mission to transport members of the PRT Team to the Governorate Council Building in Tikrit, Iraq for meetings. The briefing was conducted per team SOP and included mission brief, load out plan, rules of engagement and intelligence report highlighting trends in our area of operation. Intelligence trends included route specific threats of IED's, direct fire incidents and possible VBIED's in the Tikrit AO.

The load plan for the motorcade follow vehicle was as follows. b2
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[redacted] Our vehicle (follow) was the [redacted] vehicle in a [redacted] car motorcade. b2

At approximately 1010 hrs our motorcade, consisting of [redacted] vehicles left COB Speicher and turned southbound onto MSR [redacted]. Traffic was moderate to light from the entrance to COB Speicher to the North Tikrit bypass where traffic became light. As the motorcade continued southbound on MSR [redacted] and neared the vicinity of the above listed grid my well gunner, [redacted] advised me there was a white vehicle coming up

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behind us at a high rate of speed. I looked into my side mirror and observed a white vehicle in the same lane we were traveling approximately 200 meters behind us. I told [redacted] to continue to watch the vehicle and inform me of the situation. [redacted] then told me he was shining the spotlight and the vehicle was not responding so he was going to fire a pen flare. I looked in the side mirror and the vehicle was now approximately [redacted] meters behind us in our lane and continuing to quickly close distance on our vehicle. [redacted] fired the pen flare then advised me the vehicle was not responding to the flare. [redacted] told me the vehicle was continuing to advance then called out to the occupants of the vehicle he was going to fire. I looked in my mirror as [redacted] fired a 3 round burst into the grill of the threat vehicle to disable it. I estimate the vehicle was approximately [redacted] meters behind us still in our lane and quickly closing distance when the disabling shots were fired.

When the disabling shots were fired I observed the vehicle slow and pull to the left. I turned around and looked out the back of our vehicle and observed the white vehicle slowly and deliberately pull to the left side of the roadway towards the median and stop. I then observed two occupants exit the vehicle, one from the driver's seat and the other from the front passenger's seat. Both occupants appeared to walk to the front of the vehicle.

I turned back to the front and radioed the incident to the Detail Leader and the motorcade continued to the venue without further incident.

Nothing follows.

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I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

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IPD Team Tikrit PSS,

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this _____ day of

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SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

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12 June 2006

Spot Report - 061206-02

Subject: Tikrit SET PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Kirkuk**Summary:** Blackwater PSD fires three rounds into approaching vehicle. No apparent injuries to occupants.**Report:**

On 11 June, 2006 at approximately 1021 hrs, a Blackwater SET PSD Team en route from FOB Speicher to the Governorate building in downtown Tikrit encountered an aggressive vehicle. The motorcade was traveling in downtown Tikrit when the follow vehicle well gunner observed an aggressive vehicle approaching the motorcade from the rear. The well gunner used a 2,000,000 candle power spot light in an effort to gain the attention of the driver. The deployment of the light failed and the car continued to advance aggressively on the motorcade. At this time, the well gunner fired a pen flare into the road directly in front of the suspicious vehicle. This also failed to gain the attention of the driver. When the vehicle was within [] meters of the follow car, the well gunner fired a three round burst from a [] into the grill of the vehicle. The vehicle then came to a complete stop. Two occupants exited the vehicle without apparent injuries. No COM personnel were injured during the incident. []

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RSO Action: PSD members submitting statements. Kirkuk RSO TOC IA
conducting analysis of the high-risk area of incident.

Location: Downtown Tikrit, Iraq

Drafted by: ARSO Patrick Depalmer

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From: Daniel Carroll
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2006 3:15 PM
To: David T. Rogers
Subject: 11Jun06 PSD Incident Report

To All, On Sunday, 11 June 2006, at 0900, Blackwater Tikrit SET PSD Team staged and conducted an operational briefing for the day's mission in direct support of US State Department Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) to the Governor-ant Building, [REDACTED] The brief was conducted per Blackwater Tikrit SET PSD Team SOP and included the overall situation in Tikrit, mission brief and Rules of Engagement (RoE). The intelligence portion of the brief highlighted venue and route specific threats of direct and indirect fire, as well as possible IED's / VBIED's.

The load plan was as follows,

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At approximately 1011 hrs, the Blackwater Tikrit SET PSD Team departed COB Speicher en route to The Governorate Building in downtown Tikrit via [REDACTED] vehicle motorcade to transport US State Department PRT members to a meeting. The motorcade left COB Speicher and turned right onto MSR!

At approximately 1021 hrs, while traveling on MSR [REDACTED] I observed a white sedan closing on the motorcade from the rear. I advised [REDACTED] (Shift Leader) that we had a fast moving vehicle to our rear. He stated that he could see it in his mirror.

When the vehicle reached approximately 120 meters from the motorcade, I began shining a 2,000,000 candle power spotlight at the vehicle, and also confirmed with [REDACTED] that our rear strobe lights were in fact on. I continued shining the spotlight at the vehicle until it reached approximately [REDACTED] meters from the motorcade. At this time, I perceived the vehicle to be a potential threat to the lives of our principals and the PSD team. I advised [REDACTED] that I was preparing to fire a pen flare at the oncoming threat, in order to prevent it from approaching the motorcade. When the vehicle reached approximately [REDACTED] meters from the rear of the motorcade, I fired the pen flare. The flare bounced off the surface of the road, approximately 30 meters in front of the oncoming threat, and bounced into the median of MSR [REDACTED] Despite all previous warnings, the vehicle continued to close distance on us aggressively.

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When the vehicle reached approximately [REDACTED] meters, I firmly believed this vehicle to be a definite threat, and I sounded off in the vehicle that I was preparing to fire. At approximately [REDACTED] meters I fired a 3-4 round burst from my [REDACTED] into the grill of the threatening vehicle in order to disable it. After receiving the burst of fire, the vehicle pulled off onto the left shoulder of the south bound lane of MSR [REDACTED] in a controlled and deliberate manner, and came to a complete stop. As I continued observing the vehicle, I saw what appeared to be a single male occupant exit the driver's door of the vehicle followed by what appeared to be a second male occupant exiting the passenger side door. An orange VS-17 panel was prominently displayed on the rear of the black motorcade follow vehicle. The vehicle's rear strobe lights were on, which can be clearly seen from over 800 meters during daylight hours. A 2,000,000 candle power spotlight was shone out the rear of the motorcade follow vehicle, which can be seen at over 800 meters during daylight hours. A green pen flare was fired out of the rear of the motorcade follow vehicle. A 3-4 round burst of [REDACTED] from an [REDACTED] was fired into the grill of the threatening vehicle. A situation report was called into the Blackwater Tikrit SET Tactical Operations Center (TOC) immediately following the incident.

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Danny Carroll
Blackwater Security
Deputy Project Manager
Baghdad, Iraq

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From: Stutzman, Michael J (Kirkuk)
Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 10:43 AM
To: Becht, Matthew R (Baghdad); Smith, Anthony G (Baghdad)
Cc: Crowningshield, Teresa R (Baghdad); Depalmer, Patrick J (Kirkuk)
Subject: RE: 11Jun06 PSD Incident Report

We had already tentatively cleared the incident based on the reports. Pat D. is en route to Tikrit to interview the shooters and address other issues.

This is another example why we should adhere to a single *DS* reporting chain for all WPPS *operational* activity.

We'll rectify this at our end.

Thanks, Mike

From: Becht, Matthew R (Baghdad)
Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 9:39 AM
To: Smith, Anthony G (Baghdad); Howard, Joseph J (Baghdad)
Cc: Crowningshield, Teresa R (Baghdad); Stutzman, Michael J (Kirkuk)
Subject: RE: 11Jun06 PSD Incident Report

Good statements, and we will definitely add this to our PSD files. However, as a reminder to everyone, when a PSD shooting incident takes place in relation to a SET/PRT or city under a REO's control, we rely on that REO RSO to make the judgment call as to whether it was a "good shoot" or a "bad shoot." Mike, we would appreciate your thoughts on this incident for the file as well.

Thank you,

Matt

From: Smith, Anthony G (Baghdad)
Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 8:55 AM
To: Howard, Joseph J (Baghdad); Becht, Matthew R (Baghdad); Pryer, Christopher E (Baghdad)
Cc: Crowningshield, Teresa R (Baghdad)
Subject: FW: 11Jun06 PSD Incident Report

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Attached are the statements and incident reports from the recent PSD shoot.

Tony

From: David T. Rogers
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2006 5:06 PM
To: Smith, Anthony G (Baghdad)
Subject: Fwd: 11Jun06 PSD Incident Report

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Tony,

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This is the summary and the statements from the shooting in Tikrit. Let me know if you have any questions.

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Note: forwarded message attached.

David T. Rogers
WPPS Project Manager
Blackwater USA
Baghdad, Iraq
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PSD INCIDENT REPORT

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Date of Incident	06/16/06	Time of Incident	2040

Type of Incident <i>(i.e. Use of Lethal Force/Use of Non or Less Lethal Force/Disruption Devices Deployed/Ambush)</i>	Black Water Aviation Received SAF
Location of Incident <i>(Describe location in detail. Include route name, local landmarks, grid coordinates if known, etc.)</i>	Vicinity [redacted] Old Nuke Plant b2
Description of Incident <i>(Describe in detail the nature of the incident, all personnel involved, Principle(s) involved, injuries, if any other US government and/or NGOs involved, other foreign nationals, TCNs and/or non-US government agencies involved, etc.)</i>	Blackwater [redacted] was the [redacted] aircraft in a flight of [redacted] conducting NVG confined area and roof top training. Vicinity [redacted] @ approximately 2040 hours. Lead aircraft Blackwater [redacted] gunners heard the SAF and reported it to there flight crew, BW's [redacted] fit crew then called BW [redacted] and reported that SAF was heard in there direction. Unknown at that time to them, that they had received 1 round of SAF, light damage. No rounds were fired buy either BW [redacted] or [redacted]. Both aircraft completed the remaining training and returned to LZW without further incident. The aircrew found the damage during post flight inspection. b2 b2
Action Taken <i>(Describe in detail what actions were taken, i.e. deployed pin flares, deployed specific weapons systems, etc.)</i>	Reported to Blackwater TOC
Follow-Up Required <i>(Indicate what if any follow-up action is required, i.e. further investigation, notifications, etc.)</i>	none

Operator(s) Involved	[redacted]	Vehicle(s) Involved	A/C [redacted]	Team(s) Involved	[redacted]
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I would like to make the following statement on the events that took place on 25 June 2006 at 1044 hrs. The events took place at grid [REDACTED] the intersection of Route [REDACTED] and Route [REDACTED]. I am currently assigned to Team [REDACTED] Baqubah, Iraq. I hold the position of [REDACTED] During motorcade operations I [REDACTED] am assigned to the Counter Assault Team (CAT) as the [REDACTED] Door Gunner. The following individuals are also assigned to the CAT vehicle:

We were tasked to escort and provide security for 1 (one) Department of State Diplomat and 1 (one) Interpreter to, from, and at The Governance Center. We departed FOB Warhorse at approximately 1040hrs. As members of the Counter Assault Team (CAT) we are responsible for occupying and securing any entrance and exit avenues along our route. Upon exiting FOB Warhorse, the CAT proceeded

along Route [REDACTED]

At 1045hrs [REDACTED] and myself dismounted from the CAT vehicle in order to secure the road. We moved ahead of the CAT approximately 10 meters. The motorcade was moving slowly to our rear (East of our location). I established security, oriented to the South. There was no traffic proceeding from the South. I then oriented to the North in order to aid in halting the traffic in that direction. I began flagging my weapon in an exaggerated manner as well as flashing my Sure Fire Tactical Light. Three (3) vehicles traveling from the North pulled to the West side of the road and stopped. A Blue Bongo Truck proceeded to drive around the three (3) stopped vehicles, at a high rate of speed. I continued to aggressively flag my weapon and flash my light. I repeatedly verbalized the command "QIF!", Arabic for "Stop".

The [REDACTED] Turret Gunner, [REDACTED] deployed a red Pen Flare in the direction of the Truck. The Truck continued in the Southbound lane at a high rate of speed. I took 4 additional steps into the road in order to silhouette myself to the driver. I continued to flag my weapon and shout "QIF". The vehicle approached within [REDACTED] meters of the CAT Vehicle and I and [REDACTED] meters of the Motorcade to include the Limo. I then Fired three (3) rounds from my [REDACTED] into the front grill of the truck. The truck continued at the same speed. I then fired one more round at the grill then moved upward to the driver's windshield where I fired three (3) more rounds. The truck did not slow and continued past.

The truck came to a complete stop approximately 150 meters to the South of my location. I continued to observe the vehicle and my southern sector. Once we were confident there was no longer a threat, the motorcade proceeded South along Route [REDACTED]. I observed the Driver of the Truck exit his vehicle and wave his hands. The driver then moved to the West side of the road behind his Truck. I occupied my position within the CAT vehicle and we joined the motorcade along Route [REDACTED]

Action Taken
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Date of Incident	25June06	Time of Incident	10:44	
Type of Incident <i>(i.e. Use of Lethal Force/Use of Non or Less Lethal Force/Distraction Devices Deployed/Ambush)</i>	Disabling Vehicle Shoot			
Location of Incident <i>(Describe location in detail. Include route name, local landmarks, grid coordinates if known, etc.)</i>	Baqubah, Iraq Route Victory b6 b7C Vic. Grid# b2			
Description of Incident <i>(Describe in detail the nature of the incident, all personnel involved, Principle(s) involved, injuries, if any, other US government and/or NGOs involved, other foreign nationals, TCNs and/or non-US government agencies involved, etc.)</i>	I _____, Served In the Marine Corps from _____ b6 b7C			
I have work for Team _____ as part of the Counter Assault Team. The _____ Counter Assault Team is assembled as follows: I _____ am assigned as _____ When _____ departs a venue the Counter Assault Team is tasked with moving to the intersection, _____ b2				
While exiting Route _____ onto Route _____ at above stated time and date. I was assigned as the _____ and my primary weapon was the Department of State issued _____ in the Counter Assault Team (CAT) Vehicle. The CAT Vehicle is a US Military HUMMV, painted Desert Tan with a turret and a bright red, 3' X 3', warning sign that states in both Arabic and English, "Convoy ahead, stay back 100 meters". As the motorcade came to the intersection of route _____, I dismounted the vehicle to help stop traffic. The CAT Vehicle then pulled into the intersection to take the road. A blue bongo traveling at a high rate of speed from the North heading south bound, passed three vehicles that had already stopped on the side of the road. As the bongo passed the other vehicles, approximately 10 meters from my position, I shined my Sure b2 b6 b7C				

Fire Light at him. This was an attempt to gain the attention of the driver of the vehicle. I then yelled for driver of the vehicle to stop and I fired a pen flare at the vehicle. The threat vehicle did not slow at all. I then saw [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] engage the threat vehicle. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were standing directly between the CAT vehicle and the oncoming threat. Therefore I could not safely engage the target. The vehicle came to a stop shortly after being engaged. The motorcade then passed us and we pulled away and continued with our movement.

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END OF STATEMENT

Action Taken <i>(Describe in detail what actions were taken, i.e. deployed pin flares, deployed specific weapons systems, etc.)</i>	I secured my sector and gave a situation report to the CAT Team Leader.
Follow-Up Required <i>(Indicate what if any follow-up action is required, i.e. further investigation, notifications, etc.)</i>	Report to higher

Operator(s) Involved	Report by: _____ Counter Assault Team	b6 b7c	Vehicle(s) Involved	CAT HUMMVV	Team(s) Involved	b2
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Date of Incident	25JUN06	Time of Incident	10:44
Type of Incident	Disabling Shoot		
Location of Incident	Exiting FOB Warhorse from North Gate while turning south bound from route onto route		
Description of Incident	At the above date, time and location Blackwater PSD team was running a mission from FOB Warhorse to the Baqubah Governance Center. The motorcade consisted		
<p>The North Gate of FOB Warhorse is configured so that once a vehicle exits the gate onto route it is forced to turn left due to jersey barriers blocking the right turn. After making the left turn the vehicle must stay in the left lane due to jersey barriers that run down the center of the road. The jersey barriers continue on to the T-intersection of route and . Upon exiting the North Gate of FOB Warhorse it is per E30's SOP that</p> <p>During this particular incident the CAT vehicle had pushed forward of the motorcade and was entering the T-intersection of route and route . The CAT came to a halt and the CAT team deployed from the vehicle. It was at this time that a blue bongo truck traveling south bound on route Victory swerved around stop traffic and continued on in the direction of the CAT vehicle. The turret gunner, shot a pen flare to the north to get the drivers attention. At the same time , TC, , right gunner, and , left gunner, began initiating physical and verbal warnings to the driver. With no signs of stopping and beginning engaging the vehicle with their until the vehicle passed the CAT vehicle and eventually came to a halt on the side of the road. The driver exited the vehicle and showed his hands. The driver appeared to be unharmed by the incident.</p>			

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END OF STATEMENT REPLACES DRAFT	
Action Taken <small>(describe in detail what actions were taken, i.e. destroyed or torched vehicles, deployed specific weapons, systems, etc.)</small>	Deployed a pen flare and the <u>b7c</u>
Follow-up Required <small>(indicate what any follow-up action is required, i.e. further investigation, notifications, etc.)</small>	N/A

Operator(s) Involved	TC) <u>b6</u> <u>b7c</u> gunner (right <u>b7c</u> gunner) (left <u>b7c</u> gunner) (turret <u>b7c</u> gunner)	Vehicle(s) Involved <u>b6</u> <u>b7c</u>	CAT vehicle	Team(s) Involved <u>b6</u> <u>b7c</u>
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Date of Incident	06-25-06	Time of Incident	10:44
Type of Incident	Disabling shoot		
Location of Incident	Ba'qubah, Iraq b2		
Description of Incident	<p>I served in the US Marines from [redacted] b6 b7c b2</p> <p>On the 25th of June 2006 I [redacted] was assigned to the Counter Assault Vehicle with [redacted] as the [redacted] door gunner. On this day we were escorting a State Department Official to the Government Center in the city of Baqubah. As we the Counter Assault Vehicle came out of the gate we made our way to MSR Victory [redacted]. We then dismounted the vehicle. I stopped traffic to the north of my location. The CAT HMMWV pulled up on to the road making itself visible to traffic. There was oncoming traffic traveling south bound. Three vehicles came to a complete stop about 50 meters away. At that point I noticed a blue bongo truck driving aggressively around the stopped traffic at a high rate of speed. The bongo truck also appeared to be heavy, and made no attempt to stop. As the bongo truck passed the stopped vehicles I started giving verbal and hand and arm signals to stop. I began flashing my State Department issued Surefire flashlight at the vehicle in an attempt to gain the driver's attention to stop. The turret gunner fired a pen flare at the bongo, the vehicle continued to drive in an aggressive manner in our direction.</p> <p>The Counter Assault Vehicle has a sign that says stay back 100 meters, in both English and Arabic. The sign was facing in the direction of the vehicle. The threat vehicle refused to comply with all of the warnings (both verbal and visual) to stop and continued to approach.</p> <p>I placed 5 well aimed shots at the front grill area of the threat vehicle when it was approximately [redacted] meters away. After passing our vehicle the threat vehicle then slowed to a stop. After the incident we continued to the Governance Center with no further incidents.</p>		
Action Taken	Fired 5 well aimed shots. b2		

7) Describe in detail what actions were taken, i.e., deployed armament, deployed active/inactive weapons systems, etc.		
Follow-Up Required Indicate what, if any, follow-up action is required, i.e., further investigation, notifications, etc.		
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PSD INCIDENT REPORT

Date of Incident	25 June 2006	Time of Incident	10:44 hrs
Type of Incident	Disabling Vehicle Shoot		
(i.e. Use of Lethal Force/Use of Non or Less Lethal Force/Distracting Devices Deployed/Ambush)			
Location of Incident	Intersection of Route [redacted] and Route [redacted] Baqubah, Iraq		
Description of Incident	<p>(Describe in detail the nature of the incident, all personnel involved, Principle(s) involved, injuries, if any, other US government and/or NGOs involved, other foreign nationals, TCNs and/or non-US government agencies involved, etc.)</p> <p>I began my military career in [redacted]</p> <p>I was hired by Blackwater based on my past knowledge and tactical experience. I have successfully completed all the requirements and training under the guidelines set by the Department of State for Diplomatic Security Services (DSS). I'm currently working for Backwater Security Consulting, a contracting company for the Department of State. I work Principal Security Details based out of FOB Warhorse, Ba'qubah, Iraq.</p> <p>On 25 June, 2006 I was part of Team [redacted] traveling in the Counter Assault Team Vehicle (CAT). The Counter Assault Team's mission upon entering or leaving a venue is to secure the road for the motorcade.</p> <p>At approximately 1040hrs the motorcade departed the North Gate of FOB Warhorse, Baqubah Iraq. Traveling west on Route [redacted], the CAT Vehicle moved ahead of the other [redacted] vehicles in the motorcade to stop traffic in front of the exit gate.</p> <p>At the intersection of Route [redacted] and Route [redacted] Vicinity Grid [redacted] the Right Rear Protective Security Specialist [redacted] and Left Rear Protective Security Specialist [redacted] and myself, the CAT Vehicle [redacted] exited the vehicle to stop traffic for the motorcade. When both the North and South bound traffic on Route [redacted] was halted I called the Tactical Commander over the radio and told him that the Intersection was secured!</p> <p>North Gate. On the back of the CAT HMMWV is a large sign which reads "Convoy ahead stay back 100 meters" in both the Arabic and English languages.</p> <p>As the motorcade was approaching the intersection from the east, a heavily laden Songo truck that was blue in color was traveling south bound on Route [redacted] at a high rate of speed. The vehicle made no attempt to slow</p>		

down and went around the stopped south bound traffic that was stopped approximately 50 meters north of our location. The Rear PSS Gunner

shot a red pin flare in the direction of the vehicle in an attempt to gain the attention of the driver and halt the vehicle. As the threat vehicle swerved around the halted traffic I began flashing my surefire tactical light at the driver. I then began to yelling "Oif" Arabic for stop while waving my weapon up and down. The threat vehicle continued to increase speed toward the motorcade.

When the threat vehicle was approximately [] meters from my location, I raised my Department of State Issued [] and used the issued [] to aim in on the engine compartment of the threat vehicle. The driver disregarded the verbal and visual warnings that I gave and continued on a fast and aggressive approach toward our motorcade

The driver of this vehicle refused to comply with all warnings given. Fearing for the lives of my principle, teammates, and myself: And after exhausting all other means to stop the threat vehicle I escalated force to stop the vehicle. At approximately [] meters from my location, I placed 4 well aimed shots into the front grill area of the vehicle. The threat vehicle made no attempt to slow or stop. I then placed 3 more shots in to the front windshield of the vehicle

After passing our location the vehicle swerved off the road and came to a stop. The driver exited out of the vehicle and began waving his hands, he appeared to be unharmed.

Action Taken

(Describe in detail what actions were taken, i.e. deployed pin flares, deployed specific weapons systems, etc.)

Reported to Higher

Follow-Up Required

(Indicate what if any follow-up action is required, i.e. further investigation, notifications, etc.)

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Date of Incident: 25 June 06 Time of Incident: 0930

Type of Incident:

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Location of Incident:

(Describe location in detail. Include route name, local landmarks and coordinates if known/etc.)

Description of Incident:

(Describe in detail the nature of the incident, all personnel involved, principle US involved injuries, if any, other US government and/or NGOs involved, other foreign nationals, IGOs and/or non-US government agencies involved, etc.)

At 0900, the Blackwater Advance team, consisting of white Suburbans with a total of PSS, departed COB Speicher enroute to . The motorcade lead and fighting follow consisting of Suburban with a total of PSS were staged at the front gate to provide QRF for the Advance team, while the limo consisting of was at the Office. At that time I called into ROK TOC that we were departing the COB to . They reported to me that on our route that the Southern Bypass was in code. I then called over the radio to the Advance team SL that the Southern Bypass was in code. I decided to take our route into the city. At 0910 our point of contact informed our client that was a no go. I then called and told him to not take the route, that we just got word that it was a no go. They decided to continue with the route. I called the AIC, and told him to inform our client that all of our routes were code. At 0915, our client then decided to not go, I then called and canceled the Mission, at that time he was on and the site looked ok. He departed enroute back to COB Speicher as requested by me. Then at 0920, the client then decided to go with the Army later on when the roads were open. I told the AIC to inform her no. Since she is our responsibility, and since the Advance was already there, I decided to go ahead with the mission since the advance was right there. I called them back and told them to clear they were only at . They turned around and headed to . I told the AIC to load the client and that we were heading out. At 0928 the team arrived at once they were there, at approx 0939 I called over the radio the brevity that the site was hot and not good to go. I called to me and reported that they were taking fire from different directions and they were taking cover. He informed me that they would depart once cleared. No one was reported hurt, no injuries, no shots were fired back. I told them to head back ASAP once they were cleared. At 0940 they loaded up and departed enroute to COB SPEICHER.

Action Taken:

(Describe in detail what actions were taken, i.e. deployed pin flares, deployed specific weapons systems, etc.)

Follow-Up Required:

(Indicate what if any follow-up action is required, i.e. further investigation, notifications, etc.)

I. the told the Advance to depart ASAP back to COB Speicher. I reported it to Big Army and to Kirkuk Ops.

Notify Department of State

Operator(s) Involved:

Tikrit SET Team
Advance

Vehicle(s) Involved:

Team(s) Involved:

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

24 Jun 2006

Spot Report - 062506-01

Subject: Small Arms Fire causes cancellation of Tikrit SET/PRT mission.

Reporting Office: REO Kirkuk – Regional Security Officer

Summary: On June 25, 2006, ~ 0930hrs, the Blackwater Separate Embedded Team (SET) Provisional Reconstruction Team (PRT) advance team came under small arms fire in front of the Tikrit Government building at [REDACTED]. The team initially took cover behind their vehicles and a large berm until the firing subsided. After about 10 minutes, the firing cleared and the team returned to FOB Speicher without incident. The mission was cancelled and all COM personnel were secured on the FOB. The team did not return fire and the Fully Armored Vehicle (FAV) were not damaged.

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The SAF attack in Tikrit follows the US military detention and subsequent release of Sheik Jamal al-Din Abdul Karim Al Dabban in Tikrit. Large crowds had gathered earlier demanding his release.

RSO Action: Movements to the Government building on hold until more site security can be initiated. Awaiting PSD debrief and will pass details for exploitation to RSO Baghdad TOC.

Location: Tikrit, Iraq

Drafted By: Sam Pihula, Watch Officer, RSC TGC Baghdad

Blackwater USA	Statement Form		Date/Time of Statement 11/30/2007 3:07 PM
Name <i>b6 b7c</i>	Team	Incident Type Disabling Vehicle Shoot	(P) <i>b6 b7c</i>
Location Of Incident (Grid or Terrain Feature) <i>b6 b7c</i>	Incident Time <i>b2</i> 16:22	Incident Date <i>06-27-06</i>	<i>b6 b7c</i>

I, [REDACTED] would like to make the following statement on the events that took place on 27 June 2006 at 1622 hrs. The event took place at grid [REDACTED] traveling North on Route [REDACTED] prior to [REDACTED] Scunion Circle. W OCT 9

I am currently assigned to Team [REDACTED] Baqubah, Iraq. I hold the position of [REDACTED] Personnel. Within the scope of motorcade operations I am assigned to the [REDACTED] Vehicle as the [REDACTED]. On this day the following individuals were also assigned to the [REDACTED] Vehicle:

We were tasked to escort and provide security for 1 (one) Department of State Diplomat and 1 (one) interpreter, and 2 (two) personnel from the United States Army to/from, and at the Baqubah Governance Center. We departed the Governance Center at approximately 1550 hrs. As members of the [REDACTED] Vehicle Team our primary responsibility is to provide coverage and protection [REDACTED]. The secondary responsibility is to [REDACTED]

As the motorcade approached the incident location a call was made via radio of 3 (three) static vehicles which had pulled onto the gravel shoulder on the left side of the approaching motorcade. Of these static vehicles which will be referred to as vehicle 1 (one), the first vehicle that we passed. The description of the vehicle was a blue van that had pulled significantly off of the road and onto the gravel shoulder. The distance from the edge of the asphalt to the first vehicle was approximately 6 (six) feet. Vehicle 2 (two, middle vehicle) which will be referred to as the "Threat vehicle" was located on the gravel shoulder close to the edge of the asphalt. The description of the "Threat Vehicle" was also a blue van, with tinted windows, containing 1 (one) male occupant. The vehicle's description match the description given of one of the vehicles that were listed on the mornings Intelligence brief as a "Be On The Lookout vehicle" (BOLO List). The BOLO listed the vehicle as a possible "Vehicle Born Improvised Explosive Device" (VBIED) residing in the Ba'Qubah area. Vehicle 3 (three, last vehicle) was a 4 (four) door orange/grey painted taxi. The vehicles and occupants were visible as they were passed by the motorcade. This section of Route [REDACTED] is a "straight away" containing no obstructions which could have hindered the "Threat Vehicles" view of the oncoming traffic.

Approximately [REDACTED] behind the [REDACTED] vehicle the Counter Assault Vehicle (CAT) was providing rear security. The turret gunner [REDACTED] at this point in time was facing south at the 6 (six) O'clock position. As the Follow Vehicle pulled past the "Threat Vehicle" I noticed the rear bumper "dip" on the "Threat Vehicle" consistent with a hard acceleration. I also noticed immediately after the bumper "dropped" that the driver's side front tire moved to a 45 (forty-five) degree angle toward the asphalt and the vehicle "rocked" as it progressed onto the road at the same angle. The "Threat Vehicle" moved past Vehicle 1 (one), in a linear angle toward the center of the roadway and the oncoming CAT unit. A collision between the "Threat Vehicle" and the CAT vehicle appeared imminent. As the "Threat Vehicle's" front bumper crossed the centerline of the roadway I fired 2 (two) rounds from the Dept. of State issued [REDACTED] into the Left rear corner of the vehicle. This action caused [REDACTED]

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the vehicle to abruptly stop, characterized by the front bumper "dipping", and turn in the opposite direction of travel at a slow roll coming to rest a short distance in front of Vehicle 1 (one). In reassessment, the "Threat Vehicle" appeared at this time to be of no further danger to the oncoming CAT vehicle which passed safely without complications.

The motorcade proceeded to the endpoint destination at FOB WARHORSE and arrived at approximately 1630 hrs.

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Name	b6 b7c	Team	Incident Type
Location Of Incident (Grid or Terrain Feature)	Route	b2	Incident Time 16:22
			Incident Date 06/27/2006

On 06/27/2006 at approximately 16:22 Team [redacted] was returning from a mission at the Baqubah Governance Center. The motorcade consisted of [redacted]

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The motorcade was traveling North Bound on Route [redacted]. The convoy was traveling North bound in the South bound lanes of [redacted] (counter-flowing). The convoy was just South of Scunion Circle and was at grid [redacted]. The oncoming vehicles were pulling off and stopping on the west side of the roadway as the motorcade approached them. The Counter Assault Vehicle was approximately [redacted] behind the Follow Vehicle. Three vehicles had pulled to the side of the road and were waiting for the motorcade to pass. The center vehicle was a blue van. Once the [redacted] vehicles passed the group of three vehicles the middle vehicle (blue van) quickly accelerated into the roadway at a sharp angle. [redacted] (Well Gunner of the Follow Vehicle) observed the aggressive move. [redacted] felt that the blue van was an immediate danger to the Counter Assault Vehicle and its occupants.

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[redacted] also observed that the turret gunner in the CAT vehicle was oriented to the South and away from the imminent threat. By [redacted] experience and the actions of the threat vehicle [redacted] believed that the vehicle was possibly a Vehicle Bourne Improvised Explosive Device. [redacted] had no other means of lesser force to use but his primary weapon to disable the threat. [redacted] fired two rounds with the [redacted] fired the rounds at the rear left quarter [redacted] panel of the threat vehicle. The threat vehicle then abruptly turned back toward the shoulder and again stopped. The CAT Vehicle passed the threat vehicle without incident. The motorcade continued to FOB Warhorse without further incident. The incident was then immediately reported to the Chain of Command in Baghdad.

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Spot Report - 070306-01

Subject: REO Kirkuk PSD Team fires on aggressive vehicle.

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Kirkuk

Summary: Blackwater PSD Team fires one round at an approaching vehicle. No apparent injuries to occupants.

Report: On July 3, 2006 at approximately 0845 hrs, a Blackwater PSD Team en route from REO Kirkuk to the USAID Compound in downtown Erbil encountered an aggressive vehicle. The motorcade was traveling north on MSR [] Highway [] at approximately []. At the time of the incident, the motorcade was stopped at an Erbil police checkpoint due to traffic congestion. As the motorcade was stopped, the left rear observed a red sedan move around stopped traffic into the incoming lane. The vehicle then approached the motorcade. The left rear used hand signals in an attempt to gain the attention of the driver of the vehicle. As the vehicle approached within [] meters of the motorcade, the left rear observed two military aged males one armed with an AK-47. The left rear then fired one round into the grill of the vehicle in an effort to stop the vehicle. The vehicle then came to a complete stop. Two occupants exited the vehicle dressed in camouflage fatigues without apparent injuries. The motorcade was then allowed by Kurdish security forces to proceed through the checkpoint without further incident.

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RSO Action: PSD members submitting statements
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Location: Erbil Police checkpoint Erbil, Iraq

Drafted by: ARSO Patrick DePalmer, Kirkuk, Iraq

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**U.S. EMBASSY-BAGHDAD**

13 July 2006

Spot Report - 071306-01**Subject:** COM PSD Team Fires on Aggressive Vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:** COM PSD fires multiple rounds into an aggressive vehicle.

On 13 July 2006 at approximately 1020 hrs, a COM PSD Tactical Support Team (TST) en route from the International Zone to Ministry of Health encountered an aggressive vehicle. The TST was stopped in a traffic circle when a vehicle with two military age male (MAM) occupants broke out of the stopped traffic, and drove around an Iraqi Police traffic controller. The turret gunner observed the aggressive vehicle approaching the TST and gave hand and verbal signals to get the driver to back off. The driver ignored the signals and the car continued to advance to within [] meters from the [] vehicle TST convoy. The turret gunner ([] vehicle) fired two rounds into the grill to stop the vehicle. The vehicle came to a controlled stop approx 5-10 meters from the TST. No injuries were evident. The TST continued to the venue without incident. No COM personnel were injured and there were no principals in the TST convoy.

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RSO Action: RSO conducting investigation. Statements will be forwarded separately.**Location:** Red Zone, Baghdad, Iraq

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Drafted by: Roque Salas, RSO TOC Watch Officer, Baghdad, Iraq

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Sworn Statement

Date 13 July 2006	Time 1015hrs
Location [Redacted] b2	

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I, [Redacted], hereby make the following statement at the request of [Redacted], who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I understand that this statement is made in furtherance of an official administrative inquiry regarding potential misconduct or improper performance of official duties and that disciplinary action, including dismissal from the Department's Worldwide Personnel Protective Services contract, may be undertaken if I refuse to provide this statement or fail to do so fully and truthfully. I further understand that neither my statements nor any information or evidence gained by reason of my statements can be used against me in a criminal proceeding, except that if I knowingly and willfully provide false statements or information, I may be criminally prosecuted for that action under 18 United States Code, Section 1001. I agree that the statements I furnish and any information or evidence resulting there from may be used in the course of disciplinary proceedings, which could result in disciplinary action, including dismissal.

I [Redacted] state the the following is a summary of my relevant experience in regards to being a witness of this incident.

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In _____ I successfully completed Blackwaters DSS high threat training and vetting before deploying to Iraq on _____. I started protective detail work at the Kirkuk Regional Embassy office before moving to one of the QRF teams in Baghdad, Iraq in _____.

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On July 13, 2006 at approximately 1015 hours, I was driving the █ Bearcat for Team █ while supporting Team █ in the Medical City area. While traveling northwest from bridge █ in the █ vehicle of our detail I observed a grey sedan occupied by what appeared to be two males approaching quickly from our left side despite an IP present who was stopping traffic. The listed vehicle was first observed by me at approximately the 10 o'clock position as my vehicle was about to enter the traffic circle at █. I continued to sound our siren and veer to the right in order to put as much space as possible between us and the approaching grey sedan. I then heard our up gunner █ yell "Kiff" followed quickly by two shots fired. END

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I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

DECLARATION

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WPPS Camp Baghdad	

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this _____ day of
_____, 20_____.

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SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

Witness Signature	
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Location Of Incident (Grid or Terrain Feature)	b2	Incident Time Aprx.1015	Incident Date 13 July 2006

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On Thursday July 13, 2006 at 0700 hours [] Tactical Support Team conducted a daily operations Mission Brief to support all teams operating in the red zone for the day. [] Mission Brief includes: an intelligence brief; routes, times and venue locations of the teams operating for the day; a brief of our movement; and ends with the rules of engagement.

At approximately 1000 hours, after assisting [] with a vehicle down due to mechanical problems, [] departed check point [] in support of [] to Ministry of Health. As [] approached the traffic circle of [] the Iraqi Police on duty halted all vehicles at the traffic circle, at this time the traffic circle was clear of all vehicles which allowed the first and second vehicle of our [] motorcade to enter the traffic circle. As the [] vehicle [] vehicle in the motorcade) approached the traffic circle [] a light blue-gray, four door sedan vehicle with two male occupants by-passed the Iraqi policeman and all other stopped traffic at a high rate of speed and towards our vehicles. The four door sedan was given physical and verbal warnings to stop by [] vehicle turret gunner []. The vehicle failed to yield to the verbal and physical warnings and when the vehicle had closed to within [] meters of the motorcade [] fired two shots aimed at the grill / hood area of the vehicle. Due to the speed of the vehicle, and the swerve of our driver to avoid the vehicle, I observed the rounds impact the lower windshield area of the sedan, injuries were unknown. After our vehicle swerved to avoid contact with the sedan, the vehicle stopped approximately 5 to 10 meters from our vehicle. Shortly after [] passed the traffic circle, the Iraqi police approached the sedan, and a crowd of over 50 people formed around []. At this time [] continued to the Ministry of Health to support [] in that known high threat area. We continued on mission without further incident.

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Date	13 July 2006	Time	Approximately 1020 hrs
Location	[Redacted]		

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[Redacted] b6 b7c , hereby make the following statement at the request of [Redacted], who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I understand that this statement is made in furtherance of an official administrative inquiry regarding potential misconduct or improper performance of official duties and that disciplinary action, including dismissal from the Department's Worldwide Personnel Protective Services contract, may be undertaken if I refuse to provide this statement or fail to do so fully and truthfully. I further understand that neither my statements nor any information or evidence gained by reason of my statements can be used against me in a criminal proceeding, except that if I knowingly and willfully provide false statements or information, I may be criminally prosecuted for that action under 18 United States Code, Section 1001. I agree that the statements I furnish and any information or evidence resulting there from may be used in the course of disciplinary proceedings, which could result in disciplinary action, including dismissal.

I, [Redacted] b6 b7c served in the United States Marine Corps. From [Redacted]

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In [redacted] I was hired by Blackwater USA. After attending WPPS training I was deployed to [redacted] Baghdad, Iraq and have been working there since. I have been on the TST team ever since. b2

On July 13, 2006 I was working as a member of a Tactical Support Team on Team [redacted]. I was part of a [redacted] motorcade and assigned turret gunner of the [redacted] vehicle which is the [redacted] vehicle in the convoy. We had departed the International zone in support of Team [redacted] and were just northeast of bridge [redacted] traveling in a northwest direction approaching a traffic circle known as [redacted]. We were operating in a part of Baghdad where para-military forces are known to be hostile toward U.S. presence and attacks on U.S. Military and Civilians are common. As we approached the traffic circle at [redacted] Iraqi Police stopped all traffic for our motorcade which used sirens and flashing lights to warn oncoming traffic. Our lead Mamba went through with no problems and exited straight through to the other side of the traffic circle. The ERV also entered and exited the traffic circle with no problems. As our vehicle entered the traffic circle, I observed a blue/grey sedan weave around stopped vehicles at a high rate of speed and head directly toward our vehicle from my 11 o'clock position. The two (2) Iraqi males ignored the IP who was motioning for them to stop and was erratically heading toward our vehicle. At this time I yelled "kiff, kiff, kiff" and gave the visual hand signals to stop, by this time they were approximately [redacted] meters away the driver of my vehicle swerved right to put more stand off between the sedan and us. They still didn't slow or stop and ignored my warnings and knowing that insurgents are increasingly using VBIED's occupied by two subjects, I fired two (2) rounds from my [redacted] aiming at the grill of the vehicle to disable the car. After the second shot the car came to a controlled stop. At this time our convoy kept moving in support of our mission. Injuries are unknown. b2

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I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

Signed <i>b6 b7c</i>
Printed
Address
WPPS Camp Baghdad

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this [redacted] day of [redacted]

Signed

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SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

Witness Signature

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IED Attack: 161125Jul06. MNF was contacted by an IED at [REDACTED] 2 x T3 sustained and they were moved to BAS Medical Center for treatment. ATO cleared the area.

Possible VBIED: 161300Jul06 Possible VBIED area to avoid [REDACTED] PSC just reported that a RED 4 DOOR TOYOTA SALOON was indicated to them as a VBIED.

Demonstration: 161350Jul06 Demonstrations planned to occur around [REDACTED] - NW of Basrah.

IDF Attack: 161408Jul06 IDF Attack on SAAH. The SAAH was attacked by 4 x rounds of unknown IDF. FP was in the area of [REDACTED] No rounds landed in camp and no casualties were sustained.

RPG/SAF Attack: 161729Jul06 RPG/SAF attack on the OLD STATE BUILDING consisting of 1 x RPG followed immediately by 50-60 rounds of single and automatic SAF. The FP was from an alleyway and the two LBW gunmen were observed. [REDACTED] returned 10-12 rounds. There were no reported casualties or damage.

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Demonstration: 161905Jul06 a peaceful demonstration took place outside BASRAH Palace, involving approximately 30+ Iraqis. Some of the protestors were carrying weapons. No reason was reported for the event, which dispersed peacefully at 2130hours.

Multiple IDF Attacks: 162135Jul06 Multiple IDF attacks on BASRAH Palace. BASRAH Palace came under a 30 minute IDF attack from 3 separate firing points in the AL TIMINYAH and AL QUIBLA Districts. 9 x rockets and 4 x mortars were fired in total. There were no casualties or damage reported.

IDF Attack: 162235Jul06 IDF attack on the OLD STATE BUILDING, consisting of 4 x mortars. There were no casualties or damage reported.

IDF Attack: 162244Jul06 IDF attack on BASRAH AIR STATION, consisting of 2 x rockets (122mm). Multiples deployed to the FPs to [REDACTED] Oil Protection Force (OPF) policemen at the FP stated that they observed 4 UKMs on 2 x motorbikes setting up 2 FPs. After the launch of the first rocket, the OPS engaged the UKMs with 2 rounds. UKMs departed in the direction of BASRAH City following the launch of the second rocket. There were no casualties.

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IDF Team Observed and Engaged: 162244Jul06 a MNF patrol in the [REDACTED] District observed a rocket launch in the area of [REDACTED] (assessed to be the attack on BAS).

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While moving to the area, the patrol identified what they believed to be 5 x mortar rounds being launched at the SAAH from FP at [redacted] The patrol engaged the mortar team with 15 rounds of SAF at which point the team extracted. b2

IDF Attack: 162244Jul06 IDF attack on the SHATT AL ARAB HOTEL, consisting of 5 x rockets. The fire team was engaged by an MNF patrol, no casualties reported.

IDF Attack: 162252Jul06 IDF attack on BASRAH AIR STATION, consisting of 6 x rockets. The Oil Protection Force reported seeing 4 x unknown males leave the suspected FP on 2 x motorcycles. OPF engaged suspects but they drove off in the direction of the city.

IDF Attack: 162333Jul06 IDF attack on BASRAH Palace consisting of 4 x rockets. There were no casualties or damage reported.

IDF Attack: 162348Jul06 Second IDF attack on the OLD STATE BUILDING, consisting of 4 x mortars (unknown size). There were no casualties or damage reported.

IDF Attack: 170138Jul06 IDF attack on the SAAH by 1 x rocket.. FP at [redacted] in b2 the AL JUMIRAYHA District.

SAF Attack: 170155Jul06 SAF attack on a [redacted] at the OLD STATE BUILDING. b2 Approximately 15-20 rounds fired, no rounds returned. There were no casualties or damage reported.

RPG Attack: 170309Jul06 an MNF patrol was attacked with an RPG round IVO [redacted] b2 AI AMARAH. Two attackers were identified, with an RPG the other with a LBW. The attackers were engaged by MNF and they believe they hit at least one of the attackers.

IDF Attack: 170322Jul06 IDF attack on BASRAH Palace consisting of 1 x mortar. There were no casualties or damage reported.

IDF Attack: 170411Jul06 IDF attack on BASRAH Palace consisting of 1 x mortar. There were no casualties or damage reported.

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Hijacking: At 152100DJUL06 at [redacted] b2 reported the hijacking of a black Toyota 'Cresta' VRN [redacted]. The car belonged to [redacted] b6 b7c

Kidnapping: At 160550DJUL06 at [redacted] (AL QURNAH region), b2 reported 5 x UKMs driving a white Toyota 'mark 2' kidnapped 3 x UKPs from their car. The UKPs were stopped on the side of the road at the time and were driving a Blue Scania VRN [redacted] b6 b7c

Find of a Body: At 160650DJUL06 at [redacted] (AMTEYHA region), b2 reported finding the body of an UKM. The body had 1 x bullet wound to the stomach from a 9mm pistol.

Fighting: At 160700DJUL06 at [redacted] (AL DAYR region), [redacted] reported tribal fighting between the ALGARAMSHA tribe. No casualties or damage were reported.

Protesting: At 160730DJUL06 at [redacted] (AL REOMEELAH region), [redacted] reported 25 x UKMs carrying small arms blocked the road leading to the oil company. They were demonstrating due to the lack of jobs in the region.

Hijacking: At 160745DJUL06 at [redacted] (MANAWEE BASRAH region), [redacted] reported 2 x UKMs carrying small arms and driving a white Datsun hijacked a white Toyota Landcruiser. The Landcruiser was a government vehicle belonging to the BASRA Municipality Council district.

Theft: At 161000DJUL06 at [redacted] (HAY AL-ZUHRAA region), [redacted] reported the theft of a white Toyota 'super saloon' VRN [redacted]. The vehicle belonged to [redacted]

Explosion: At 161140DJUL06 at [redacted] (AZUBAYR region), IPS reported the explosion of an IED. It is assessed the IED was armed to target an MNF patrol. Minor damage was reported to an MNF vehicle.

Hijacking: At 161315DJUL06 at [redacted] (AZUBAYR region), [redacted] reported 2 x UKMs hijacked a cream Toyota 'Cresta' VRN [redacted]. The car belonged to [redacted]

Arrest: At 161600DJUL06 at [redacted] (AL-MAQIL AL KAINDI region), [redacted] reported a joint operation between the [redacted] to arrest the following persons:

1. [redacted]
2. [redacted]
3. [redacted]
4. [redacted]

The patrol also found 2 x AK47 variants, a small amount of ammunition and 4 x mobile phones. All the suspects have been arrested and the finds were taken to the [redacted] HQ for investigation.

Find: At 161600DJUL06 at [redacted] (HAY AL-HUSSAIN region), a group of civilians reported finding an un-used 107mm Chinese rocket. IPS and SOCO were called to remove the rocket for a controlled explosion.

Rocket Attack: At 161615DJUL06 at [redacted] (GARMAT ALI region), IPS reported 1 x 107mm Chinese rocket being fired. The rocket landed IVO [redacted] No damage or injuries were reported. IPS and SOCO were tasked to the scene.

Rocket Attack: At 161625DJUL06 at [redacted] (HAY AL-HUSSAIN region), IPS reported 1 x 107mm Chinese rocket being fired. It is unknown what direction the rocket was fired in or what it was targeting. There were no injuries or damage reported.

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Hijacking: At 162035DJUL06 at [redacted] (AL MAQIL region), [redacted] reported the hijacking of a white pickup 'double cab' model 2002 VRN [redacted]. The vehicle belonged to [redacted] an employee at the local government council.
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Rocket Attack: At 162230DJUL06 at [redacted] (ASHAR KORNISH COAST region), IPS reported 1 x 107mm Chinese rocket being fired. The impact point was a civilian house at the above grid. Minor injuries were sustained to the following people:

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There was also minor damage to 3 x vehicles parked outside the house. IPS and SOCO were tasked to the scene.

ROUTES

160720 due to an on going serious incident MNF has emplaced an [redacted] around [redacted] within Basrah City until further notice. b6
MNF have requested no PSC moves through the city until more details become available.
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INCIDENT REPORT

This report may be in addition to DS SPOT reporting.

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Date of Report: 18 July 06 CLASSIFIED

Location: Basrah REO, Iraq

Task Order: 058A

Person Releasing Report: Tracy Carroll

Title of Person Releasing Report: Acting Project Manager

Date of Incident: 18 July 06

Time of Incident: Approx. 0530

Contractor Involved: Triple Canopy, Inc.

Detail Location of Incident: U.S. Embassy Compound

Incident Synopsis: On 18 July 06, at approximately 0530 Fixed Site Security was notified that the compound was receiving Indirect Fire. The compound warning system was then activated. All hands were ordered to remain under cover and in position. Three impacts were reported in the vicinity of position [redacted], causing injury to (1) TCN security personnel. b2

At 0550 position [redacted] reports SAF approximately 1500 Meters outside their position. At this time the Triple Canopy QRF is stood up and moved into position at [redacted]. At 0620 b2 position [redacted] reports (2) explosions outside their post at approximately 300 Meters. At 0640 British MEDEVAC helicopter departs the British Compound with the injured TCN En Route to the Shaiba Medical Facility.

Route clearing began at 0640, and was completed at 0654. "All clear" was sounded with restricted movement only, throughout the compound. All personnel to remain in PPE during any movement.

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Outline injuries if applicable: (1) TCN [redacted] received shrapnel damage from IDF to both legs, and a laceration to the scalp. Patient was classified as "T2", stabilized by U.S. base medical personnel and transported to the British Compound at 0627 for MEDEVAC via helicopter.

This TCN guard was in full PPE kit while on his post, including wearing full Body Armor and Helmet, and was armed with an [redacted]

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Supervisor Actions to Mitigate Adverse Actions or Preclude Re-occurrence:

Personnel Notified of Incident: Regional Security Officer, Triple Canopy Project Manager, British Medical Facility

Supervisor synopsis of local impact of incident: None

Additional Reports Generated: None

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Secure Success.

Triple Canopy Medical Office Basra Palace, Iraq

NAME: _____

DATE: 18 July 06

24 y/o Peruvian male hit with shrapnel from at least 1 mortar round. This patient was standing outside of the tower/gate area when a mortar round hit close by (unknown distance). He was thrown to the ground but remain conscious. Fixed site medics were close by to deliver first aid and transported him promptly to the Triple Canopy medical site.

On arrival patient was:

Diagnosis:

Plan is to emergently medevac patient via british medevac system asap. He was taken via ground unit to british medevac w/o incident. He remained

He left via british medevac at 0640.

Additional Report of TCN after MedVac:

Patient has

has had NO contact with NOK and will be asked if he wants us to contact them after he comes out of sedation.

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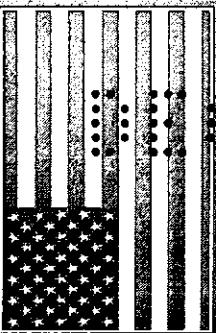
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Medical Officer US Embassy
Basra Palace Iraq
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Summary

Subject: Indirect Fire Attack, LZ Washington

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On 22 July 2006, at approximately 1700, 3 rounds of indirect fire impacted the International Zone, resulting in no injuries. One round impacted ivo [REDACTED] on 14th July Bridge, a second round impacted but did not detonate in the residential area of the US Embassy Compound, and a third round detonated on the landing pad of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] resulting in shrapnel damage to the Blackwater Aviation Hanger and two Little Bird helicopters.

The IDF was launched from ivo Sadr City.

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Last 7 Days

Significant DDF Activity

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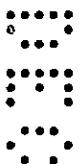
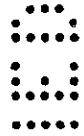
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Significant IDF Activity

Subject: Indirect Fire Attack, LZ [redacted]

In early July 2006,



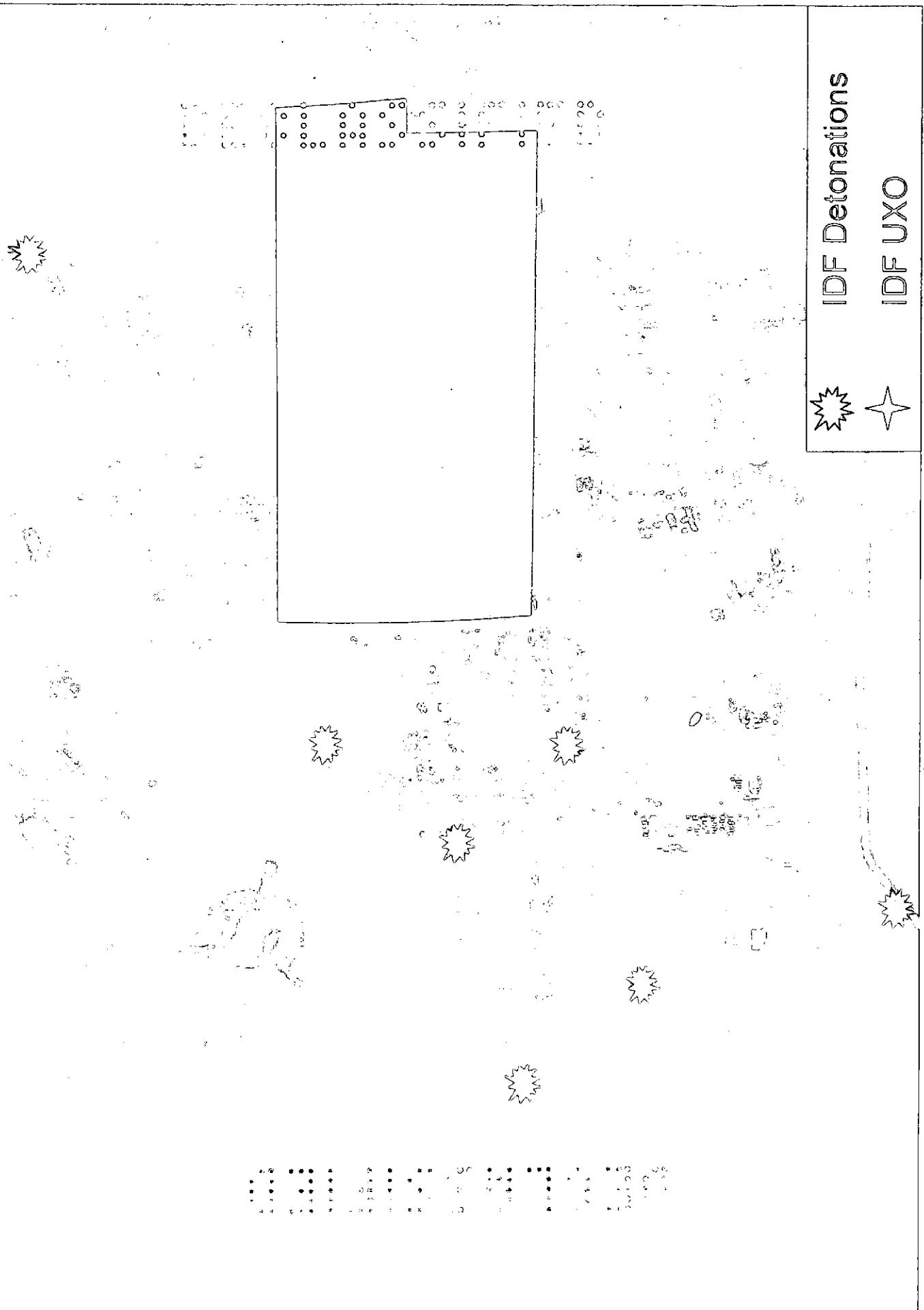
Since mid-July, IDF

has landed inside or on the border of the International Zone almost daily, resulting in 2 X KIA and 1 X WIA and damage to several vehicles. The attack on 22 July was the first attack in this barrage to inflict damage to COM or BW assets.

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Indirect Fire Activity- Last 7 Days

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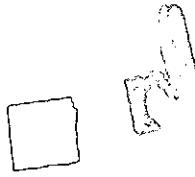
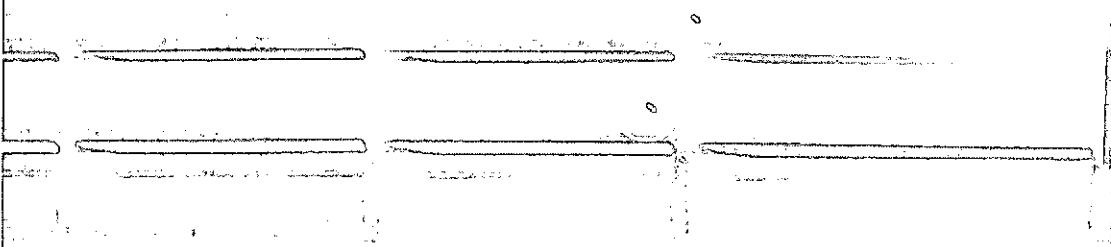
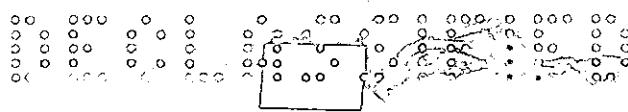
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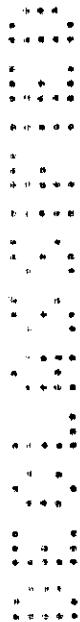


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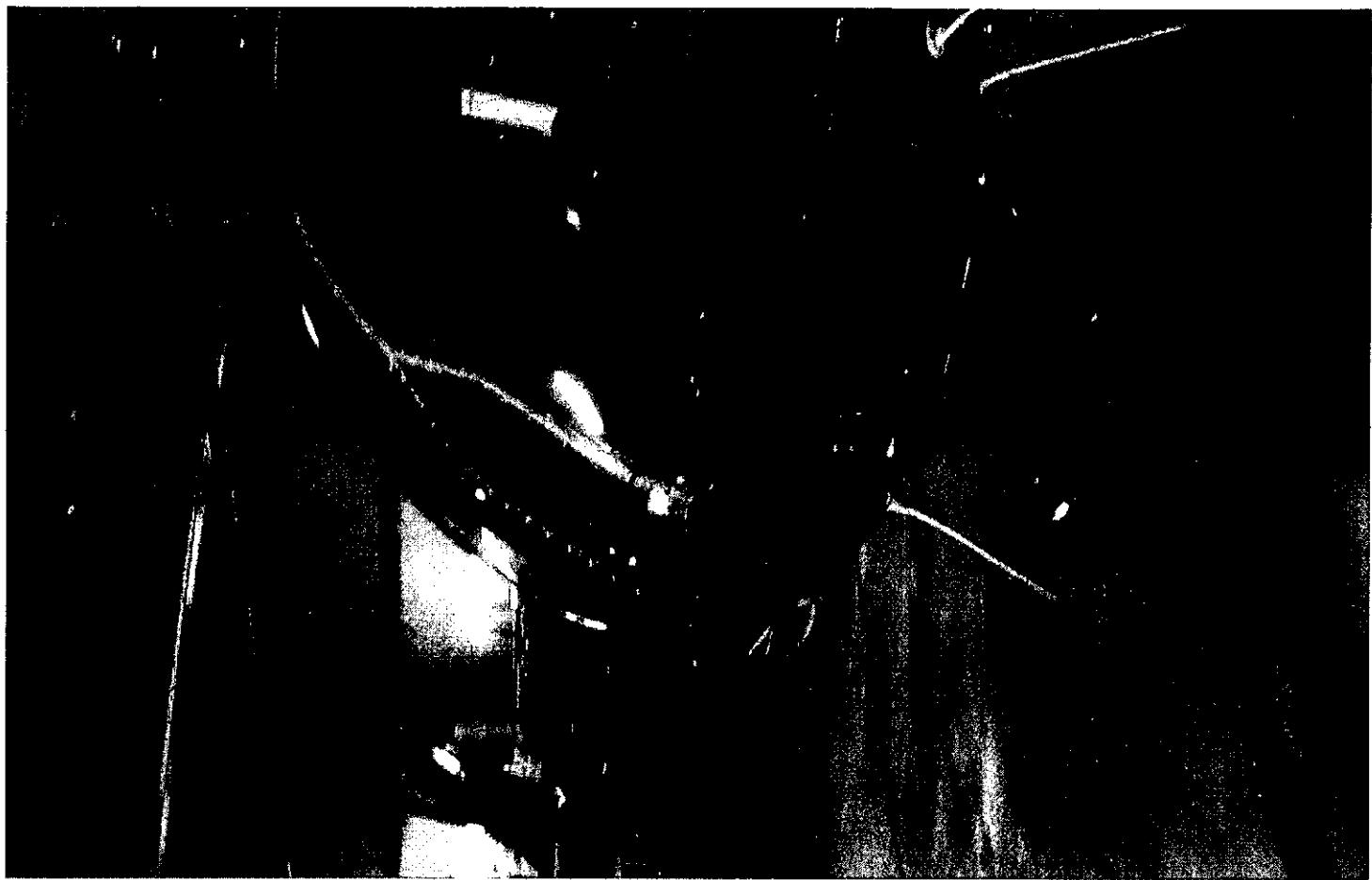
Shrapnel damage to tail boom



Damage to tail boom- close up. Penetration on port side only.

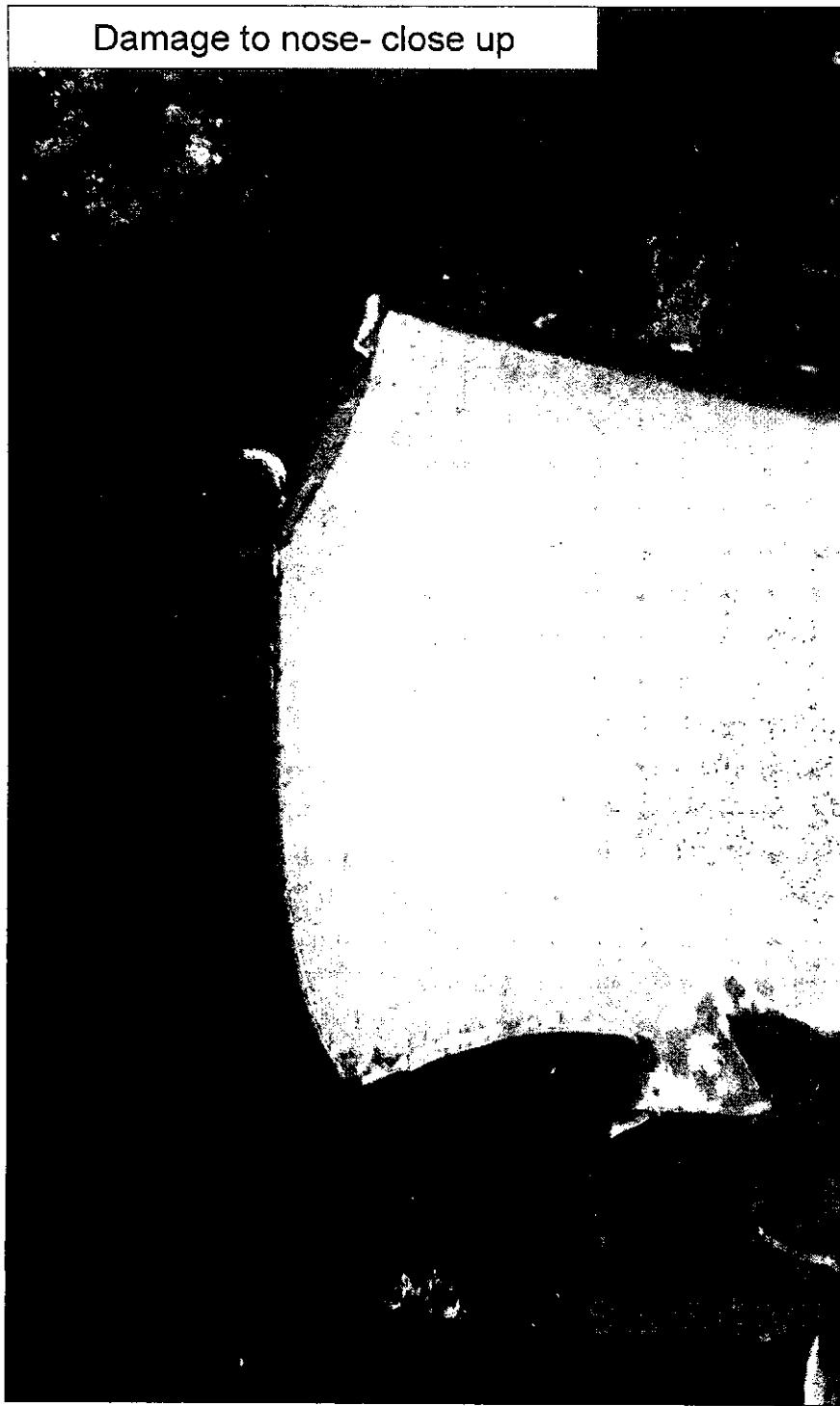


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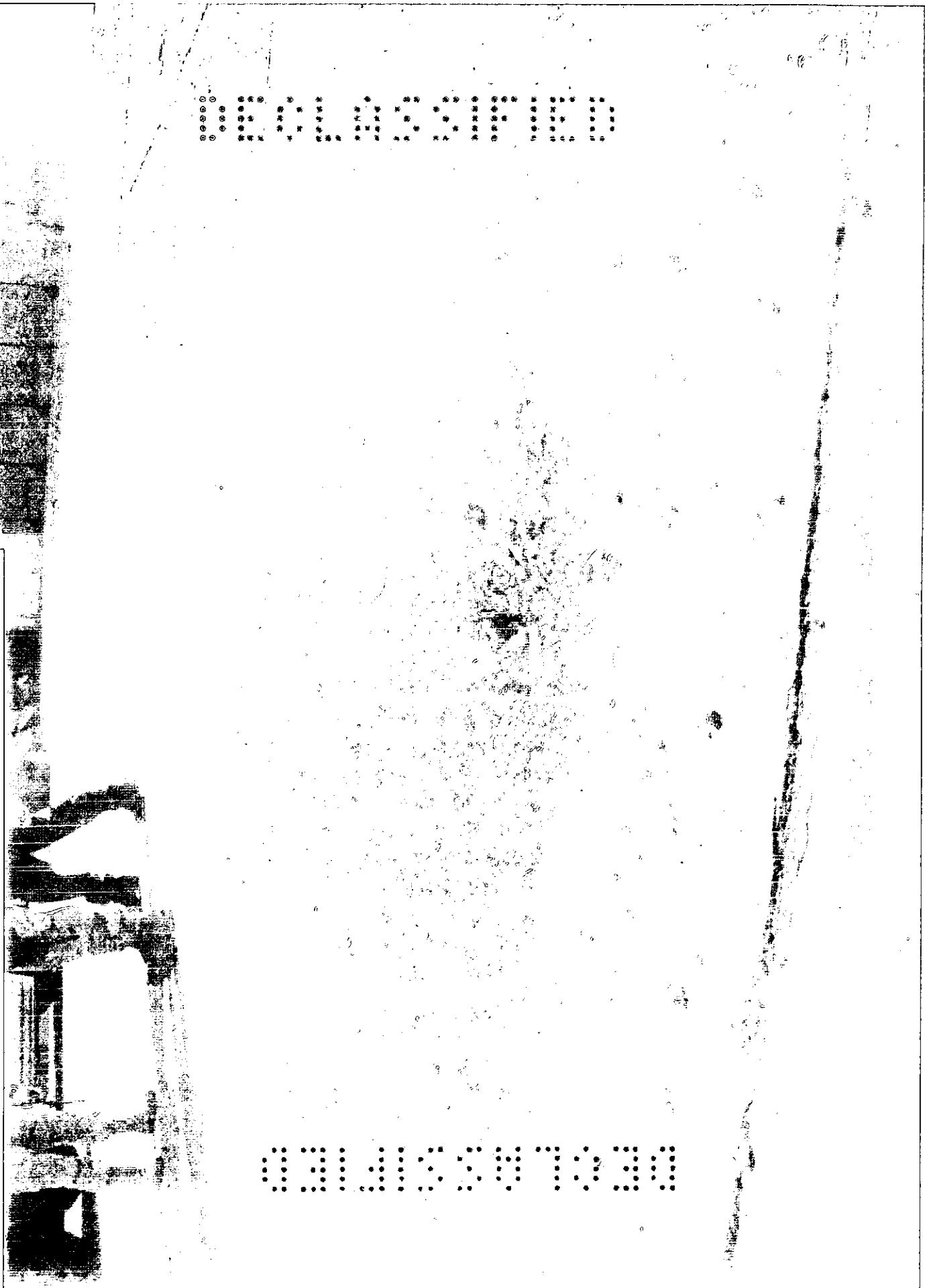
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Damage to nose- close up





Crater with recovered rocket fragments



Fuel Trucks



Analysis

- Blackwater Aviation was likely struck by IDF fired from Sagger City in retaliation for a failed CF raid in early July 2006.
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- IDF from militia controlled areas will continue to impact the international Zone and other MNFI controlled areas.

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Suburbans*

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From:

Sent: Saturday, August 12, 2006 1:26 PM

To:

Subject: FW: MOI NCC SPOT REPORT: 08-0874 PRIVATE SECURITY COMPANY FIRES ON AMBULANCE NEAR MEDICAL CITY

David,

Could you try to get more info on this please? I'm interested if the ambulance maybe penetrated the bubble around a PSD convoy, hence the reason it was fired on or if the report assumes it was a PSD team. Any futher details would be great.

Thanks!

Simon

Subject: MOI NCC SPOT REPORT: 08-0874 PRIVATE SECURITY COMPANY FIRES ON AMBULANCE NEAR MEDICAL CITY

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<i>Report Number</i>	<i>Type of Incident</i>	<i>Size</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time of Incident</i>
08-0874	Shooting		12-Aug-06	9:30

<i>Attacker/Unit</i>	<i>Victim</i>	<i>Unit Name</i>
Other	IPS	UNK

<i>Area</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Province</i>
Qahira	Al Adhamiya	Baghdad	Baghdad

<i>Grid ID</i>	<i>Grid</i>	<i>SZ</i>	<i>Mahala</i>	<i>Street</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Source</i>
MB	17	UNK	UNK		UNK	Al Adhamiya Police Station

Activity
An IED exploded on a patrol of Al Adhamiya Police Station injuring five IPs who were taken to Medical City. On the way to the Hospital Gunmen, in private security company GMCs, fired on the

Adhamiya Police Station patrol and the ambulance carrying the wounded to the hospital. The ambulance driver and two medics were injured.

Additional Description/Comments/Actions Taken:
NFI.

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**U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD**

12 August 2006

Spot Report - 081206- 01**Subject:** COM PSD Team Fires on an Aggressive Vehicle**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary: On 12 August 2006 at approximately 1031 hrs, a COM PSD Advance Team was at the entrance of their venue, the Ministry of Health, when they observed two Military Aged Males (MAM) in a white and red striped ambulance driving aggressively towards the rear of their halted [] vehicle convoy waiting for the lead vehicle to enter the venue. At approximately 100 meters, the follow and right and left vehicles' team members gave repeated hand and verbal signals, aimed a high powered lamp at the vehicle and opened their doors to expose fluorescent warning signs for the ambulance to stop. The driver ignored these signals and at approximately [] meters, a team member fired a pen flare but the driver continued his aggressive approach to the convoy. At approximately [] meters, a Facilities Protection Service (FPS) guard of the Ministry of Health fired one 7.62 mm round at the vehicle from his post at which time the follow vehicle well gunner and the right-rear and left-rear vehicle gunners commenced to fire a total of twelve [] rounds to disable the ambulance. The team was moving out of the danger area as the ambulance came to an immediate stop 15 meters behind the follow vehicle. The team was unable to determine if the suspect occupants were injured. There were no principals in the motorcade and no COM personnel were injured. The team immediately returned to the International Zone without further incident.

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RSO Action: RSO is investigating the shooting; PSD Team members are completing their written statements.

Location: Red Zone, Baghdad, Iraq

Drafted by: Roque Salas, Watch Officer, RSO TOC, Baghdad, Iraq

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**

TITLE COM PSD Team Fires on Ambulance		DS CASE NUMBER / REPORT NUMBER 2006 - 0095	
TRUE NAME N/A		CASE TYPE Administrative	
POST Baghdad	DATE REPORTED August 12, 2006	DATES INVESTIGATED August 12 – August 13, 2006	REPORTING AGENT S/A Poyer

SYNOPSIS

On August 12, 2006, at approximately 0955 hours, a Chief of Mission Protective Security Detail, Advance Team, was stopped at the entrance of the Ministry of Health. An ambulance drove towards the rear of their convoy. Team members tried to signal the ambulance to stay away from their vehicles by waving their arms, shining a bright light and displaying brightly-colored panels. When this failed, the team fired a pen-flare towards the ambulance in an effort to get the driver's attention. The ambulance continued towards the convoy. According to the team, when the ambulance was [] meters from the convoy a guard from the Ministry of Health, Facilities Protection Service, fired one round from his rifle at the ambulance. At that point, three PSD team members fired a total of twelve rounds at the front of the ambulance. The ambulance came to a stop fifteen meters from the rear of the convoy.

A short time before this shooting, five Iraqi Police officers were injured by an Improvised Explosive Device and were loaded into an ambulance for transport to a medical facility. This ambulance was subsequently fired-on by a civilian protective security detail. Based on the information available, it is likely that this was the ambulance engaged by the COM PSD team. Reports claim two medics and the ambulance driver were injured in the shooting.

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Sworn Statement

Date 12 August 2006	Time 12:15
Location <u>Outside of Ministry of Health by</u>	b2 b7L

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I, b6 b7C hereby make the following statement at the request of

 , who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I understand that this statement is made in furtherance of an official administrative inquiry regarding potential misconduct or improper performance of official duties and that disciplinary action, including dismissal from the Department's Worldwide Personnel Protective Services contract, may be undertaken if I refuse to provide this statement or fail to do so fully and truthfully. I further understand that neither my statements nor any information or evidence gained by reason of my statements can be used against me in a criminal proceeding, except that if I knowingly and willfully provide false statements or information, I may be criminally prosecuted for that action under 18 United States Code, Section 1001. I agree that the statements I furnish and any information or evidence resulting there from may be used in the course of disciplinary proceedings, which could result in disciplinary action, including dismissal.

I have served in the United States Marine Corps from

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I have been with Blackwater Security Consulting supporting the Diplomatic Security Mission since [REDACTED]. During my training with Blackwater I have completed WPPS 2 and the [REDACTED] course in Moyock, NC. Since I have been in Iraq with Blackwater, I have been attached to [REDACTED], conducting advance missions and completing TSS (Tactical Site Survey) packets. Our Mission is to [REDACTED]

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During these advances it is my job as a [REDACTED] to accurately identify threats, and or possible VBIED's. While on Team [REDACTED] we have trained extensively on procedures dealing with aggressor vehicles. At the range while training to shoot out of the vehicle, we practice verbally and visually signaling to stop before engaging the targets. During mission briefs, the ROE and escalation of force SOP's are read every time before we go on a mission to make sure Procedures are absolutely clear. Approximately three times in the past two months, we have received active intelligence that Ambulances have been used for VBIED's.

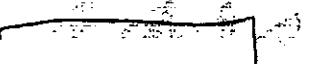
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On Saturday Aug 12th 2006, at 1030 [] staged and conducted an operational briefing for the day's mission to the Ministry Forensic Institute "Morgue" near the Ministry of Health. The brief was conducted in accordance with [] standard operating procedures and included the overall situation in Baghdad, mission brief and rules of engagement. The intelligence portion of the brief highlighted venue and route specific threats of direct and indirect fire, as well as possible and multiple VBIED's (vehicle borne improvised explosive device). This mission required us to leave the relative safety of the U.S. Military-controlled International Zone and travel for several kilometers through a part of Baghdad where para-military / insurgent forces hostile to the U.S. presence in Iraq routinely conduct terrorist and guerrilla operations. Attacks on American military and civilians are prevalent in this area.

I was positioned in the Left Rear of the [] Vehicle in a [] motorcade. This vehicle is equipped with a [] which allows the Well Gunner [] to the rear. This Suburban is black in color. On the rear door, in big white letters, it says "WARNING - Stay back 100 meters". This is written in both English and Arabic. There were four other personnel in this vehicle. Our mission today was to conduct an Advance for [] who would be arriving via air. When [] arriving at the Ministry of Health (MOH) to stage the vehicles and begin securing the area, our motorcade was stopped just outside MOH facing south towards []. Our motorcade was conducting a three point turn [] into the gate which meant we would have to remain stopped for a short period of time before all vehicles were in. Our well gunner, [] called out that an ambulance was approaching from our rear at a high rate of speed. When I turned and looked I confirmed that it was moving fast, and that it didn't appear to be slowing down despite signaling with the spotlight. All other traffic was at a complete stop and the ambulance had passed the stopped traffic and was driving on an open road, so it would have been obviously apparent to the ambulance that a motorcade was ahead. The ambulance was approximately 100 Meters away when the threat was called and acknowledged, realizing that the ambulance might be unaware of our motorcade at this distance, so I cracked my door and stood in the doorway. Adhering to the State Departments Rules of Engagement and Force Continuum I then verbally and physically gave the driver the signal to stop with my hand high in the air, I than heard our well gunner fire a pen flare and saw that the ambulance was still approaching at a high speed. At this point I saw a FPS (Force Protective Service) guard that was standing in the median begin signaling to the ambulance to stop, when the hand signals failed the guard fired his AK variant weapon towards the vehicle. The ambulance continued to approach the rear of the motorcade despite the round fired by the FPS guard. Feeling threatened I fired two well aimed rounds into the front grill of the vehicle after reassessing the situation the

vehicle was within [] yards of the motorcade. The vehicle still didn't stop and I fired three more well aimed rounds into the front grill. This time the vehicle came to a slow roll still not stopping for several more feet. By the time the vehicle came to a stop we had entered the MOH and exited out the back gate getting on bridge [] and returned to [] I did not observe any casualties. [] Shift Lead, [] immediately reported the incident to the TOC and the mission was canceled, and we returned to [] }-END- b2 b3 b6 b7c

I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

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DSS/RSO/BW APO, AE 09348		

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 12th day of
Aug 2006.

Signed		
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SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

Witness Signature		
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Sworn Statement

Date 12 Aug 2006	TIME 1030
Location [redacted] near Ministry of Health	b2

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I have served in the United States Marine Corps from

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In my time with [redacted] is where I have the most experience in PSD vehicle and walking formations, as well as lethal and non-lethal means of resolving hostile situations.

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and [redacted] also instilled the mindset of always following the proper Rules of Engagement, Continuum of Force, Escalation of Force, knowing what constitutes the use of Deadly Force and reading Temper and Intent of situations.

My PSD experience entails of [redacted]

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We rolled as a [] vehicle convoy [] for 6 months and over 500 EOD missions without a single causality of EOD or of my security (combat deployed to Fallujah, Iraq). b2

On Saturday August 12th, at 0910, [] staged and conducted an operational briefing for the day's mission in direct support of [] mission to the Forensic Institute attached to Ministry of Health []. The brief was conducted in accordance with [] standard operating procedures and included the overall situation in Baghdad, mission brief and rules of engagement. The intelligence portion of the brief highlighted venue and route specific threats of direct and indirect fire, as well as possible and multiple VBIED's (vehicle borne improvised explosive device) to include local emergency vehicles. Our mission today was an advance for [] at the Forensic Institute attached to Ministry of Health []. This mission required us to leave the relative safety of the U.S. Military-controlled International Zone and travel for several kilometers through a part of Baghdad where para-military / Insurgent forces hostile to the U.S. presence in Iraq routinely conduct terrorist and guerrilla operations. Attacks on American military and civilians are prevalent in this area. b2 b6 b7c

I was positioned in the [] spot of the [] Vehicle in a [] motorcade. This vehicle is equipped with [] which allows the well gunner to [] to the rear. This Suburban is black in color. On the rear door, in big white letters, it says "WARNING - Stay back 100 meters". This is written in both English and Arabic. There were four other personnel in this vehicle. On the 12th day of August 2006 at 1030 hours [] was halted near [], trying to turn the motorcade into the Ministry of Health for the purpose of conducting an Advance Mission in support of []. While halted, from my view point as [] vehicle [], all rear traffic was halted at a safe distance using our 15,000,000 candle power spot light and the hand signal for stop. While halted I noticed an ambulance passing all halted traffic at a high rate of speed, I again shined my 15,000,000 candle power spot light directly at the ambulance while giving the hand signal to stop also loudly alerting the left and right door gunners of the possible threat. An FPS guards on the road adjacent to our vehicle and near the entrance to the Ministry of Health was also giving verbal and physical commands for the ambulance to stop. b2 b6 b7c

As the teams Intelligence Representative I know first hand from prior Intel meetings of the enemy using ambulances for VBIED attacks. Adhering to the State Departments Rules of Engagement and Force Continuum I then verbally and physically gave the driver the signal to stop. The vehicle was still approaching at a high rate of speed despite my attempts. I then fired one pen flare at the ambulance, landing it directly in front of the vehicle. Both of the [] vehicle door gunners and FPS guards were continuing to give verbal and hand signals to stop. The ambulance was still approaching at a high rate of speed when the FPS guard fired his AK-47 at the ambulance trying to stop the vehicle. The ambulance was still approaching and was not adhering to any of our commands or attempts to stop. Still approaching at a high rate of speed I then fired two rounds from my DOS issued [] into the grill of the ambulance trying to stop the vehicle. I reassessed the situation and noticed the ambulance was still approaching so I then fired two more well aimed rounds into the driver side windshield. The ambulance then came to a slow stop approximately 15 meters from the motorcade. The motorcade then continued to enter the Ministry of Health VIP gate and continued directly to the south gate to exit venue. I did not observe any casualties; [] Shift Leader [] notified the TOC and [] canceled the mission. [] returned the [] utilizing our [] route without further incident or injury. -END-

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I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this _____ day of

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SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

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Date 12 Aug 2007	Time 1031
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I, [redacted] b6 b7c, hereby make the following statement at the request of _____, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

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I served in the United States Air Force, [redacted]

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In [redacted] I was employed by DynCorp International as b6 b7c
I completed WPPS II at The Crucible in [redacted] and arrived in Baghdad, Iraq [redacted] I was attached to Team [redacted] until my

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employment with Blackwater in [redacted]. Since [redacted] I have been attached to [redacted] as [redacted] I have been with Blackwater Security Consulting supporting the Diplomatic Security Mission since [redacted]. Since my time with Blackwater I have been on PSD [redacted] where I have been a Door Gunner and [redacted] I conducted PSD missions as well as conducting Advances and Tactical Site Surveys for various Venues in the Baghdad area.]

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[redacted] While on [redacted], we have trained with aggressor vehicles to practice our escalation of force standard operating procedures. We also train on emergency tactics, to best prepare for any situation that might arise while conducting a mission. I have been in numerous situations where I was able to mitigate the threat without firing a shot.

On Saturday August 12th, at 0910, [redacted] staged and conducted an operational briefing for the day's mission in direct support of [redacted] mission to the Forensic Institute attached to Ministry of Health [redacted]. The brief was conducted in accordance with [redacted] standard operating procedures and included the overall situation in Baghdad, mission brief and rules of engagement. The intelligence portion of the brief highlighted venue and route specific threats of direct and indirect fire, as well as possible and multiple VBIED's (vehicle borne improvised explosive device) to include local emergency vehicles. Our mission today was an advance for [redacted] at the Forensic Institute attached to Ministry of Health [redacted]. This mission required us to leave the relative safety of the U.S. Military-controlled International Zone and travel for several kilometers through a part of Baghdad where para-military / Insurgent forces hostile to the U.S. presence in Iraq routinely conduct terrorist and guerrilla operations. Attacks on American military and civilians are prevalent in this area.

I was the Right Rear Gunner in the [redacted] Vehicle, a Suburban, of a [redacted] motorcade. On the rear door, in big white letters, it says "WARNING - Stay back 100 meters". This is written in both English and Arabic. There were four other personnel in this vehicle. I was armed with a U. S. Department of State issued rifle.

On the 12th day of August 2006 at 1031 hours, [redacted] was in route to the Forensic Institute [redacted] to conduct an Advance for [redacted].

[redacted] was traveling in the vicinity of [redacted] in a [redacted] motorcade. The congestion of the area created stop-and-go traffic, making the motorcade extremely vulnerable to a VBIED attack. The traffic trailing the motorcade was adhering to commands to maintain a standoff from our motorcade at about [redacted] meters. As the Right Door Gunner, I observed a white ambulance approaching our motorcade at a high rate of speed. The Well Gunner, [redacted] shined the 5,000,000 candle power spotlight

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at the ambulance. I could see my well gunner and left rear gunner, b6
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Ambulance to stop. I assessed the ambulance as a possible threat because
of his failure to stop or yield to our commands. The vehicle did not
slow its approach and had closed to about [] meters. I assessed the
ambulance as a possible VBIED and imminent threat. I also had my door
open and adhering to the State Departments Rules of Engagement and Force
Continuum I then verbally and physically gave the driver the signal to
stop. I observed a non-lethal pen flare fired from the Well Gunner fly
directly in front of the ambulance. I could see and hear my left door
gunner and well gunners performing the same actions to include a local
FPS guards standing on road adjacent to our vehicle. The threat
continued to close on the motorcade and with no signs of slowing, now at
less than [] meters. Still approaching at a high rate of speed, a FPS
guard fired one round from his AK-47 at the ambulance grill, attempting
to stop the threat. As I continued to asses the situation I aimed and
fired two well aimed shots to the grill of the ambulance in an attempt
to stop the vehicle and threat. I could hear other shots fired from the
Well gunner and the Left Door Gunner and I observed rounds impacting the
grill of the ambulance. I reassessed the threat and saw that the
ambulance still had not slowed down and continued its closure to our
motorcade. I fired two more well aimed shots to the driver side
windshield of the ambulance to further attempt to stop the threat. I
reassessed the situation and observed rounds impacting the grill and the
windshield of the vehicle. The ambulance appeared to finally be
disabled and slowed to a stop approximately 15 meters from the follow
vehicle. I did not observe any casualties. [] Shift Lead, b6
[] immediately reported the incident to the TOC as we proceeded
to exit the area. The shift leader then cancelled the mission and b7c
[] returned to [] without further incident or injury -END- b2

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I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 12th day of
Aug , 2006.

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SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

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Blackwater USA	ement Form		Date/Time of Statement 11/30/2007 3:08 PM
Name b6 b7c	Team b2	Incident Type Shoot to Disable	
Location Of Incident (Grid or Terrain Feature) b3	Incident Time 10:31	Incident Date August 12, 2006	b6 b7c

On 081206 at approximately 0930, [] conducted a mission brief at area 61. During the mission brief intelligence was passed that the venue we are advancing was not American friendly and was used by JAM (Jaysh Al-Mahdi). In addition we received a report from the TOC that two IED's had gone off at [] which is located east of the venue, earlier in the morning. In addition during the mission brief we reviewed the different TTP's, such as ambulances that were stolen and used as VBIED's, against coalition forces.

At approximately 1010 we departed [] utilizing a modified [] route by exiting the [] gate, to conduct an advance on the Forensic Institute in support of []. Upon arriving at [] attempting to enter the venue our motorcade came to a complete stop. Several members of the team reported hearing multiple shots fired in the vicinity of []. However, we could not determine where the shots were coming from. While attempting to enter into the venue utilizing the VIP gate, which is located on the East side of the venue, a white and red ambulance driving at a high rate of speed was approaching the rear of the motorcade. Well Gunner [] announced to the team members inside the follow vehicle that the ambulance was approaching the motorcade at a high rate of speed. [] perceived it as a threat and employed the use of a 15 million candle watt spot light. The spot light failed to stop the ambulance, so the Door Gunners [] and [] opened their doors and gave the ambulance a verbal and physical signal to stop, in addition on the doors of the follow vehicle there is a VF-17 panel marker taped to the door panels to give another visual signal to approaching vehicles. The ambulance continued to ignore the all signals from [] and []. Then fired one pen flare towards the speeding ambulance in a last attempt to stop the ambulance. An FPS that was assisting the motorcade in entering the venue noticed that the ambulance was not complying with the verbal and physical commands given by the members of the motorcade. The FPS began to give the ambulance hand and arm signals to stop. But with no response the ambulance continued to approach the motorcade. The FPS deemed the vehicle a threat and fired a shot from his AK-47 towards the ambulance. The ambulance continued to approach the motorcade at the same rate of speed. Adhering to the State Department Rules of Engagement and Force Continuum [] and [] engaged the ambulance firing two rounds each from there State department issued [] to the grill in an attempt to stop the vehicle. The ambulance continued at the motorcade and two rounds were fired to the driver's side of the windshield. The ambulance finally came to a stop approximately 15 meters behind the follow vehicle.

At approximately 1035, [] notified the TOC of the incident and continued into the venue, Ministry of Health [] informed the TOC to cancel the mission for [] because the venue was now a threat to coalition forces in the area. The motorcade proceeded to exit the venue through the south gate and returned to [] via our [] route.

Upon return to [] (SL) [] (LR Door Gunner) [] (RR door Gunner) [] (Well gunner) [] and [] (Detail Leader) [] reported to the RSO/TOC for debrief and spot report.

No additional property damage was observed. For further information see attached DS Sworn Statements by listed Operator's involved. -END-

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U.S. EMBASSY-BAGHDAD



August 15, 2006

Spot Report -081506-01**Subject:** USAID Erbil PSD team fires on aggressive vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Kirkuk**Summary:** DynCorp PSD Team fires one round at an approaching vehicle. No apparent injuries to occupant.

Report: On August 15, 2006 at approximately 0840 hrs, a DynCorp PSD Team, in a [redacted] motorcade, en route to the Governorate of Sulaymania, encountered an aggressive [redacted] motorist. The motorcade was traveling east at highway speeds on [redacted] at approximate grid location [redacted]. A white pick-up truck, driven by a military-aged male (MAM), attempted several times to overtake and enter the [redacted] motorcade. The left rear (LR) and right rear (RR) of the CAT vehicle [redacted] attempted to gain the attention of the driver with hand signals followed by flashes from a high-intensity spotlight. When the driver ignored the signals and accelerated to pass the CAT vehicle and enter the motorcade, the RR fired one round into the hood of the pick-up. The shot did not disable the vehicle, and the pick-up continued to pass the motorcade and continued east at a high rate of speed. No injuries were apparent. The shift leader immediately notified the Erbil TOC and the motorcade continued to the scheduled venue.

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RSO Action: PSD members [redacted] submitting statements.

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Location: ~~(redacted)~~ near Sulaymania
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Drafted by: ARSO Jeff Rusinek, Erbil, Iraq

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U.S. EMBASSY-BAGHDAD



August 17, 2006

Spot Report - 081706-01

Subject: COM PSD Team Fires on an Aggressive Vehicle

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary: On August 17, 2006 at approximately 1235 hrs, a COM PSD Tactical Support Team (TST) en route from Ministry of Interior to the International Zone encountered an aggressive vehicle. The [redacted] armored vehicle TST was stationary and waiting to clear traffic with sirens blaring when the lead vehicle team members observed at approximately 75 meters to their left rear, a 4-door maroon station wagon driving aggressively off a ramp towards the convoy. The suspect vehicle was riding low with two military aged male (MAM) occupants and was the only vehicle on the ramp. The lead vehicle team used hand and verbal signals and threw water bottles in an attempt to gain the attention of the driver of the vehicle. The vehicle continued an aggressive approach to within [redacted] meters of the convoy when the lead team fired two [redacted] rounds into the grill in an effort to stop the vehicle. The suspect vehicle came to a complete stop and the two MAM occupants were observed with raised hands inside the vehicle without apparent injuries. There were no principals in the motorcade and no COM personnel were injured. The TST immediately returned to the International Zone without further incident.

RSO Action: RSO is investigating the shooting. PSD Team members are completing their written statements.

Location: Red Zone, Baghdad, Iraq

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Drafted by: Roque Salas, Watch Officer, RSO TOC, Baghdad, Iraq

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Sworn Statement

Date	8.17.06	Time	1230
Location	[Redacted] b2 b7c		

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I, [Redacted], hereby make the following statement at the request of [Redacted], who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I understand that this statement is made in furtherance of an official administrative inquiry regarding potential misconduct or improper performance of official duties and that disciplinary action, including dismissal from the Department's Worldwide Personnel Protective Services contract, may be undertaken if I refuse to provide this statement or fail to do so fully and truthfully. I further understand that neither my statements nor any information or evidence gained by reason of my statements can be used against me in a criminal proceeding, except that if I knowingly and willfully provide false statements or information, I may be criminally prosecuted for that action under 18 United States Code, Section 1001. I agree that the statements I furnish and any information or evidence resulting there from may be used in the course of disciplinary proceedings, which could result in disciplinary action, including dismissal.

I, [Redacted] b6 b7c, served in the United States Army from [Redacted]

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In [redacted] I went through the Blackwater Training Academy, and received instruction on the [redacted] b2. I also received instruction on threat identification, ied/vbied's, the roles of each PSD member, and shooting from a moving and stationary vehicle. I have been through WPPS 1 and WPPS 2 and have been deployed in Iraq since [redacted]. I am currently the [redacted] b6 b7c for [redacted], the Tactical Support Team.

On Thursday, 17 August 2006, at approximately 1230, [redacted] b2 the Tactical Support Team, was traveling on Route [redacted] between [redacted] and [redacted]. The convoy made a right turn, exiting [redacted] facing southeast at GRID[redacted]. I was the [redacted] b6 b7c vehicle. The road makes a right turn and brought our vehicles parallel to the road we wanted to travel. The lead vehicle was able to begin the left merge into traffic from [redacted] but became stopped. There were approximately 8-12 vehicles stopped in front of our convoy. The lead vehicle had it's siren on, and was using the air horn to get the attention of the motorists in front of the convoy.

[redacted] b2 is an elevated section of road (similar to a freeway bridge), where the side road crosses over Route [redacted]. This means the vehicles coming from the six o'clock of our convoy are coming from above us, and to our left. Our [redacted] element was stopped, waiting for traffic to clear so we could fully merge left into the lanes of travel. I noticed there was no traffic on the bridge, and I thought this was very unusual as I have been through this intersection numerous times and there had always been traffic on the bridge. I was motioning the traffic in front to move to the right, and looked back to our six o'clock, because the road was elevated, none of the other vehicles could assist with covering the six, or stopping traffic. b6 b7c

I observed a maroon Chevy Caprice station wagon, at the top of the bridge. The vehicle was in the inside lane, closest to our vehicles, and was traveling at approximately 35-40 mph. There were two occupants in the vehicle. The vehicle was coming directly at our stopped lead vehicle from the six o'clock position. The vehicle was approximately 75 meters from our convoy. I threw a water bottle in the direction of the vehicle. The water bottle landed approximately 20 meters in front of the vehicle. I then began yelling "Kiff" and giving hand signals for the vehicle to stop. The rear gunner also threw a water bottle at the vehicle as it continued toward us, and did not slow down. The water bottle landed directly in front of the vehicle. The vehicle did not stop, and seemed to be sitting lower to the ground, as if it was heavily loaded. Because of where we were stopped and the elevated road, the vehicle was almost directly at the rear of our follow vehicle. I believed the vehicle was a vbied as it appeared to be heavily loaded, sat low to the ground, and was continuing toward our motorcade despite several warnings to stop. I was in fear for my life, and the lives of my team mates, I raised my [redacted] b2 and fired one aimed shot to the grill of the vehicle. The vehicle did not stop. As I was aiming for the second shot I heard the rear gunner from our lead vehicle fire one shot at the aggressive vehicle.

I then moved my point of aim to the windshield, and observed the vehicle had slammed on its brakes, and was sliding sideways to the left and away from us. I observed the passenger raise their hands in the "I

surrender" motion and then duck below the dash. The driver also placed his hands up in the "I surrender" position. The vehicle stopped approximately 35 meters from our vehicle. I continued to monitor the vehicle as we merged onto the roadway. There were no marks on the windshield of the vehicle and both occupants appeared to be uninjured. I notified my shift leader of the incident and we continued back to [redacted] without further incidents.-END- b2

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I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

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WPPS Camp Baghdad	

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this _____ day of

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Signed	
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SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

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Name	b6 b7c	Team	Incident Type
Location Of Incident (Grid or Terrain Feature)		b2	Disabling Shots at b2
		Incident Time	Incident Date
		1230	17 August 2006

b6 b7c [redacted] was serving as the [redacted] of [redacted]. On Thursday, 17 August 2006 [redacted] was supporting [redacted] on their movement back to the IZ from their venue, Board of Supreme Court Audit. b2

[redacted] convoy was traveling off of [redacted] at [redacted] towards [redacted]

As the motorcade was merging onto the base of the overpass at [redacted] using the lights and sirens to clear traffic, the convoy was forced to stop due to impassable traffic at the twelve o'clock in the direction of travel. While the [redacted] lead gunners were clearing traffic to the front of the lead Mamba, a vehicle was approaching the halted motorcade at a high rate of speed from the crest of the [redacted] overpass. The front and rear gunners on the lead Mamba used their hand signals and verbalized "Kiff" to get the attention of the driver; the driver ignored all signals. The lead gunner threw a water bottle landing 10 meters in front of the accelerating vehicle. The rear gunner of the lead Mamba also threw a water bottle which also landed in front of the aggressive vehicle. The driver of the subject vehicle continued to ignore the gunner's multiple verbal and visual attempts to get them to stop. Both gunners reported that they were in fear for their lives at the rapidly approaching vehicle and fired 1 (one) round each into the grill of the vehicle in an attempt to stop, what they perceived to be, an imminent threat to their lives and the lives of the team mates. The gunners then reported the shots to the TC, also stating the vehicle had come to a complete stop and no longer appeared to be a threat to [redacted].

b2 The gunners also stated that both the driver and passenger appeared to be uninjured. The TC then reported the incident to the Shift Lead, who in turn reported to the TOC via [redacted] radio. The Shift Leader gave a report of a four door sedan with no injuries. [redacted] continued on their route covering [redacted] as they moved into the International Zone. Both [redacted] and [redacted] arrived safely in the IZ with no other incidents. -END-

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Sworn Statement

Date 17 August 2006	Time Approximately : 1230
Location [redacted] b2	

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I, [redacted], hereby make the following statement at the request of [redacted], Who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I understand that this statement is made in furtherance of an official administrative inquiry regarding potential misconduct or improper performance of official duties and that disciplinary action, including dismissal from the Department's Worldwide Personnel Protective Services contract, may be undertaken if I refuse to provide this statement or fail to do so fully and truthfully. I further understand that neither my statements nor any information or evidence gained by reason of my statements can be used against me in a criminal proceeding, except that if I knowingly and willfully provide false statements or information, I may be criminally prosecuted for that action under 18 United States Code, Section 1001. I agree that the statements I furnish and any information or evidence resulting there from may be used in the course of disciplinary proceedings, which could result in disciplinary action, including dismissal.

Training I have attended

- Worldwide Personnel Protection service II [redacted] with Blackwater b6 b7c
- Worldwide Personnel Protection service I [redacted] with DynCorp
- Crucible High Threat Security Operations Course
- BRS Security Driving Program!)

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Blackwater Personal Security Specialist, US State Department High Threat Program

As a member of Blackwater Worldwide Personal Protection Service (WPPS), I serve as a team member on the Tactical Support Team (TST).

On 17 August 2006, at approximately 1230, I was working as a member of a Tactical Support Team on Team [REDACTED]. I was part of a [REDACTED] motorcade and assigned rear turret gunner of the vehicle. We had departed our staging area, [REDACTED] in support of [REDACTED] and were approaching [REDACTED] traveling in a southeast direction utilizing sirens and flashing lights to warn traffic. As our motorcade passed [REDACTED] coming from [REDACTED], in the direction of [REDACTED], observed a maroon station wagon approaching at a high rate of speed and heading directly toward our vehicle from my 6 o'clock position. Our lead gunner threw a water bottle in the direction of the vehicle, and the water bottle landed directly in front of the vehicle. At this time I yelled "kiff, kiff, kiff" and gave the visual hand signals to stop the vehicle, which was now approximately [REDACTED] meters away from our stopped lead vehicle. The two (2) Iraqi males ignored the first water bottle that was thrown by the lead gunner. I threw a second water bottle, which also landed directly in front of the vehicle, but the vehicle ignored these warnings and rapidly approached the convoy. I believed the vehicle was a vbiied, and I was in fear for my life, and feared for the lives of my teammates. As I raised my weapon to fire a disabling shot at the vehicle, I heard the lead gunner fire 1 (one) round at the vehicle. The vehicle was still moving towards us after receiving the first round impact as I also fired 1 (one) round into the grill of the vehicle. I raised my weapon to the windshield to scan and assess, the vehicle went into a sideways slide and came to a complete stop. Both occupants had their hands raised in the "I surrender" position. The shots were reported to the Shift Leader and we continued on in support of [REDACTED]. We arrived at [REDACTED] without further incident.

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I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

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WPPS Camp Baghdad

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this _____ day of
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SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

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Blackwater USA	Statement Form		Date/Time of Statement 26 August 2006 1700
Name _____	Team _____	Incident Type Vehicle Down	Extraction
Location Of Incident (Grid or Terrain Feature) Abandoned Apartment Building	Incident Time Approx. 1410	Incident Date 26 August 2006	

At the above date and time [] was notified by [] Base of a team, identified only as [] requesting Blackwater Air and [] due to them taking SAF and having to [] Base repeatedly attempted to make contact with [] requesting their status and location. [] monitored [] which was the only radio frequency that [] was able to make contact with [] Base on. [] was able to give a ten digit grid coordinate of their location, [] The Shift Leader for [] was able to determine an approximate location for [] by entering the ten digit grid into the Garmin V GPS. The Shift Leader for [] advised Blackwater Air that the grid coordinates given by [] showed to be in the vicinity of [] then departed their staging area to the vicinity of Check Point [] while Blackwater Air attempted to pin-point the exact location of []

[] advised [] Base of their status at Check Point [] and advised that they could escort [] back into the International Zone once Blackwater Air determined their location. [] staged at Check Point [] for approximately 10 minutes. During this staging time, [] was advised by Blackwater Air that [] had a disabled vehicle; the vehicle had taken an undetermined amount of small arms fire and the team had moved to a [] at the above grid coordinates. Blackwater Air was able to determine [] as an American PSD team by flying over [] location and identifying a [] with an American Flag hanging from the East Side of the Building.

The Tactical Commander from [] established communications with Blackwater Air and was advised that [] was just outside the International Zone. [] was however cornered in a location that made it impossible for them to get back inside the International Zone without assistance. The Shift Leader for [] advised [] Base that [] would be moving to extract [] and escort them back into the International Zone. Blackwater Air guided [] out of Check point [] and in the direction of [] At [] veered right moving into the neighborhood directly to the North East of Check point []

Once inside the neighborhood [] encountered approximately 75 dismounted Iraqi Police Officers (IP) and uniformed Iraqi Soldiers (ING/IA). [] was directed by the IP's in the direction where [] had [] Blackwater Air continued to provide air coverage and navigation to [] as they entered the apartment complex where [] was located. The Tactical Commander from [] confirmed [] location by observing the [] with an American Flag hanging from the second floor of the apartment building. [] also observed a black BMW vehicle that appeared to have damage caused by small arms fire. [] moved to the South side of the apartment building, dismounted and established a defensive perimeter.

The Shift Leader of [] and established a more secure perimeter around the apartment building where [] was [] As [] was establishing an interior perimeter, two gold colored FAV's arrived, bringing elements of a [] force for []. The Shift Leader of [] made contact with a member of [] and further confirmed that [] was an American PSD team and was requesting [] assistance in extraction of their team. At the same time six members of [] were safely evacuated from the building and secured in their own [] vehicles.

Person giving statement

Blackwater USA	Statement Form		Date/Time of Statement 26 August 2006 1700
Name _____	Team _____	Incident Type Vehicle Down	Extraction
Location Of Incident (Grid or Terrain Feature) Abandoned Apartment Building	Incident Time •Approx. 1110•	Incident Date 26 August 2006	b2

Fire Team Leader then assisted members of [] team with removing [] from the dead-lined BMW. A member of [] approached the down vehicle and placed two thermite grenades inside the vehicle completely destroying it. The Shift Leader of [] determined all members of [] were accounted for and safely inside their own vehicles ready to depart. [] then recovered all members of the [] fire team. [] then escorted [] out of the area.

As [] and [] approached the intersection leading toward [] United States Military Personnel (Army) arrived on the scene. The military unit requested [] remain on scene and provide a statement of the situation. At this point the Shift Leader for [] to provide a secure perimeter for [] and the military liaison to hold their discussion. [] advised the Shift Leader of [] that with the military on scene [] could depart. [] advised Blackwater Air and the TOC of the ground situation and the decision was made for [] to depart and return to the International Zone. Blackwater Air continued to provide air support until [] entered Check Point []. At approximately 1220 [] entered the International Zone and continued with the daily missions. -END-

[REDACTED] Person giving statement

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

September 2, 2006

SPOT REPORT - 090206-01

SUBJECT: Aggressive Vehicle Approaches REO's Vehicle Screening Area

REPORTING OFFICE: RSO Basrah, Iraq

SUMMARY: At approximately 1342hrs on September 2, 2006, a vehicle approached the U.S. Regional Embassy Office in Basrah's vehicle screening area at a high rate of speed and in an aggressive manner. An armed Embassy Office guard attempted to stop the vehicle with verbal, hand, and arm signals once the vehicle was within [] meters from him. Despite the signals, the driver continued to speed towards the Embassy Office gate without slowing down. As the vehicle closed within [] meters of the guard, he fired one (1) round into the hood of the vehicle. The vehicle immediately came to a controlled stop, reversed out, and sped away. No injuries to the driver were apparent.

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RSO ACTION: RSO Basrah is investigating the shooting. A statement from the TCN guard is being completed. Provincial Joint Operation Center (PJOC) staff members indicated that the incident was not reported to the Iraqi Police (IP).

LOCATION: Regional Embassy Office Basrah

DRAFTED: Basrah RSO Marc Wint

CLEARED: Baghdad DRSO Chuck Lisenbee

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INCIDENT REPORT

This report may be in addition to DS SPOT reporting.

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Date of Report: 02 September 06

Location: Basrah REO, Iraq

Task Order: 007

Person Releasing Report: [redacted]

Title of Person Releasing Report: Guard Shift Supervisor

Date of Incident: 02 September 06

Time of Incident: Approx. 1342

Contractor Involved: Triple Canopy, Inc.

Detail Location of Incident: Basrah, Iraq

Incident Synopsis:

On 02 September 2006 at 1342 two flatbed vehicles arrived at [redacted] to deliver T-walls for KBR. The vehicles were too large to conduct a K-9 search at [redacted]. The vehicles were searched with K-9 at the preliminary search position of [redacted]. During this procedure Supervisor [redacted] instructed the Third Country National [redacted]

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[redacted] to detour traffic away from [redacted] while K-9 conducted the vehicle search. [redacted] was at the intersection of [redacted] facing west towards [redacted]. As vehicles approached, [redacted]

instructed them to detour left through the street prior to [redacted]. At approximately 1342 a vehicle approached [redacted] heading east from [redacted]. This particular vehicle approached at a high rate of speed. [redacted] gave proper hand and arm signals and verbal commands to the fast approaching vehicle. The vehicle continued to approach at a high rate of speed without slowing down. [redacted]

[redacted] felt an increased personal threat and [redacted]

[redacted] fired a single shot into the hood of the vehicle. The vehicle stopped and reversed out of the area. [redacted] was advised to continue

normal operations. Upon completion of the search of the vehicle, normal operations continued back to [redacted]. [redacted] notified the Deputy Guard Force Commander of the incident

Outline injuries if applicable: None

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Supervisor Actions to Mitigate Adverse Actions or Preclude Re-occurrence:
The Deputy Guard Force Commander, Mr. Ed Garcia, spoke with Colin Vicary,

the KBR contracting officer responsible for the delivery::Mr. Garcia requested that future deliveries of T-walls be processed through the [REDACTED] gate. b2

Personnel Notified of Incident: Assistant Regional Security Officer, Triple Canopy Project Manager Jeffery Huber

Supervisor synopsis of local impact of incident: None

Additional Reports Generated: None

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Basrah, 02 de Setiembre del 2006

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INFORME N° 001/MC-BASRAH 2006

REF ID: A9120000000000000000000000000000

Señor : Jefe de Operaciones de Triple Canopy

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Asunto: El que se indica.

Estando de servicio en [] siendo las 13.40, salí de seguridad de K-9 a la parte posterior de [] aproximadamente 100 mts., a la primera calle lado izquierdo; por orden del Supervisor [] tenía que desviar el transito de los vehículos, para que pueda realizar con tranquilidad K-9 su trabajo.

Mientras realizaba el desvío de los vehículos, de manera sorpresiva y a velocidad se acercaba una camioneta 4 x 4 con lunas polarizadas, haciéndole la indicación que se detuviera, haciendo caso omiso a mis órdenes, pese a haberle hecho las indicaciones mediante voz fuerte y señas. A pesar de todas estas indicaciones prosiguió y encendió sus luces continuó acercándose con velocidad, nuevamente le hice la indicación de detenerse. A este instante yo sentí como si el vehículo me fuera a atropellar. Yo opté por cargar mi arma [] y realicé un disparo al motor del carro, deteniéndose inmediatamente, haciéndole nuevamente la indicación de retroceder, a lo que esta vez retrocedió y se alejó del punto. Asimismo continúe con mi servicio de seguridad.

Translation:

While on duty at [] at 1340hrs I was providing security for the K-9 element located 100m North of []. I occupied the left side security position. I was ordered by the supervisor [] to detour vehicular traffic so K-9 could perform their duties.

As I detoured the vehicles, a 4x4 pick-up commenced to flash its lights at me. I started to give the hand and arm signals and I yelled louder at the vehicle to detour. The vehicle continued to approach me at a high rate of speed. I felt the vehicle was going to hit me. I then chambered a bullet into my [] and shot into the hood of the vehicle. Immediately, the vehicle stopped and reversed out away from me. There after I continued on my shift at [].

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INCIDENT REPORT

This report may be in addition to DSS SPOT reporting.

REF ID: A360077
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Date of Report: 02 September 06
Location: Basrah REO, Iraq
Task Order: 007
Person Releasing Report: Jeff Huber
Title of Person Releasing Report: P.M., Basrah, Iraq

Date of Incident: 02 September 06
Time of Incident: Approx. 1342
Contractor Involved: Triple Canopy, Inc.
Detail Location of Incident: Basrah, Iraq

Incident Synopsis:

This report is in addition to _____ (TC guard supervisor) and _____
report for the shooting incident on 2 Sep 06, while supporting a K-9 truck search
near ____ b2

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Outline injuries if applicable: None

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Supervisor Actions to Mitigate Adverse Actions or Preclude Re-occurrence: The Deputy
Guard Force Commander, Mr. Ed Garcia, spoke with Colin Vicary, the KBR contracting officer
responsible for the delivery. Mr. Garcia requested that future deliveries of T-walls be processed
through the _____ gate.

Personnel Notified of Incident: Assistant Regional Security Officer, Triple Canopy Project
Manager Jeffery Huber

Supervisor synopsis of local impact of incident: None

Additional Reports Generated: None

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INCIDENT REPORT
This report may be in addition to DS SPOT reporting.

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Date of Report: 02 September 06
Location: Basrah REO, Iraq
Task Order: 007
Person Releasing Report: Jeff Huber
Title of Person Releasing Report: P.M., Basrah, Iraq

REF ID: A6531FIED

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Date of Incident: 02 September 06
Time of Incident: Approx. 1342
Contractor Involved: Triple Canopy, Inc.
Detail Location of Incident: Basrah, Iraq

Incident Synopsis:

This report is in addition to _____ (TC guard supervisor) and _____ report for the shooting incident on 2 Sep 06, while supporting a K-9 truck search near _____

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After discussing the incident with _____ and the Guard Force chain of command, my finding and recommendations are as follows.

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The REO is receiving tractor trailers loads of wall barriers (T-walls), a total of 6 on this day. The trucks if searched within the _____ area would stop all other traffic from entering or departing the US camp. In order to properly conduct a search of this size of truck and without blocking the gate for up to 30 minutes per truck, it is necessary to push out the search to the vicinity of _____ and divert traffic around this intersection. In order to expedite the process and reduce the exposure of the driver, the TC shift supervisor sets up security

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_____, signaled (hand and arm waving) the driver, yelled while the vehicle was approaching. The driver of the vehicle must have seen him, due to the fact that he was flashing his lights at him. _____ was carrying his weapon in the "cold" condition. His weapon didn't have a round in the chamber, so he had to chamber a round and aim the weapon at the approaching vehicle. He fired one shot that hit the hood of the vehicle. At this time the driver and vehicle came to stop and departed the area.

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It was requested that these trucks enter through the _____ or _____ gate. The drivers refuse to enter through the _____ gate due to their fear that they will be ambushed and/or shot at.

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Outline injuries if applicable: None

Supervisor Actions to Mitigate Adverse Actions or Preclude Re-occurrence:

We have gone back and requested that KBR have these trucks enter through the gate. b2

Personnel Notified of Incident: Assistant Regional Security Officer, Triple Canopy Project Manager Jeffery Huber, LMPO

Supervisor synopsis of local impact of incident: None

Additional Reports Generated: None

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Date of Incident 05SEP2006 Time of Incident Approximately 0945

Type of Incident <i>(i.e. Use of Lethal Force/Use of Non or Less Lethal Force/Distracting Devices Deployed/Ambush)</i>	Lead Vehicle [redacted] struck by an Improvised Explosive Device (IED)	b2
Location of Incident <i>(Describe location in detail. Include route name, local landmarks, and coordinates if known, etc.)</i>	200 meters past the intersection of [redacted] and [redacted] in An Najaf, Iraq	b2
Description of Incident <i>(Describe in detail the nature of the incident, all personnel involved, i.e. principle US forces, injuries, any other US government and/or NGOs involved, other foreign nationalities, CNS and/or other US government agencies involved, etc.)</i>	I [redacted] driver for the lead vehicle. At 0930 hours Our [redacted] car advance team was traveling South on Route [redacted] headed towards the Najaf Governors Center. We were roughly 200 meters past the intersection of [redacted] and [redacted] and started picking up speed to pass slow traffic right. When we passed the slow traffic we were hit by an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) that came from the median. There were no target indicators or anything out of the ordinary that I saw. The lead vehicle became disabled but I was able to drive it about 500 meters off the X and position it for recovery. During this time the Tactical Commander [redacted] verbally and physically assed each member of our vehicle for injuries. Immediately after I stopped the vehicle myself and the crew of the lead stripped the truck of all [redacted]. I then shot the Communications asset in the vehicle with four rounds from my [redacted] service weapon. The Tactical Commander [redacted] then deployed a incendiary grenade into the disabled vehicle. We then evacuated into the follow car and the counter assault vehicle and headed to our closest safe haven which was FOB Duke.	b4 b7c b2 b6 b7c
Action Taken <i>(Describe in detail what actions were taken, i.e. deployed pin flares, deployed specific weapons systems, etc.)</i>	A incendiary grenade was used to burn the vehicle in place. I discharged four rounds from my [redacted] into the Communications asset. The [redacted] and counter assault vehicle were set to [redacted]. The shift leader [redacted] was on the [redacted] net during and after the incident relaying our situation report to BW Ops and [redacted]	b2 b6 b7c b2
Follow-Up Required <i>(Indicate what if any follow-up action is required, i.e. further investigation, notifications, etc.)</i>	Vehicle Number: [redacted]	b2

Operator(s) Involved	[redacted]	Team(s) Involved	[redacted]
	Lead Driver		

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Tehan, Kevin G (Baghdad)

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From: Lischke, Jeff D (Baghdad)
Sent: Thursday, September 07, 2006 1:44 PM
To: Tehan, Kevin G (Baghdad)
Cc: Reiser, William C (Baghdad); Backstrom, Paul M (Baghdad)
Subject: FW: 06SEPT06Shoot to disable [] b2 b7c

Kevin: Please find the attached statements for the shoot to disable incident that happened yesterday. We used to send them to Kit Pryer, but since he has departed, not sure who to send them to except for you.....Appears to be a legitimate escalation of force....The only issue that I have is that there were two occupants....not the MO for SVBIED's. Also, we have not heard from anyone regarding the British flag.

From: Daniel Carroll [mailto:
Sent: Thursday, September 07, 2006 1:07 PM
To: Lischke, Jeff D (Baghdad)
Cc: Matthew Stuckart
Subject: 06SEPT06Shoot to disable [] b2

Jeff can you forward to Paul and Bill,
On Wednesday, September 6, 2006 [] was supporting [] on their movement back to the IZ from their venue, the Adhimiya DC located at [] was moving to [] from [] in a South West direction of travel and was to proceed South East from [] on MSR [] is an intersection containing an overpass running North West to South East, (MSR) [] and the road running underneath from North East to South West with merge lanes from the surface roadway to the on ramp of MRS []. As [] approached [] the motorcade used sirens and air horns to warn the local vehicles of their location. Iraqi Policemen (IP's) at [] observed our motorcade, went into the roadway and attempted to stop all North East traffic from proceeding in our direction and from entering the on ramp for []. At this time all traffic began to stop except for gold in color Mercedes sedan. The sedan passed a stopped taxi and proceeded to make a right turn to a South East direction into the merge lane for the MSR [] on ramp. The front up gunner of the lead vehicle, [] began giving verbal and visual signals to the vehicle to stop. The rear up gunner of the lead vehicle, [] threw one water bottle at the gold Mercedes. The water bottle impacted the roadway directly in front of the gold Mercedes, which did not stop and began to accelerate in a manner that would cause it to impact the Lead Mamba at the intersection of the merge lane and the MSR [] on ramp. The suspect vehicle continued to ignore all visual and verbal warnings given by the lead vehicle rear gunner [] and the lead vehicle front gunner, []. At this time, [] fired one pen flare at the moving suspect vehicle, striking the driver side door as it came approximately [] meters from [] motorcade. The vehicle continued to ignore the escalation of force and was closing with the lead vehicle at an angle of approximately 10-15 degrees. The suspect vehicle was now approximately [] meters from impacting the lead vehicle at intersection of the merge lane and the MSR [] on ramp and had ignored all verbal and visual warnings given by [] and [] as well as the instructions from the IP's in the intersection. The Vehicle continued to accelerate in the direction of the motorcade. [] and [] stated that they were in fear for their lives and the lives of their team mates at which time the lead up gunner of [] fired three rounds into the engine compartment of the suspect vehicle. Simultaneously, the rear up gunner [] of the lead vehicle fired four controlled rounds into the engine compartment and then two additional rounds at the driver's side window when the rounds to the engine compartment failed to stop the vehicle, one of which was observed to strike the upper left corner of the driver window. The suspect vehicle continued to drive toward the lead vehicle as it was being engaged by the two up gunners. At this time the lead vehicle swerved to the left to avoid making contact with the suspect vehicle and went up over the median curb. The suspect vehicle

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came to a complete stop several inches in front of the lead vehicle. The two occupants of the suspect vehicle put their hand up in the "I surrender" fashion and did not appear to be injured. The Tactical Commander of [redacted] then called out over the team radio on [redacted] to "Push Through, Push Through, Push Through". [redacted] then accelerated to drive through the threat area. As [redacted] left the area, the rear gunner, [redacted] observed the front right passenger of the vehicle hold up what appeared to be a British flag. As the rest of the motorcade passed the disabled vehicle, the two occupants of the disabled suspect vehicle did not appear to have any injuries. The Tactical Commander of [redacted] then notified the Shift Leader of the shots fired and a short brief of the incident. I then notified the Tactical Operations Center of the incident via [redacted] radio with a description of the vehicle and that there were no injuries to report. [redacted] moved back into the IZ and continued with the daily mission. -END-

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Danny Carroll
Blackwater Security
Project Manager
Baghdad, Iraq
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6 September 2006

Spot Report - 090606- 02

Subject: Tactical Support Team (TST) Fires on an Aggressive Vehicle

Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary: On 6 September 2006 at approximately 1219 hrs, a Chief of Mission (COM) Tactical Support Team (TST) was proceeding southwest in the right hand lane of a four lane divided street near the Central Train Station located in the Red Zone. Two top gunners in the lead "Mamba" armored car observed a gold Mercedes sedan with two occupants proceeding in a merge lane to the right of the TST convoy in an apparent intercept course with the motorcade. After ignoring arm and hand signals of an Iraqi police officer, emergency sirens, and arm and hand signals of the TST members, the driver still proceeded. A TST member threw a water bottle in front of the Mercedes when it was approximately [] meters from the convoy. At [] meters a pen flare was fired at the vehicle which resulted in the suspect vehicle increasing its speed.

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When the vehicle was [] meters from the convoy, both gunners on top of the lead Mamba fired well aimed shots from their [] into the engine [] b2 compartment of the approaching vehicle. A total of seven (7) shots were fired into the engine. One gunner fired three (3) shots and the other fired four (4). Due to the change in the angle in which the Mercedes presented itself, one round fired by the second gunner struck the driver's door frame and a second round struck the window of the same door. At this point the

vehicle slowed to a stop and both occupants raised their hands. They remained in the sedan. PSD members in the motorcade follow vehicles reported that neither occupant appeared injured when they drove by. There were no principles in the convoy. No COM personnel were injured. The team continued on their mission without further incident.

RSO Action: TST PSD members have completed written statements. RSO is investigating the shooting.

Location: Red Zone, Baghdad, Iraq

Drafted by: Sam Pikula, Watch Officer, RSO TOC, Baghdad, Iraq

Cleared: DRSO Chuck Lisenbee

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**



TITLE COM PSD (Baghdad) Fires on Aggressive Vehicle		DS CASE NUMBER / REPORT NUMBER 2006 - 00107	
TRUE NAME N/A		CASE TYPE Use of Force	
POST Baghdad	DATE REPORTED 09-06-2006	DATES INVESTIGATED 09/06/2006 – 09/10/2006	REPORTING AGENT S/A Tehan

SYNOPSIS

On September 6, 2006, at approximately 1220 hrs, a COM PSD, [REDACTED] in Baghdad, fired on a vehicle after determining that the vehicle posed an immediate threat to their motorcade. This use of force was appropriate and within the parameters of DS use-of-force policy. Injuries to the multiple occupants in the threat vehicle was possible, but not observed. End Summary.

The following chain of events is derived from the statements provided by the team members involved in the shooting:

1. As the motorcade approached an intersection in Baghdad, an Iraqi policeman held traffic in order to let it pass. Although most vehicles obeyed the policeman's instructions, a gold Mercedes continued to approach the motorcade. According to a team member, the vehicle had dark, tinted windows, and appeared to ride low in the rear. Both are historical indicators for suicide bomb vehicles.
2. Team members escalated the use of force, beginning with verbal commands to stop. When that did not work, a team member threw a water bottle in front of the oncoming vehicle. When the vehicle continued to approach another team member fired a pen flare which hit the driver's side door of the aggressive vehicle.
3. As the approaching vehicle did not appear stop, and when no other means were available, two members of the PSD team opened fire on the aggressive vehicle, aiming for the engine compartment. The gunner in the lead PSD vehicle then fired an additional two rounds at the driver's window, since the initial rounds did not stop the on-coming Mercedes. The Mercedes finally came to a halt inches in front of the lead PSD vehicle. The occupants of the aggressive vehicle raised their hands against their car's windshield. The front-seat passenger then raised a British flag. The occupants of the vehicle did not appear to be harmed. – Case Closed –

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Name <u>b6 b7c</u>	Team <u>b2</u>	Incident Type Disabling Shots at [redacted] b2 b7c
Location Of Incident (Grid or Terrain Feature) <u>b2</u>	Incident Time 1220	Incident Date 06 September 2006

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Sworn Statement

Date	06 September 06	Time	1220
Location	[Redacted] b2		

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I, [Redacted] b6 b7c, hereby make the following statement at the request of [Redacted], who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I understand that this statement is made in furtherance of an official administrative inquiry regarding potential misconduct or improper performance of official duties and that disciplinary action, including dismissal from the Department's Worldwide Personnel Protective Services contract, may be undertaken if I refuse to provide this statement or fail to do so fully and truthfully. I further understand that neither my statements nor any information or evidence gained by reason of my statements can be used against me in a criminal proceeding, except that if I knowingly and willfully provide false statements or information, I may be criminally prosecuted for that action under 18 United States Code, Section 1001. I agree that the statements I furnish and any information or evidence resulting there from may be used in the course of disciplinary proceedings, which could result in disciplinary action, including dismissal.

I [Redacted] b6 b7c served in the United States Marine Corps from [Redacted]

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In [redacted] I was hired by Blackwater USA and attended WPPS II where I received training in shooting from a moving vehicle. I was also selected to attend the Department of State BFFOC (Basic Field Firearms Officer Course) where I received additional instruction in DoS firearms training methods and Use of Force Policy. In [redacted] I was deployed to Baghdad, Iraq and was assigned to TST Team [redacted]

On 090606 at approximately 12:20 pm I was traveling with [redacted] as the rear up gunner in the [redacted] vehicle of a [redacted] vehicle motorcade. We were traveling in support of [redacted] Team [redacted] when we approached the intersection at [redacted] from the east turning south towards [redacted]

As our vehicle was driving under the overpass I noticed that there was an Iraqi policeman that was stopping the westbound traffic for our motorcade. Just as we cleared the underpass I began to yell "kiff" and give the visual hand signal to stop. The policeman was positioned on a median between the westbound lanes of traffic and the lane that allows traffic to merge onto the southbound feeder road that we were about to turn on.

I could see that a yellow taxi had stopped for the policeman, but an older model, dirty, dark gold Mercedes passenger car disregarded the officer and continued towards the southbound merging lane. I threw a water bottle that landed right in the merge lane just in front of the Mercedes. The vehicle failed to stop and continued at a high rate of speed towards our vehicle. The Mercedes had dark tinted windows and the back end of the car appeared to be weighted down. From training I knew that these were common descriptors in VBIED's. I knew from prior intelligence briefings that this vehicle matched the description of vehicles on the VBIED BOLO List.

I lowered my rifle towards the vehicle, but it still failed to stop. I felt that my life and the lives of my vehicle crew and those of the rest of my team were in danger. At the same time I heard the lead up gunner fire a pen flare and saw the pen flare hit the Mercedes directly on the driver side door. The vehicle still did not stop. At this time the vehicle was approximately [redacted] meters from impacting our vehicle. At this time, being in fear for my safety and the safety of my team, I engaged the vehicle with my [redacted] rifle (DoS issued,

I began to fire rounds into the left front of the engine compartment at which time the suspect vehicle kept coming. I then transitioned to the driver side window and fired 2 rounds. I saw at least one of these rounds strike the glass and produce a "spider effect" in the glass. The vehicle slowed and then finally stopped just before striking the front right side of our Mamba. By that time, I was in a position that I could see that the driver and passenger had put their hands up. I continued to look for any possible threats to our convoy and we continued southbound. As we began to move away from the vehicle I observed the right front passenger of the vehicle display what appeared to be a British flag.

At the same time I notified the TC in my vehicle and then over the radio that I had fired at the Mercedes, but that the occupants did not appear to have been injured. We continued back into the IZ and continued on with our daily missions.

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I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

Signed

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Address

WPPS Camp Baghdad

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this _____ day of
_____, 20_____.

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SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE.

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Date 09/06/06	REF ID: A61121	Time 1220
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I, [redacted] b6 b7c, hereby make the following statement at the request of [redacted], who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

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I served in the United States Army Special Forces

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I have been under contract with Blackwater for the past [redacted] months. I have worked as a PSS on PSD teams in the South of Iraq and on the TST (Tactical Support Team) as well as with Blackwaters Air Asset.

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At approximately 1220 hours, on 6 September 2006, Team [] was approaching the intersection at [] from the North East to turn South East. Our vehicles had Fed Kits and Air horns in use to warn traffic of our approach. At that time I spotted a faded gold mercedes accelerating into a merging lane that put the suspect vehicle in a position to make direct impact with the flank of our vehicle where the merge lane intersected the roadway. I observed the vehicle was being manuevered in a very aggressive manner. I gave verbal and visual wanings to the vehicle to stop. At a range of approximately [] meters I fired one pen flare at the aggressive vehicle. The flare impacted the driver side door of the vehicle, at which time the vehicle continued to accellerate towards our motorcade. At this time the vehicle had closed to approximatley [] meters of our vehicle. Fearing for the safety of my team, and knowing that the vehicle matched the description of a vehicle on the VBIED BOLO list, I engaged the vehicle with my [] (DoS issued, []). I fired 3 rounds aiming at the engine compartment area in an effort to disable the vehicle, the vehicle continued on a collision course with our motorcade. The rear gunner in my vehicle also engaged with his []. The lead driver of our vehicle manuevered the Mamba up onto the curb in an effort to avoid the collision. The two Vehicles came to a stop with only inches between bumpers. Immidiately after stopping, the occupants of the Mercedes placed their hands in the windshield. We then pulled forward to separate and clear the intersection. We continued back to the International Zone and continued on with the daily missions.

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I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

Signed
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Address [] WPPS Camp Baghdad b6 b7c

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this _____ day of

_____, 20_____.

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SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

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U.S. EMBASSY-BAGHDAD

08 September 2006

Spot Report - 080906-01

Subject: [REDACTED] (AIR FORCE) b6
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Reporting Office: RSO TOC U.S. Embassy Annex Baghdad Iraq

Summary: On 8 September, 2006 at approximately 1345 hrs, Air Force drove out of the International Zone (IZ) inadvertently past Check Point [REDACTED] into the Red Zone. [REDACTED] then became lost. She realized her error and tried to backtrack into the IZ. During this maneuver she was fired upon by unknown persons with small arms fire (SAF). The SAF then broke out the driver's side window of her soft-skinned Ford Explorer. She escaped the attack and drove to an Iraqi Checkpoint where the Iraqi Police surrounded her and protected her. She called a friend in the IZ who then called the RSO TOC and gave us her number. The RSO TOC then called [REDACTED] and tried to determine her location. The Watch Officer sent Blackwater Air and the TST team to search for her while she was on the phone with the RSO TOC. After an intensive search [REDACTED] Explorer was located southwest of the IZ on Route [REDACTED]. Blackwater air evacuated her to the Combat Army Support Hospital (CASH). Her injuries appeared to be minor at that time. The Army sent out a unit to recover her Explorer.

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RSO ACTION: None required.

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LOCATION: Red Zone, Route South, Baghdad Iraq

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Drafted by: Ron Chavez, Watch Officer RSO TOC

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QRF After Action Report 8 September 2006

At approximately 1405 hrs today Blackwater Air was notified by the TOC via cell phone and was asked to launch the QRF in support of an Air Force Major that had been attacked with small arms and required assistance. The TOC relayed their location (ivo [redacted] on route [redacted]) and the condition of the Major (wounded injuries unknown) via secure communications. The Blackwater Air QRF was activated and began movement to aircraft. A hasty brief was given of known information and duties to aircrews. Aircraft were started and all personnel on site assisted with departure. Lead called tower and stated that an emergency departure was required. The [redacted] LZ tower cleared QRF number two for departure behind 2 AH64's. The lead aircraft again stated the need for immediate departure and lifted off flying around the two AH64's who had begun their takeoff. Lead established contact with the TOC on [redacted] since [redacted] secure was not working. The TOC was in cell phone contact with the wounded Major. The TOC advised us that [redacted] had departed and was enroute to the location. Contact was established with [redacted] and air and ground teams began the search as a joint team. A complete search was made of the location that had been given without results. The lead pilot asked the TOC to find out what the Major could see from her location. They relayed she could see a large Mosque and a power plant with four smoke stacks. Lead determined she could not be on route [redacted] as originally thought and must be on Route [redacted]. Lead briefed [redacted] and departed for Route [redacted] at the intersection of [redacted] and [redacted]. Approximately 15 seconds later, the vehicle was located and identified and the situation was assessed. Lead told [redacted] to provide a CAP and Lead would land to assist with injuries. The gunner and medic were briefed to conduct security and assess the condition of the Major, load her on little bird, and move to the CSH pad. [redacted] was told to call Baghdad radio and alert the CSH of incoming wounded. [redacted] was also contacted and given exact location of vehicle and began moving in that direction. The Major was loaded up between the gunners and aircraft departed for the CSH. The Major stated that she did not have any sensitive equipment in the vehicle (soft car, blue Ford Explorer), and that she had been traveling alone. She also stated that while driving the vehicle was hit with one round that went through the front passenger window. Two min later she was escorted by the gunners into the CSH since no one had come out to the pad. Aircraft returned to LZ [redacted] without further incident at 1434.

Blackwater Air QRF team make up:

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Little Bird Flight Lead
Blackwater Aviation, Iraq

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

10 Sep 2006

Spot Report - 091006-01

Subject: Embassy Motorcade Hit With Small Arms Fire**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad**Summary:**

At approximately 1440 hours on September 10, 2006, a [redacted] vehicle Embassy motorcade traveling west on Route [redacted] was attacked by small arms fire (SAF). The [redacted] was hit with at least one round of SAF.

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The attackers were believed to be in a compact red sedan that pulled off the roadway ahead of the motorcade as if it were yielding right of way. As the motorcade approached, two men exited the vehicle. Their exact position in relation to the vehicle was obscured by a large cloud of dust caused by the vehicle quickly braking on the dirt shoulder, but it appeared that the men were in the back seat of the sedan and exited to the rear of the vehicle. Because of the dust, none of the PSD members could confirm if the men were armed. As the motorcade passed by, SAF was received in the direction of the red sedan. PSD members heard approximately 30 to 40 rounds of SAF as the motorcade increased speed to pass through the attack site.

One round entered through the rear right passenger door and ricocheted off the armored plating around the door opening before becoming lodged in the foam molding inside the window. The [redacted], along with the lead and follow

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vehicles, will be returned to the KBR garage tomorrow morning for a complete inspection to determine if additional rounds hit. Although smoke filled the passenger compartment, the [redacted] was still operable and able to continue to the scheduled destination near Baghdad International Airport (BIAP). b2

The principals were not DOS employees and their purpose for travel will be discussed in a classified e-mail when the Baghdad Communication Center opens Monday morning.

D/RSO Chuck Lisenbee was in the well of the lead vehicle and observed the attack. He was en route to BIAP to meet incoming RSO personnel.

RSO ACTIONS: RSO Tactical Support Team (TST) was dispatched and RSO Air Wing notified to standby. SRSO Bennett and DS Command Center notified immediately.

LOCATION: Red Zone, Baghdad, Iraq

DRAFTED: Roque Salas, Watch Officer, RSO TOC, Baghdad, Iraq

CLEARED: DRSO Chuck Lisenbee

APPROVED: SRSO Randall Bennett

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Blackwater USA Statement Form			Date/Time of Statement 10Sept06 1830hrs
Name _____	Team _____	Incident Type SAF Attack on motorcade	
Location Of Incident (Grid or Terrain Feature) _____	Incident Time 1440 hrs	Incident Date 10Sept06	

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[redacted] was conducting [redacted] PSD Motorcade Operation from [redacted] to [redacted] for mission [redacted] Camp Cropper. While traveling west in the westbound lane of Route [redacted] at approximately 80Km per hour we heard 5 to 6 SAF (small arms fire) in rapid succession (possibly automatic) from the north side of the road before reaching [redacted]. One round struck the [redacted] vehicle [redacted] on the right side passenger door 1" in front of the window, 3" above the sill line. The round was likely a 'tracer' that continued to burn after impact, filling the passenger compartment with smoke. The round punctured the soft exterior of the vehicle, but was stopped by the armor plating. No muzzle flashes or other indications of a shooter were seen. There was a small red car (unknown make and model) in the area but it is unknown if it was involved. The [redacted] was able to continue to the venue and complete the mission.

The Protective Security Officer [redacted] notified me [redacted] Shift Leader), via radio, that his vehicle had been impacted, there was smoke inside the vehicle, and that there were no injuries. I ordered the motorcade to "Drive through" and continue with the mission, called the Tactical Operations Center (TOC), via radio, to notify them of the incident and location. The TOC dispatched Blackwater Tactical Support Team (TST) to our location to assist us for the remainder of our mission. At 1800 we departed venue and returned to Base without incident.

PSO [redacted] told me:

On 10 Sep, 2006 [redacted] was conducting a [redacted] motorcade movement to [redacted] on Route [redacted]. At approximately 1440 hours, in the vicinity of grid [redacted], I heard and felt a loud thump on the right side of the [redacted]. As I looked in the right side view mirror, I could see smoke coming from the panel in between my window and the rear right window. At the same time, smoke also appeared in the back seat of the [redacted]. As I looked back into the right side view mirror, the smoke had cleared up and I could see a hole in the same spot where the smoke was coming from.

Once I heard and felt the loud thump on the right side of the [redacted] and saw the smoke in my right side view mirror, I turned to our principals in the backseat to tell them to stay down and asked them if they were injured or hurt. They advised me that they were not hurt in any way. I then turned to the [redacted] driver and asked him if he was injured or hurt, and he responded that he was "okay." I immediately radioed the Shift Leader [redacted] to tell him that we had taken small arms fire on the right side and that we had no injuries and that the [redacted] was still good to move, despite some light smoke. Because of the smoke, I looked in the backseat to make sure that there was not a fire and to see if there was an entry hole from any projectile. I could not see either. I continued to talk to keep the principals calm and we proceeded with our missions without further incident. Once safely on venue I again checked the principal's and driver for injury but found nothing.

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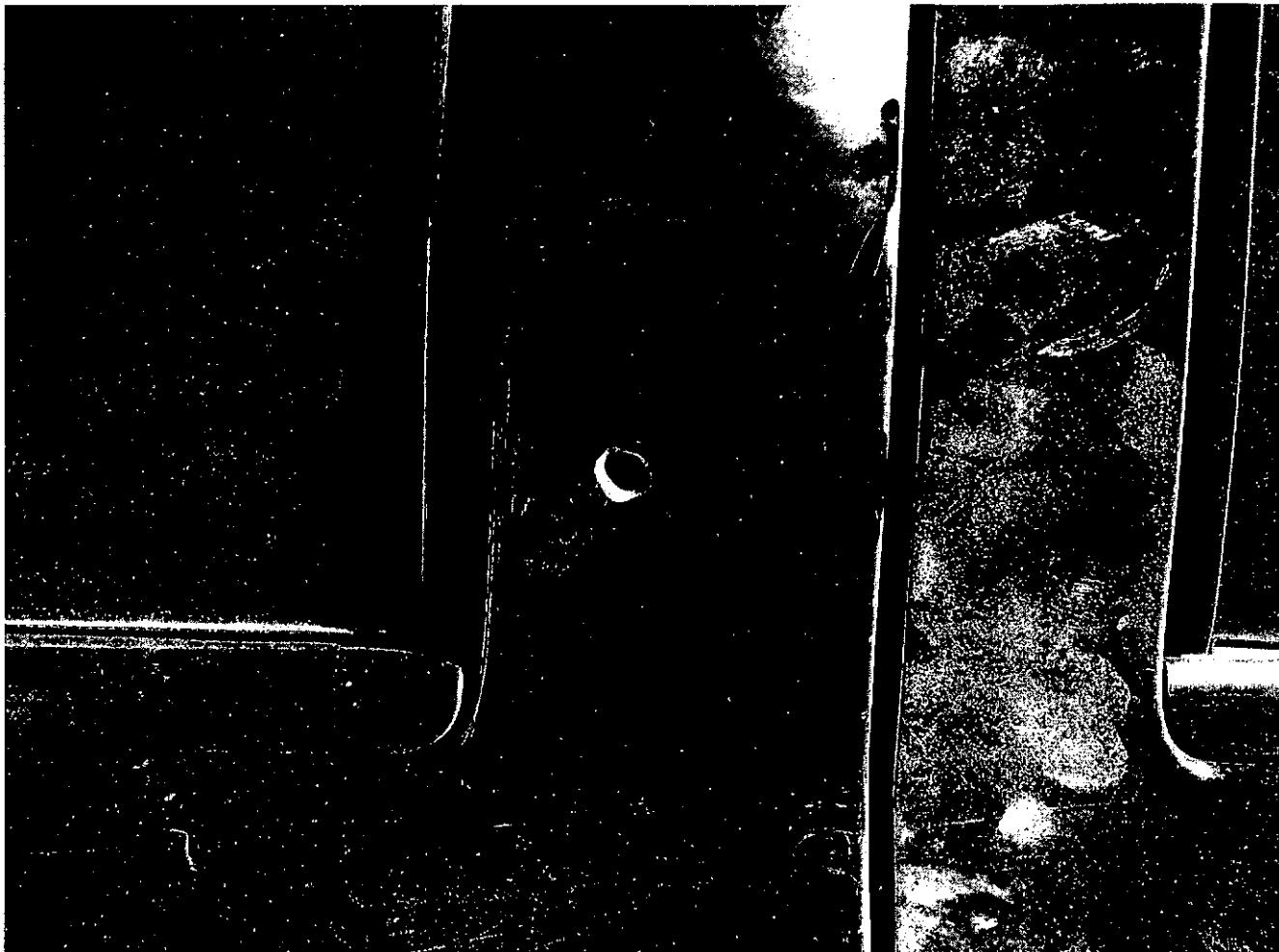
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Blackwater USA	Statement Form		Date/Time of Statement 10Sept06 1830hrs
Name _____	Team _____	Incident Type SAF Attack on motorcade	
Location Of Incident, (Grid or Terrain Feature) b2	REDACTED		Incident Time 1430 hrs.
		Incident Date 10Sept06	



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Date of Incident	09/11/06	Time of Incident	0810
Type of Incident	Disabling Shoot Of Vehicle		
Location of Incident			
Description of Incident	<p>Team¹ was in support of team¹ to the Ministry of the Interior, team¹ was following team¹ from a distance of about meters. While in route to the venue team¹ approached the intersection of from the left lane. While conducting a left turn at the intersection a blue four door sedan approached the convoy from the six o'clock position, a single male driver was the only occupant in the vehicle. All traffic was stopped 100 meters behind the last vehicle of the detail when the sedan made a hasty lane change to the right and continued towards the detail passing all other cars stopped behind the follow mamba. Speed of the sedan was moderate to fast. There were no injuries involved in this incident.</p>		
Action Taken	<p>After identifying the blue sedan as a threat to the detail, the right rear hatch gunner¹ gave several hand signals as well as voice commands to the oncoming threat. The left rear hatch gunner¹ also gave repeated hand and voice commands. The blue sedan with its single male occupant failed to adhere to the commands given by both hatch gunners. After several commands failed to stop the sedan¹ the right rear hatch gunner while in fear of the safety of himself and the team fired one well placed shot from his¹ rifle into the front grill of the sedan. After the bullet struck the grill the sedan came to a complete stop and the team continued with the mission. After making the turn I observed the sedan and noted the driver getting out of the vehicle with no noticed injuries. I reported the incident to the TOC as soon as I received a full status report from the team, I also reported the incident to my chain of command.</p>		
Follow-Up Required	<p>A verbal statement was given to the TOC investigating officer as soon as the team arrived back to the¹ staging area. Written statements by all members in the follow vehicle (mamba¹) were completed and submitted to the TOC investigating officer on the same day as the incident.</p>		

Operator(s) Involved	Vehicle(s) Involved	Mamba follow vehicle	Team(s) Involved	Team
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DSS Iraq Mission

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PSD INCIDENT REPORT

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Date of Incident: 12 Sept. 2006 Time of Incident: 0910

Type of Incident:

(Use of Lethal Force/Use of Non-Lethal Force/Distracting Devices/Deployed Ambush)

Location of Incident:

(Describe the location in detail. Include route name, local landmarks, grid coordinates if known, etc.)

Description of Incident:

(Describe in detail the nature of the incident, all personnel involved, principle(s) involved, injuries (if any), other US Government and/or NGOs involved, other foreign/national/international NGOs and/or non-US Government agencies involved, etc.)

Action Taken:

(Describe in detail what actions were taken, e.g., deployed pin flares, deployed specific weapons, systems, etc.)

Follow-Up Required:

(Indicate what, if any, follow-up action is required, e.g., further investigation, notifications, etc.)

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This report is of the incident involving five pin flare that where fired at a five different vehicle's on September 12, 2006.

At Approximately 0910 I [REDACTED] Rear PSS (Well) Observer while traveling west on Route [REDACTED] through the City of Al Hindyah. The motorcade was in heavy traffic resulting in have PSD element to run the fenders to clear traffic. On five different occasions while in heavy traffic vehicles tired to probe the rear of the motorcade, paying no heed to the White Sure Fire Tac Light mounted on the [REDACTED]

All vehicles stopped after pin Flare was fired, from the well gunner. There was no damage done to any vehicles or civilians.

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No follow on actions required.

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U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD

12 September 2006

Spot Report - 091206- 03

Subject: Army PSD Team Fires on Aggressive Vehicle**Reporting Office: RSO TOC - Baghdad**

Summary: On 12 September 2006 at approximately 1000 hrs, a Chief of Mission (COM) PSD Team was proceeding to the Ministry of Electricity (MOE) for a scheduled meeting. The PSD team was traveling northbound on a two lane north/south divided highway in the right hand travel lane. In an intersection south of the MOE, the turret gunner in the follow Humvee observed a silver "Toyota" SUV closing rapidly on the convoy as it proceeded northbound. As the Toyota SUV continued to close on the convoy at a high rate of speed, the following actions were taken by the turret gunner in the follow Humvee: At approximately 100 meters he attempted to gain the drivers attention with hand signals. At approximately [] meters the turret gunner attempted to gain the drivers attention by throwing a bottle of water at the vehicle as it continued to close. Finally, at approximately [] meters, the turret gunner displayed his [] in an attempt to gain the drivers attention and to have him decrease speed so as to maintain a safe distance.

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All the aforementioned attempts to gain the attention of the vehicle's driver failed. As the convoy continued to proceed northbound and when the vehicle closed within [] meters, the up-gunner on the follow vehicle fired two (2) well aimed shots from his [] into the engine compartment

of the approaching vehicle. At this point the vehicle exited the travel lane and slowed to a stop on the right hand paved shoulder area. The turret gunner in the follow Humvee reported that due to heavy window tinting in the suspect vehicle, he was unable to view any reaction from the driver. There were four (4) principals in the motorcade at the time of the shooting. No COM personnel were injured. The team continued on their mission without further incident.

RSO Action: PSD members have completed written statements. The RSO is investigating the shooting.

Location: Red Zone, Baghdad, Iraq

Drafted by: Mark Ford, Watch Officer, RSO TOC, Baghdad, Iraq

Cleared: DRSO Chuck Lisenbee

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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

AUTHORITY: Title 10 USC Section 301; Title 5 USC Section 2051; E.O. 9387 dated November 22, 1943 (SSN).

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE: To provide commanders and law enforcement officials with means by which information may be accurately identified.

ROUTINE USES: Your social security number is used as an additional/alternate means of identification to facilitate filing and retrieval.

DISCLOSURE: Disclosure of your social security number is voluntary.

1. LOCATION [REDACTED] 2. DATE (YYYYMMDD) [REDACTED] 3. TIME [REDACTED] 4. FILE NUMBER [REDACTED]

5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME [REDACTED] 6. SSN [REDACTED] 7. GRADE/STATUS [REDACTED]

8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS [REDACTED]

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

On 2008 or 12 or 10-01 the incident occur at [REDACTED] No one [REDACTED] in front of the venue waiting for the [REDACTED] lift the car over to [REDACTED] in my car with Millon I saw a silver SUV coming down the road behind us. While waiting the SUV I saw a water bottle had the [REDACTED] and the SUV still kept coming. Then he have fire shoots from [REDACTED]. After the fire shoots the vehicle come to a stop. Then we combede into the venue. After we pulled into the venue I don't know what the car did after that. //END OF STATEMENT// [REDACTED]

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STATEMENT OF [REDACTED] TAKEN AT 1248 MRA DATED 22 SEP 2002 MRA

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I [REDACTED], HAVE READ OR HAVE HAD READ TO ME THIS STATEMENT WHICH BEGINS ON PAGE 1, AND ENDS ON PAGE [REDACTED]. I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THE ENTIRE STATEMENT MADE BY ME. THE STATEMENT IS TRUE. I HAVE INITIALED ALL CORRECTIONS AND HAVE INITIALED THE BOTTOM OF EACH PAGE CONTAINING THE STATEMENT. I HAVE MADE THIS STATEMENT FREELY WITHOUT HOPE OF BENEFIT OR REWARD, WITHOUT THREAT OF PUNISHMENT, AND WITHOUT COERCION, UNLAWFUL INFLUENCE, OR UNLAWFUL INDUCEMENT.

[REDACTED] (Signature of Person Making Statement)

WITNESSES:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this [REDACTED] day of [REDACTED]
at [REDACTED]

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

[REDACTED] (Signature of Person Administering Oath)

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1. LOCATION <i>Camp Travis, Baghdad, Iraq</i>	2. DATE (YYYYMMDD) <i>20060912</i>	3. TIME <i>1300</i>	4. FILE NUMBER
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8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS <i>[Redacted]</i>

9. <i>[Redacted]</i>

WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

While on a mission going to mm of Electricity, we were in the area of: *[Redacted]* 2 shots were fired at an on-coming vehicle. The 2 shots were fired by *[Redacted]* in the rear vehicle. I did not witness the event. *[Redacted]*

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(Signature of Person Making Statement)

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5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME	6. SSN		7. GRADE/STATUS	
8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS				
<p>I, [REDACTED], WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:</p> <p>On 20060912/001 at [REDACTED] our motorcycle was stopped outside the Ministry of Electricity just southwest of [REDACTED]. While stopped, as the gunner in the last vehicle I observed a silver Toyota SUV approach from the rear approximately [REDACTED] meters away, on a completely empty road at a high rate of speed. When the vehicle was approximately [REDACTED] meters away I used hand and arm signals to attempt to stop the vehicle, the car failed to stop. When the car was approximately [REDACTED] meters away I threw a water bottle, the car continued. At approximately [REDACTED] meters away I fired two shots to the grill. The car stopped and we continued into our venue, as my vehicle pulled into the venue the car continued down the road and I lost visual of the vehicle. /End of Statement.</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;"><i>Not Used</i></p>				
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STATEMENT OF [REDACTED] TAKEN AT 1248 DATED 2006 DEC 12

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(Signature of Person Making Statement)

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**

TITLE		DS CASE NUMBER / REPORT NUMBER	
COM PSD (Baghdad) Fires on Aggressive Vehicle		2006 - 0111	
TRUE NAME N/A		CASE TYPE Use of Force	
POST Baghdad	DATE REPORTED 09-12-2006	DATES INVESTIGATED 09/12/2006 – 09/13/2006	REPORTING AGENT S/A Tehan

SYNOPSIS

Summary: On September 12, 2006, at approximately 1000 hrs, a COM PSD team in Baghdad fired on a vehicle after determining that the vehicle posed an immediate threat to its motorcade. This use of force was appropriate and within the parameters of DS use-of-force policy. Injuries to the occupants in the threat vehicle was possible, but not observed. It appears that the PSD team acted in accordance with the established rules of engagement. The turret gunner used incremental escalations of force before finally using deadly force against the approaching Toyota SUV.

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DECLASSIFIED**DETAILS:**

On 12 September, 2006, at approximately 1000 hrs, a Chief of Mission (COM) PSD Team was en route to the Ministry of Electricity (MOE) for a scheduled meeting. While the PSD team was stopped at an intersection south of the MOE, the turret gunner in the follow Humvee observed a silver, Toyota SUV closing rapidly on the convoy. As the SUV closed on the convoy at a high rate of speed, the follow vehicle's turret gunner took the following actions. When the aggressive vehicle approached to within [] meters the turret gunner attempted to gain the other driver's attention with hand signals. At approximately [] meters the turret gunner attempted to gain the driver's attention by throwing a bottle of water at the approaching vehicle. When the suspect vehicle was approximately [] meters away, the turret gunner displayed his [] in an attempt to gain the drivers attention and to have him decrease speed so as to maintain a safe distance.

All of these attempts to gain the attention of the vehicle's driver failed. When the vehicle closed to within [] meters, the follow vehicle's turret gunner fired two (2) well-aimed shots from his [] into the engine compartment of the approaching vehicle. At that point the vehicle exited the travel lane and slowed to a stop on the right-hand, paved, shoulder of the road. The turret gunner reported that due to heavy window tinting in the suspect vehicle, he was unable to view any reaction from the driver. Four (4) principals were in the motorcade at the time of the shooting. No COM personnel were injured. The team continued on their mission without further incident.

Investigator's Note: There is a discrepancy between the Spot Report and the eyewitness statements. The Spot Report states that the motorcade was moving on the road, while the eyewitness statements indicate that the motorcade was stopped at the time of the shooting. Follow-up interviews with the participants resolved the discrepancy; the motorcade was stopped at the time of the incident. There must have been a misunderstanding on the part of the person gathering information for the Spot Report.

It appears that the PSD team acted in accordance with the established rules of engagement. The turret gunner used incremental escalations of force before finally using deadly force against the approaching Toyota SUV.

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PSD INCIDENT REPORT

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Date of Incident 12 Sept. 06 Time of Incident Approximately 0945

Type of Incident

(i.e. Use of Lethal Force/Use of Non or Less Lethal Force/Distraction Devices Deployed/Ambush)

Lead Vehicle being struck by an I.E.D. in An Najaf

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Location of Incident

(Describe location in detail. Include route name, local landmarks, and coordinates if known, etc.)

In the vicinity of Rt. [] and [] Traffic Circle in An Najaf

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Description of Incident

(Describe in detail the nature of the incident, all personnel involved, Principle(s) involved, injuries, if any, other US government and/or NGOs involved, other foreign nationals, TCOs and/or non-US government agencies involved, etc.)

I, [] for the lead vehicle traveling south on Rt. [] to An Najaf as the [] vehicle Advance Team, we were struck by an I.E.D. approximately 200 meters south of [] Traffic circle in An Najaf, approximately 0930 hours at grid []. The I.E.D. was placed in the median separating the North and South bound lane in some foliage that was also located in the median. Traffic was heavy coming out of the traffic circle, so while slower vehicles were pulling off to the shoulder we were passing on the left hand side, while picking up speed. Approximately 200 meters south of the traffic circle the lead vehicle was struck by an I.E.D. on the back left corner panel blowing out all windows and disabling the rear end. I immediately looked at my driver, [] to see if he was ok. [] said he was fine and then I proceeded to look at our door gunners. They both looked to be uninjured and moving around. [] drove the shell of a vehicle out of the vicinity of the explosion, stopped the vehicle and the lead crew began [].

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[] Assessing that the lead vehicle could not be salvaged and after all [] was out of the vehicle, I placed an incendiary grenade behind the left rear gunner's seat. The lead vehicles' crew cross loaded into the follow and Counter Assault Vehicles (C.A.V.) and proceeded to evacuate to the nearest safe haven which was FOB Duke located 30 miles away.

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Action Taken

(Describe in detail what actions were taken, i.e. deployed pin flares, deployed specific weapons systems, etc.)

Upon explosion, [] and the lead vehicle was burned in place after [] was activated to [] mode by the team leader during the incident.

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Follow-Up Required

(Indicate what if any follow-up action is required, i.e. further investigation, notifications, etc.)

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Vehicle Cmdr.

Lead Vehicle

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Type of Incident <i>(i.e. Use of Lethal Force/Use of Non or Less Lethal Force/Disruption Devices Deployed/Ambush)</i>	Roadside Improvised Explosive Device Ambush
Location of Incident <i>(Describe location in detail. Include route name, local landmarks, grid coordinates if known, etc.)</i>	Route [REDACTED] approximately 200 meters south of the [REDACTED] Traffic Circle
Description of Incident <i>(Describe in detail the nature of the incident, all personnel involved, Principle(s) involved, injuries, if any, other US government and/or NGOs involved; other foreign nationals, TGNs and/or non-US government agencies involved, etc.)</i>	<p>I, [REDACTED] Shift Leader for [REDACTED] was advancing the Najaf Government Center for [REDACTED] Traveling south on Route [REDACTED] the team passed through the [REDACTED] traffic circle. After passing through the intersection, the Lead Vehicle, [REDACTED] shifted to the left side of the road to pass slow moving vehicles that were on the right. The [REDACTED] Vehicle, [REDACTED] shifted to the middle of the road and [REDACTED] the slow moving vehicles to the right. Approximately 200 meters south of the interchange, an explosion occurred to the left rear of the Lead and the left front of the Follow vehicles. From the vantage point of the [REDACTED], I could see that the left rear quarter-panel of the Lead was crushed in and all the windows in the back of the vehicle were blown out and off of the vehicle. I then attempted to inform BW Ops of our situation and also set off the [REDACTED]</p> <p>I could not get positive communication with BW OPS and instructed the CAV commander to try from his radio. The Lead then began to "fish-tail" as the driver regained control. Once he did so, it was decided not to push the vehicle out of the zone and instead the driver kept the vehicle under control for about 500 meters until coming to a stop in the center of the road. Once he did so, the Tactical Commander called for a right side evacuation and informed the team that there were no casualties. At that time, the [REDACTED]</p> <p>I then assisted in the cross loading of the remaining personnel from the Lead Vehicle and I made the decision to reverse route back to Camp Duke due to the presence of IP's and IA's to the front. While in route back to Camp Duke, we linked up visually and via VHF with [REDACTED] and returned to Duke with no further problems.</p>
Action Taken <i>(Describe in detail what actions were taken, i.e. deployed pin flares, deployed specific weapons systems, etc.)</i>	We took up positions for [REDACTED] then cross loaded personnel and moved to the nearest safe haven FOB Duke.
Follow-Up Required <i>(Indicate what if any follow-up action is required, i.e. further investigation, notifications, etc.)</i>	[REDACTED]

Operator(s) Involved	[REDACTED]	Vehicle(s) Involved	[REDACTED]	Team(s) Involved	[REDACTED]
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Date of Incident	12 Sept2006	Time of Incident	Approximately 0945
Type of Incident <i>(i.e. Use of Lethal Force/Use of Non or Less Lethal Force/Distraction Devices Deployed/Ambush)</i>	Assault on Motorcade		
Location of Incident <i>(Describe location in detail. Include route name, local landmarks, grid coordinates if known, etc.)</i>	South on [redacted] in route to Najaf just past [redacted]		
Description of Incident <i>(Describe in detail the nature of the incident, all personnel involved, number(s) involved, injuries, if any other US government and/or NGOs involved, other foreign/nationals, ICNs and/or non-US government agencies involved, etc.)</i>	<p>[redacted] right rear of the lead vehicle Team [redacted] car motorcade, advance detail was en-route to The Government Center in Najaf in support of Team [redacted]. While the motorcade was traveling south on [redacted] the lead vehicle had past [redacted] and was towards the Government Center. When a IED detonated against the left rear of the lead vehicle. I was working the right rear section of the lead vehicle. The explosion completely disabled our vehicle the driver kept control of the vehicle while the TC looked for a safe location to cross load. All four men inside with vocal confirmation checked on one another. The TC issued directions to Cross load right at this time I exited the vehicle and seen that the axle of our vehicle was destroyed and also that there where a tremendous amount of Iraqi Police around us all of a sudden. I immediately took my [redacted] in the C.AV vehicle. I then went back and gathered [redacted] and proceeded to secure them in the follow vehicle. Once all items where secured and the [redacted] the vehicle being unrecoverable was the also incapacitated. Three of the four men cross loaded in the follow vehicle and one went in the counter assault vehicle. At this point I heard the Shift Leader ordered the team to evac to Camp Duke which is a safe area..</p>		
Action Taken <i>(Describe in detail what actions were taken, i.e. deployed pin flares, deployed specific weapons systems, etc.)</i>	<p>Once IED went off the order of cross load was given and [redacted] Pushed off the incident point and gather all [redacted] (and gear and personal).</p>		
Follow-Up Required <i>(Indicate what if any follow-up action is required, i.e. further investigation, notifications, etc.)</i>	The BW OPS was immediately notified of the incident. Upon return from mission, a written statement was provided to Senior. DL		

Operator(s) Involved	Vehicle(s) Involved	Team(s) Involved
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BUREAU OF DIPLOMATIC SECURITY
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September 12, 2006

**Spot Report-091206-02****Subject: IED Attack on Motorcade – No Casualties or Injuries****Reporting Office: RSO Al-Hillah**

Summary: At approximately 0955hrs the lead vehicle of a [] vehicle PSD advance team was struck by an IED approximately 34 miles south of Al-Hillah while traveling south on Route [] to the Najaf Government Center approximately 15 minutes ahead of the principals' vehicle. ARSO Eric Jagels was in the left rear position of the vehicle that was attacked. The point of impact was behind the left rear passenger door. The vehicle lost several tires and the explosion caused the windows to blow out. The driver was able to maintain control of the vehicle and move a safe distance to allow cross loading of personnel.

At 1000h the [] vehicle motorcade with two Chief of Mission (COM) principals arrived on scene to provide support to the advance element. All personnel were accounted for. The lead vehicle was stripped and destroyed on site before the team was evacuated to the primary safe haven at Camp Duke located approximately ten miles north of the attack site. The motorcades arrived to Camp Duke at approximately 1010h where a secondary accountability of personnel was conducted. There were no injuries or casualties reported. During a closer examination of the second advance motorcade vehicle, the PSD team discovered that it was hit with fragmentation which cracked the front windshield and damaged the radiator

and electrical system. The PSD team deemed it safer to leave this vehicle at Camp Duke.

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RSO Action: RSO Baghdad deployed two RSO Air Wing helicopters who shuttled personnel from Camp Duke back to REO Hillah. All remaining motorcade vehicles convoyed from Camp Duke to Al-Hilla with RSO Air Wing over watch. RSO Al-Hillah is reviewing Al-Hillah's security posture and procedures in light of this attack and coordinating the recovery of the second vehicle. DRSO Baghdad notified the Command Center immediately. RSO Baghdad notified the Embassy Front Office.

Location: [REDACTED] Northwest side of Najaf on Route [REDACTED] b2

DRAFTED: Al-Hillah RSO Tom Murray
RSO TOC Roque Salas

CLEARED: Baghdad DRSO Chuck Lisenbee

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To: Victor Esposito, WPPS Program Manager
From: Mark Peddy, Regional Coordinator for Iraq WPPS Programs
Subject: Najaf IED Attack – al-Hillah
Date: 13 September 2006

Sir,

Below is the most currently available information and photographs from the IED attack which occurred near Najaf in the al-Hillah 12 September 2006.

Vehicle 1 was a total loss and was reportedly recovered by either the IP's or Iraqi Army. Arrangements are being made for the return of this vehicle to Camp Duke and USG custody today.

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A Captain [redacted] (US Army) is coordinating the return of this vehicle. The RSO al-Hillah has indefinitely restricted travel so even if the vehicle is returned the personnel will not have access to it until the travel restriction has been lifted. The only photographs currently available are the photo's retrieved from the AP postings on the internet. (Attached)

Vehicle 2 was driven to Camp Duke but due to the damage to the radiator and the armored windshield the team determined that it was not sufficiently operational to risk making the return trip and the vehicle was subsequently secured at Camp Duke. The RSO and in-country leadership were notified of this decision and the vehicles location.

Vehicle 1: (Total Loss)

Vin# 3GNGK26G43G289514

Make: Chevy

Model: Suburban

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Year: 2003

GP# [redacted]

Armor Level: [redacted]

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Vehicle 2:

The following vehicle sustained damage to the vehicle radiator and armored windshield as a result of the IED attack.

Vin#: 3GNGK26G91G276660

Make: Chevy

Model: Suburban

Year: 2001

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Armor Level:

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Peddy

Regional Coordinator for Iraq

WPPS Department of State Programs for Blackwater

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Date 09/17/06	DE : : Time 0950
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I, [redacted], hereby make the following statement at the request of

[redacted], who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I understand that this statement is made in furtherance of an official administrative inquiry regarding potential misconduct or improper performance of official duties and that disciplinary action, including dismissal from the Department's Worldwide Personnel Protective Services contract, may be undertaken if I refuse to provide this statement or fail to do so fully and truthfully. I further understand that neither my statements nor any information or evidence gained by reason of my statements can be used against me in a criminal proceeding, except that if I knowingly and willfully provide false statements or information, I may be criminally prosecuted for that action under 18 United States Code, Section 1001. I agree that the statements I furnish and any information or evidence resulting there from may be used in the course of disciplinary proceedings, which could result in disciplinary action, including dismissal.

I am a former Marine with eight years of active duty experience.

I was trained on and tested on the Department of State's use of force policy by both the Marine Corps and the DOS Mobile Security Training Team.

For the past [redacted] I have worked for Blackwater Security in support of the WPPS program for the Department of State. I have conducted numerous PSD missions, Advances, Tactical Site Surveys, as well as worked on both the Quick Reaction Force and Tactical Support teams. As a member of the Quick Reaction Force and Tactical Support Team I have over a year's experience working in and around the Baghdad area. As [redacted] for both teams it was [redacted] my responsibility to maintain proficiency with the Rules of Engagement and Use of Force policies as I had to deal with potential aggressive vehicles/personnel on a constant basis. As a member of an advance element for the past [redacted], I have participated in establishing the security of numerous venues prior to the Protective Security Detail's arrival. I have trained with simulated aggressive vehicles during training in order to practice the escalation of force in accordance with my team standard operating procedures as well as the State Department policies. Our SOP is to review the Escalation of Force, Rules of Engagement and Rule of Use of Force policies prior to our mission during our operations order.

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On the morning of 17 September, at approximately 0950 hrs, as we passed through the heavy, stop and go traffic at [] I heard [] call out "watch out for the white car!" From my position on the left door of the Follow vehicle I saw the white vehicle had purposefully broken through heavy traffic and proceeded to approach the motorcycle in an aggressive manner. After identifying the threat I resumed observation of my sector. As we were making our way forward I lost sight of the white sedan. When the driver had moved forward as far as he could, I heard [] the well gunner, state that he was going to fire a pen flare. The pen flare was ineffective in stopping the vehicle and I heard [] state he was going to shoot. [] fired a single shot from his [] I then looked back through the rear glass and saw the vehicle stopped approximately 55 meters behind us, alone, well ahead of all other stopped traffic. The occupant was raising his hands and appeared uninjured. I turned back to my sector to resume my duties.

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I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

Signed	DECLASSIFIED	
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Address	b6 b7c	
WPPS Camp Baghdad		

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 17 day of
September, 2006.

Signed	
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SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

Witness Signature	
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Name	b6 b7c	Team	Incident Type	Shoot to Disable	W0133
Location Of Incident (Grid or Terrain Feature)			Incident Time	0950	Incident Date 17 Sept 06

On Sunday, 17 September, 2006 [] was tasked with locating a venue near the area of the Trade Bank of Iraq []. The mission was to conduct a Tactical Site Survey of the ITBCI Villa. [] motorcade consisted of [] The motorcade was traveling on its [] route which brought it through []. The [] was in the right front seat of the follow vehicle, [] was driving, [] was in the left rear seat, [] was in the right rear seat and [] was in the well position. As per the teams SOP the motorcade's lights and sirens were activated to warn the traffic ahead as the team approached the intersection. Also as per team SOP, the fighting follow's rear facing strobe lights were on for the duration of the movement.

[] is a large traffic circle that connects four different roadways. The team encountered heavy traffic on its approach to []. The team entered the traffic circle from the southwest and exited the circle in a northwesterly direction. As the team entered the traffic circle, the Tactical Commander [] in the [] advised that traffic was stopped across all three lanes ahead. This amount of traffic was unusual for the time of day. The [] route had the team preparing to execute a planned u-turn at a break in the median. The break is approximately 120 meters from the traffic circle. The team was stationary for approximately 3 minutes waiting for traffic to clear to make its turn. As per SOP, the well position [] used the spot light to warn approaching vehicles of the motorcade's presence. Traffic exiting the circle in the team's direction was stopped approximately [] meters from the motorcade.

As the team was waiting to cross the median the well position [] observed a white 4 door vehicle, which matched the description of vehicles on the BOLO list for possible Vehicle born Improvised Explosive Devices (VBIED's), intentionally work its way through the stopped traffic and accelerate toward the motorcade ignoring the 15 million candle power spot light and strobe lights that were directed at it. [] yelled, "Watch the white car!" [] then stated he was going to shoot a pen-flare. The pen flare was discharged, striking the windshield of the white vehicle. The driver of the white vehicle refused to stop and continued toward the motorcade. [] yelled for the driver of the follow vehicle [] to attempt to pull up, but traffic ahead prevented any movement. [] stated the car was still coming and to standby because he was going to shoot! [] stated, "I'm going to shoot" twice before engaging the vehicle. At this point the [] in the right front seat, located the white vehicle in the passenger side mirror. The white vehicle was approximately [] meters from the motorcade and the same distance from the rest of the stopped traffic. After hearing [] fire one round from his [] the team leader watched the vehicle start to lose engine fluids and come to an immediate, controlled stop. The team leader observed one bullet hole in the passenger side of the hood. The driver of the white vehicle had his hands on the wheel. The team leader immediately notified the TOC and [] Detail Leader of the disabling shot. Additionally, the team leader advised the TOC there were no injuries. After completing the mission, the team passed back through the intersection of []. This time the team was traveling in a southwesterly direction. The team leader observed the single male occupant who was driving the white vehicle that was engaged approximately 40 minutes earlier. The driver was looking in the engine area of his vehicle and was unharmed.

See Department of State Sworn statements by [] and []

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Person giving statement

Blackwater USA	Statement Form	BLACKWATER	Date/Time of Statement 17 September 2006 / 1700 Hrs
Name <i>b6 b7c</i>	Team _____	Incident Type Shoot to Disable	
Location Of Incident (Grid or Terrain Feature)	<i>b6 b7c</i>	Incident Time <i>0950</i>	Incident Date <i>17 Sept 06</i>

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On Sunday, 09-17-2006, I was the [] of [] who was tasked with locating a venue near the area of the Trade Bank of Iraq []. The mission was to conduct a Tactical Site Survey, of the ITBCI Villa.

As our [] motorcade entered [] I noticed that traffic was extremely heavy. We were in the process of trying to cross over the median, when I heard [] yell, "watch the white car." I was trying to locate the vehicle when [] stated he was going to shoot a pen-flare. I then heard the pen flare discharge. [] yelled for our driver to attempt to pull up, but we were stuck in traffic. [] stated the car was still coming and to standby, because he was going to shoot.

At this point, I located the vehicle in the passenger side mirror. After hearing [] fired one round, from his []. I immediately watched the vehicle start to lose engine fluids. The single male occupant [] then brought the vehicle to a stop. I also observed one bullet hole, in the passenger side of the hood.

I immediately notified the TOC and [] Detail Leader of the shoot to disable. There were no injuries, which was also passed over the net, to the TOC.

After completing our mission, we passed back through the intersection of []. I observed the single male occupant who was driving the white vehicle that [] engaged, approximately 40 minutes earlier. The driver was looking in the engine area of his vehicle and he was unharmed.

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Sworn Statement

Date 09/17/06	DECODED	Time 0950
Location	REF ID: A65416	
Vicinity of [redacted] Grid Coordinate [redacted]	b2 b7c	b6 b7c

I, [redacted] b6 b7c hereby make the following statement at the request of [redacted], who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I understand that this statement is made in furtherance of an official administrative inquiry regarding potential misconduct or improper performance of official duties and that disciplinary action, including dismissal from the Department's Worldwide Personnel Protective Services contract, may be undertaken if I refuse to provide this statement or fail to do so fully and truthfully. I further understand that neither my statements nor any information or evidence gained by reason of my statements can be used against me in a criminal proceeding, except that if I knowingly and willfully provide false statements or information, I may be criminally prosecuted for that action under 18 United States Code, Section 1001. I agree that the statements I furnish and any information or evidence resulting there from may be used in the course of disciplinary proceedings, which could result in disciplinary action, including dismissal.

I served in the military from [redacted]

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I started with Blackwater in [redacted] and have been employed by Blackwater ever since.

Throughout my military career I have had numerous classes on the Rules of Engagement (ROE) and the Rules of Use of Force (RUF) and Escalation of Force (EF). I have had further training in these in both WPPS I and WPPS II. Additionally, my team's SOP is to go over the ROE, RUF, and EF in accordance with the State Department policies prior to the team's daily runs.

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On Sunday, 09-17-06, at approximately 0950, while stopped at the intersection of [] my team was sitting in heavy traffic. I had a wall of traffic stopped approximately [] meters back, enforcing a safe zone for the motorcade utilizing my spot light. I observed a white 4 door passenger vehicle matching vehicles on the BOLO list intentionally make its way around the wall of traffic, and accelerate towards us. I told the driver of our vehicle to start moving but he informed us that there was no were else for us to move. I attempted to gain the driver of the white 4 door vehicles attention with the spot light. The driver continued towards us, ignoring the 15 million candle power light. I let my team members know I was deploying a pen flare by sounding off with "pen flare" at which point I fired one pen flare at the windshield of the vehicle at approximately [] meters. The pen flare struck the front windshield, and the vehicle still continued to drive towards us at which point I was in fear for my life and the lives of my team. I fired one round into the left side of the hood at approximately [] meters with my [] to disable the vehicle. After firing one round into the hood the vehicle came to a controlled stop. There were no apparent injuries to the driver of the vehicle. The driver was the only occupant in the vehicle.

Immediately following the shoot, my Shift Leader [] notified the TOC and [] Detail Leader [] of the incident.

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I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

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Signed

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 17 day of
September, 2006.

Signed

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SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

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Tehan, Kevin G (Baghdad)

RIB 808207 (P)

From: Reiser, William C (Baghdad)
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2006 2:05 PM
To: Tehan, Kevin G (Baghdad)
Subject: FW: Shoot_to_Disable_ [redacted] incident_report_091706

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Kevin,

For your info.

Bill

Bill Reiser
 Regional Security Office
 High Threat Program Manager

From: Daniel Carroll [mailto:[redacted]]
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2006 1:04 PM
To: Matthew Stuckart; Lischke, Jeff D (Baghdad)
Cc: Reiser, William C (Baghdad); Backstrom, Paul M (Baghdad)
Subject: Shoot_to_Disable_ [redacted] Incident_report_091706

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To All, On Sunday, 17 September, 2006 [redacted] was tasked with locating a venue near the area of the Trade Bank of Iraq [redacted]. The mission was to conduct a Tactical Site Survey of the ITBCI Villa. [redacted]

[redacted] The motorcade was traveling on its [redacted] route which brought it through [redacted]. The [redacted] was in the right front seat of the follow vehicle, [redacted] was driving, [redacted] was in the left rear seat, [redacted] was in the right rear seat and [redacted] was in the well position. As per the teams SOP the motorcade's lights and sirens were activated to warn the traffic ahead as the team approached the intersection. Also as per team SOP, the fighting follow's rear facing strobe lights were on for the duration of the movement.

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As the team was waiting to cross the median the well position [redacted] observed a white 4 door vehicle, which matched the description of vehicles on the BOLO list for possible Vehicle born Improvised Explosive Devices (VBIED's), intentionally work its way through the stopped traffic and accelerate toward the motorcade ignoring the 15 million candle power spot light and strobe lights that were directed at it. [redacted] yelled, "Watch the white car!" [redacted] then stated he was going to shoot a pen-flare. The pen flare was discharged, striking the windshield of the white vehicle. The driver of the white vehicle refused to stop and continued toward the motorcade. [redacted] yelled for the driver of the follow vehicle [redacted] to attempt to pull up, but traffic ahead prevented any

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_____ stated, "I'm going to shoot" twice before engaging the vehicle. At this point the _____ in the right front seat, located the white vehicle in the passenger side mirror. The white vehicle was approximately _____ meters from the motorcade and the same distance from the rest of the stopped traffic. After hearing _____ fire one round from his _____, the team leader watched the vehicle start to lose engine fluids and come to an immediate, controlled stop. The team leader observed one bullet hole in the passenger side of the hood. The driver of the white vehicle had his hands on the wheel. The team leader immediately notified the TOC and _____ Detail Leader of the disabling shot. Additionally, the team leader advised the TOC there were no injuries. After completing the mission, the team passed back through the intersection of _____. This time the team was traveling in a southwesterly direction. The team leader observed the single male occupant who was driving the white vehicle that was engaged approximately 40 minutes earlier. The driver was looking in the engine area of his vehicle and was unharmed.

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Project Manager
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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

TITLE		DS CASE NUMBER / REPORT NUMBER	
		2006 - 0114	
TRUE NAME		CASE TYPE	
Escalation of Force Incident		Administrative	
POST	DATE REPORTED	DATES INVESTIGATED	REPORTING AGENT
Baghdad	09-17-2006	09/17/2006 – 09/22/2006	S/A Tehan

SYNOPSIS
 b2 On 9/17/2006, [] was tasked with locating a venue near the area of the Trade Bank of Iraq []. The mission was to conduct a Tactical Site Survey of the ITBCI Villa. The motorcade was traveling on its [] route which brought it through []. As the team was waiting to cross the median the well position [] observed a white 4-door vehicle, which matched the description of vehicles on the BOLO list for possible Vehicle-born Improvised Explosive Devices (VBIED's), intentionally work its way through the stopped traffic and accelerate toward the motorcade ignoring the 15-million candle power spot light and strobe lights that were directed at it. The well position discharged a pen flare, striking the windshield of the white vehicle. The driver of the white vehicle refused to stop and continued toward the motorcade. Traffic ahead prevented any movement by the motorcade. When the white vehicle was approximately [] meters away, the well gunner engaged the vehicle, firing one round into the white car's engine compartment. The vehicle immediately began to lose engine fluids and came to an immediate, controlled stop.

b2 Based upon the evidence, the RA believes that the personnel of [] acted in accordance with established SOPs and used an incremental escalation of force before engaging the aggressive vehicle.

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DECLASSIFIED**DETAILS:**

On 9/17/2006, [] was tasked with locating a venue near the area of the Trade Bank of Iraq []. The mission was to conduct a Tactical Site Survey of the ITBCI Villa.

[] route which brought it through [] was in the right front seat of the follow vehicle. [] was driving, [] was in the left rear seat, [] was in the right rear seat and [] was in the well position. As per the teams SOP the motorcade's lights and sirens were activated to warn the traffic ahead as the team approached the intersection. Also as per team SOP, the [] rear facing strobe lights were on for the duration of the movement.

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the white vehicle that was engaged approximately 40 minutes earlier. The driver was looking in the engine area of his vehicle and was unharmed.

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INCIDENT REPORT

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*This report may be in addition to DS SPOT reporting.***Date of Report:** 22 Sep 06**Location:** Basrah REO, Iraq**Task Order:** 007**Person Releasing Report:** Jeffrey Huber**Title of Person Releasing Report:** Project Manager**Date of Incident:** 22 Sep 06**Time of Incident:** Approx. 1220**Contractor Involved:** Triple Canopy, Inc.**Detail Location of Incident:** U.S. Embassy Compound

Incident Synopsis: On 22 Sep 06, at approximately 1220 FOB Basrah Palace began receiving indirect rocket fire. The compound warning system was then activated, and personnel responded to the impact site. Accountability of all personnel was taken.

2 rockets impacted on the Basrah Palace Compound. 1 rocket landed on the Romanian sector and 1 rocket impacted on the US compound. The round landed in the _____ area and impacted on _____ killing the occupant immediately. 52

TC responded to the area to assist and secure the area. TC medical personnel responded to the scene and reported the casualty while TC, squad of Peruvians and canine teams searched the area for additional casualties and secured the area. When 100% camp accountability was confirmed, personnel search was stopped.

Damage reported, KBR single trailer destroyed and minor damage to surrounding trailers

Clearing Operations for the remainder of the camp began at 1300, and were completed at _____

All Clear sounded at _____. All hands were restricted to essential movement only. 52

Outline injuries if applicable: 1 Fatality, DOS staff member (contractor), Julio Garcia

Supervisor Actions to Mitigate Adverse Actions or Preclude Re-occurrence:

Personnel Notified of Incident: Regional Security Officer, Triple Canopy Project Manager, LMPO, RSO Baghdad

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Supervisor synopsis of local impact of incident: TBD, down sizing of camp

Additional Reports Generated: None

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U.S. EMBASSY- BAGHDAD

24 September 2006

092406-01

Subject: REO PSD Vehicle Accident

Reporting Office: RSO Al-Hillah

Summary: On September 24 at 0732hrs, a Blackwater PSD motorcade from REO Al-Hillah was involved in a traffic accident approximately 2.5 kilometers north-east of the REO compound. The motorcade was comprised of a [] vehicle QRF performing a reconnaissance run. The vehicles were moving along an improved roadway at approximately 50 mph. b2

Approximately four minutes after departing the REO compound, the second vehicle in the motorcade, a Suburban, was struck head-on by a non-descript sedan driven by a male subject. The impact caused the sedan to spin 180 degrees and burst into flames. The Suburban's airbags deployed rendering the vehicle inoperable. All personnel and equipment were cross-loaded into the remaining vehicles. The down vehicle was locked and abandoned at the scene. The motorcade immediately returned to the REO where all personnel were accounted for. Two Blackwater personnel sustained injuries in the accident. One team member has already been cleared to return to work and the second member sustained a knee injury. He required evaluation in Baghdad. Preliminary reports indicate that the individual driving the sedan was killed as a result of the impact.

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RSO Action: RSO Al-Hillah contacted Iraqi Police who cordoned the area around the accident scene. RSO coordinated with U.S. Military assets and KBR Al-Hillah to commence recovery operations. All scheduled motorcade operations have been cancelled for the remainder of the day.

LOCATION: Al-Hillah, Iraq

DRAFTED: Thomas Muray, RSO Al-Hillah

CLEARED: Chuck Lisenbee, DRSO Baghdad

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PSD INCIDENT REPORT

REF ID: A11111111111111111111111111111111

Date of Incident: 09-24-2006 Time of Incident: 0745

Type of incident

(i.e. Use of Lethal Force or Use of Non or Less Lethal Force/Distraction Devices Deployed/Ambush).

Location of Incident

(Describe location in detail include route name, local landmarks, and coordinates if known, etc.)

Description of Incident

(Describe in detail the nature of the incident, all personnel involved, principle(s) involved, injuries, if any, other US government and/or NGOs involved, other foreign nationals, IENS and/or non-US government agencies involved, etc.)

Vehicle accident/Incident Report

Al Hillah, [REDACTED] Intersection of Route [REDACTED] And Route [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] turret gunner for the Bearcat on Team [REDACTED]. On 24 SEP 2006 the motorcade was counter flowing north on Rt. [REDACTED] just prior to the [REDACTED] intersection, as the turret operator I saw the oncoming traffic attempting to yield. There were two vehicles oncoming the one to the far left saw us and started to slow, the red vehicle continuing at a high rate of speed in the fast lane and did not yield to the turret gunners signal to stop. At approximately 30 yards from the lead vehicle, the red vehicle locked up the brakes and swerved hard to his right and skidding. The driver then attempted to correct the initial overcorrection then cut hard to his left which caused the red vehicle to skid back into the motorcade causing it to impact with the white [REDACTED], just prior to impact the [REDACTED] driver applied the brakes in an attempt to avoid the accident. The impact of the red vehicle was on the passenger side door and the front of the SUV. The SUV came to a stop in the median. The red vehicle came to a stop just to the left of the [REDACTED] and facing the same direction and almost immediately went into flames, [REDACTED] the [REDACTED] then went and helped the two operators out of the [REDACTED] and began removing [REDACTED] items what couldn't be removed was destroyed by the [REDACTED] with 3 rounds to [REDACTED]. Once all of the operators were loaded into the remaining vehicles the convoy then returned back to the REO.

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Action Taken

(Describe in detail what actions were taken, i.e. deployed pin flares, deployed specific weapons systems, etc.)

See above

Follow-Up Required

(Indicate what if any follow-up action is required, i.e. further investigation, notifications, etc.)

No follow on actions required.

Operator(s)
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Team(s)
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Date of Incident 24 Sept. 2006 Time of Incident 1745

Type of Incident <i>(i.e. Use of Lethal Force/Use of Non or Less Lethal Force/Distraction Devices Deployed/Ambush)</i>	Vehicle accident/Incident Report
Location of Incident <i>(Describe location in detail. Include route name/local landmarks, grid coordinates if known, etc.)</i>	Al Hillah, [redacted] Intersection of Rt [redacted] And Rt [redacted]
Description of Incident <i>(Describe in detail the nature of the incident, all personnel involved, principle(s) involved, injuries to any other US government and/or NGOs involved, other foreign nationals, NGOs and/or non-US government agencies involved, etc.)</i>	I, [redacted] turret gunner for the [redacted] HUMMV, Team [redacted] on 24 SEP 06 while traveling north on route Jackson the TC ordered the convoy to counter flow due to the amount of traffic and static vehicles on the right side of Route [redacted]. A red car traveling at a high rate of speed, passing traffic that was yielding to our motorcade. The red car failed to yield and continued at a high rate of speed towards our motorcade. I gave verbal and physical hand signals to get attention of the driver of the red vehicle to slow down and yield to our motorcade. I then pointed the [redacted] at the red vehicle. The driver then slammed on the brakes and swerved to the right passing the lead vehicle then swerved to the left hitting the SUV in the front. Team [redacted] SUV went into the median and the red car immediately went into flames. Due to the impact with SUV the red vehicle slid into the shoulder of the southbound land. The Lead HUMMV immediately [redacted] stopped traffic, and setup security on the 12 o'clock position. I then heard <u>shots to my rear</u> when I turned around to see who was shooting I saw [redacted] shooting in to the SUV, he was shooting the [redacted] I could hear more popping coming from the red vehicle. Once all our personal was evacuated we turned around and headed back to the REO.
Action Taken <i>(Describe in detail what actions were taken, i.e. deployed pin flares, deployed specific weapons systems, etc.)</i>	See above
Follow-Up Required <i>(Indicate what if any follow-up action is required, i.e. further investigation, notifications, etc.)</i>	No follow on actions required.

Operator(s) Involved	Lead Vehicle	Team(s) Involved	[redacted] Team [redacted]
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Date of Incident	09-24-2006	Time of Incident	0745
Type of Incident	Vehicle accident		
(i.e. Use of Lethal Force/Use of Non-Lethal/Lethal Force/Distracting Devices Deployed/Ambush)			
Location of Incident	Al Hillah, Intersection of Rt. _____ And Rt. _____		
(Describe location in detail, include route name, local landmarks, and coordinates if known)			
Description of Incident	<p>(Describe in detail the nature of the incident, all personnel involved, principle(s) involved, injuries, any former US Government and/or NGOs involved, other foreign nationals, ICNs, and/or non-US government agencies involved, etc.)</p> <p>I, _____ driver, _____ for Team _____ traveling north on Route _____ in a _____ vehicle motorcade when it was involved in an accident. At the time of the incident my vehicle was second in the convoy behind the lead vehicle. The motorcade was counter flowing _____ . Traffic was yielding to our motorcade, when two LN vehicles traveling side by side at a high rate of speed. I observed a red opal in the right hand lane, in our direction of travel, cut in front of another LN vehicle. At this time the red opal failed to yield to any signals from the lead vehicle and continued toward our motorcade. The driver of the red vehicle lost control and began to fishtail left-hand side of the road. I felt at that point that the vehicle wasn't a danger to me since he was off the road. The red opal then turned to the left and cut in front of the SUV which caused the impact of both vehicles. I didn't have enough time to make adjustments to avoid the impact and traveling approximately 40 MPH. Once my vehicle and the LN vehicle made contact, my driver side airbag deployed. I next heard my passenger asking me if I was ok, and then I heard another voice at the passengers' door also asking if both of us were ok.</p> <p>We then started to evacuate the _____ vehicle into the Bearcat, grabbing all _____ . Once we were loaded into the Bearcat we departed the scene of the accident and proceeded to drive back to the REO.</p>		
Action Taken	See above		
(Describe in detail what actions were taken, i.e. deployed pin flares, deployed specific weapons systems, etc.)			
Follow-Up Required	No follow on actions required.		
(Indicate what if any follow-up action is required, i.e. further investigation, notifications, etc.)			

Operator(s) Involved

		Team(s) Involved	Team
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Date of Incident 23Sept06

Time of incident .. 0745.

Type of Incident <small>(i.e. Use of Lethal Force/Use of Non or Less Lethal Force/Distraction Devices/Deployed Ambush)</small>	Vehicle accident
Location of Incident <small>(Describing location in detail. Include route name, local landmark, and coordinates if known, etc.)</small>	Al Hillah, [redacted] Intersection of Rt [redacted] And Rt [redacted]
Description of Incident <small>(Describe in detail the nature of the incident, all personnel involved (name(s)), involved injuries (any other US government and/or NGOs involved, other foreign nationals), TCNs and/or non-US government agencies involved, etc.)</small>	<p>On September 24, 2006 at 0745, Team [redacted] was conducting a recce and assessment of QRF vehicles. The team was configured in a [redacted] car motorcade. The Team was counter flowing driving north on route [redacted] in the left hand lane, [redacted]. The motorcade was driving approximately 45 mph. There was light to medium traffic. The lead vehicle had a turret observer, who was waving traffic to pull over to the right hand side; the [redacted] was [redacted] meter behind the Lead. About 200 meter from the [redacted] intersection, a red colored opal starting heading towards the lead, the red opal then swerved right to avoid the Lead, locked his brakes up, then swerved back left making contact with the [redacted] striking the driver side quarter panel, and the driver side front tire, the [redacted] stopped in the median, and was inoperable. The red opal then struck a telephone pole, and caught on fire instantly. The [redacted] vehicle then moved on the right side of the [redacted] the team then starting evacuating personal from the [redacted] and into the [redacted] vehicle. The lead vehicle then turned around and stopped all traffic to the front; the Cav vehicle stopped all traffic to the rear. Once all personal where evacuated, [redacted] went back to the [redacted] and fired 3 rounds of [redacted] ammunition [redacted]. Team [redacted] would have rendered aid to the LN vehicle however; the vehicle was in a ball of flames instantly. Upon completion the motorcade turned around and starting heading south on [redacted] and moved back to the REO. [redacted] EMT for this operation suffered a cut to his head and a leg injury. [redacted] was sent to Baghdad for evaluation. At 0945 the local Home Guard reported that local nationals where seen pouring gasoline onto the [redacted] and setting it ablaze.</p>
Action Taken <small>(Describe in detail what actions were taken, i.e. deployed pin flares; deployed specific weapons systems, etc.)</small>	See above
Follow-Up Required <small>(Indicate what if any follow-up action is required, i.e. further investigation, notifications, etc.)</small>	No follow on actions required.

**Operator(s)
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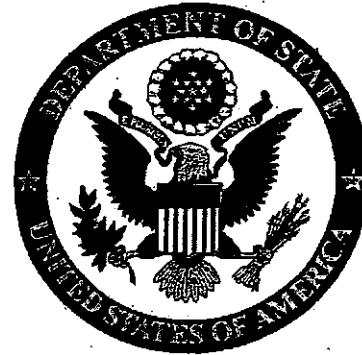
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BUREAU OF DIPLOMATIC SECURITY**RSO Baghdad**

24 September 2006

Spot Report - 092406-03**Subject:** COM PSD Team Fires on Aggressive Vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC- Baghdad

Summary: On September 24, 2006, at approximately 0950 hours, RSO TOC was notified that a COM PSD had engaged a local national vehicle with deadly force. The COM motorcade consisted of a [redacted] support vehicles. As the COM motorcade approached and began to enter [redacted] from the west, a grayish/blue four-door minivan with clear access to the motorcade, approached at a high rate of speed on the same side of the median barrier. The rear gunner in the assault vehicle attempted to stop the driver using verbal and hand signals. The lone occupant and driver ignored the warnings from the rear gunner situated approximately [redacted] meters away and continued towards the motorcade. The rear gunner shot two [redacted] round's into the hood and lower windshield area of the mini-van at approximately [redacted] meters. The driver of the vehicle came to an immediate controlled stop and appeared to be uninjured. No injuries or additional property damage were reported during the incident. The PSD motorcade continued to its destination without further incident.

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**RSO Action:** RSO is investigating the shooting; PSD Team members are completing their written statements.**Location:** Red Zone, Baghdad, Iraq [redacted] 092406-030**CLEARED:** DRSO Chuck Lisenbee

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From: Daniel Carroll [mailto:] b6
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2006 2:22 PM b7
To: Lischke, Jeff D (Baghdad); Reiser, William C (Baghdad); Backstrom, Paul M (Baghdad)
Cc: Matthew Stuckart; Dave Rogers; Al Harris
Subject: 24Sept06 Shoot to Disable at b2

To All, On 23 September 2006 at 1700 conducted a mission brief for the following day's missions. The mission brief included a rundown of teams operating in the red zone, venues they would be visiting, the Vehicle load plan for the day, and the pre-mission briefing time for the next morning.

On 24 September 2006 at approximately 0810 hrs, conducted a pre-mission brief. The brief included any changes to previously briefed information, the Rules of Engagement per the Mission Firearms Policy and Escalation of force. Routes and relevant venues were briefed by the Tactical commander and an intelligence and Threat brief was given by the Intelligence Analyst. Due to increased attacks by anti-coalition forces in our area of operation and the advent of the Ramadan holiday, the threat level was considered to be elevated. departed check point to stage in the area of the Ministry of Interior to stay near the venue of . En- route to our staging area encountered unusually heavy traffic. maneuvered through the traffic using warning lights, sirens, verbal and visual commands from the turret gunners to clear a path through the traffic. As was East-bound from approximately 100 meters west of all vehicles had moved to either side of the roadway and stopped to allow our motorcade to pass, with the exception of a grey in color minivan occupied by a single male subject. As the lead vehicle of our motorcade approached the vehicle it began to move forward from a stopped position toward the lead vehicle. The front gunner of the lead vehicle, yelled in Arabic, "kiff" to the driver and used hand signals motioning for the van to move left and stop. When the van continued to move toward the lead vehicle, threw two water bottles at the vehicle, both of which struck the vehicle's hood. The vehicle slowed down and almost came to a stop. As the front turret position passed the vehicle, which was approximately meters to the north of the lead vehicle, focused his attention back to his primary sector of security, the 12 O'clock position. At this time the lead vehicle rear turret gunner, who had observed and the gray vehicle's actions, observed the vehicle again begin to move toward the lead vehicle. At this time verbally and with hand signals warned the now moving minivan to stop. At this time the minivan aggressively made an approximate 90 degree turn directly toward the rear of the lead vehicle and proceeded to accelerate. At this time the vehicle was approximately meters to the north and meters to the west of the lead vehicle. knew that a similar tactic had been recently used by anti-coalition forces where a small van type bus VBIED was driven from the side of the road into a passing motorcade and detonated. in fear for his life and the lives of his teammates fired two rounds from his aiming toward the engine compartment of the vehicle. The first round was observed to strike the hood of the vehicle and had no apparent effect on vehicle or the driver, the second round impacted low in the center of windshield, just above the cowling. Upon impact of the second round the van slightly veered away from the lead vehicle and proceeded north across the roadway causing the second vehicle of our motorcade to make aggressive

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evasive maneuvers in order to avoid colliding with the van. The minivan came to a stop on the south side of the roadway now on the right side of [REDACTED] motorecade. As the vehicle passed [REDACTED] vehicle in the motorcade) I, noticed the single male occupant/driver had his hands over his head and did not appear to be injured. [REDACTED] continued to the Ministry of Interior and staged for continued support of Chief of Mission teams operating in high threat areas of the red zone.

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Danny Carroll
Blackwater Security
Project Manager
Baghdad, Iraq
Ph# [REDACTED]

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Sworn Statement

Date 24 September 2006	Time Approx. 0945
Location [Redacted]	[Redacted]

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I, ARSO R. GIBERT, hereby make the following statement at the request of

U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I understand that this statement is made in furtherance of an official administrative inquiry regarding potential misconduct or improper performance of official duties and that disciplinary action, including dismissal from the Department's Worldwide Personnel Protective Services contract, may be undertaken if I refuse to provide this statement or fail to do so fully and truthfully. I further understand that neither my statements nor any information or evidence gained by reason of my statements can be used against me in a criminal proceeding, except that if I knowingly and willfully provide false statements or information, I may be criminally prosecuted for that action under 18 United States Code, Section 1001. I agree that the statements I furnish and any information or evidence resulting there from may be used in the course of disciplinary proceedings, which could result in disciplinary action, including dismissal.

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I [redacted] was on today's date assigned to the lead vehicle rear turret position of [redacted] Motorcade. Prior to departing the International Zone the team was briefed that there had been increased attacks in our area of operation and that the attacks were expected to escalate with the beginning of Ramadan.

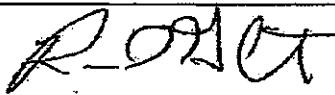
At approximately 0945 hrs, [redacted] motorcade encountered several congested traffic in the vicinity of [redacted]. [redacted] was traveling in an easterly direction from [redacted] towards [redacted]. Approximately 100 meters to the west of [redacted], the speed of our movement was greatly diminished because of the severely congested traffic. The lead up gunner, [redacted] and I were directing traffic to the left hand side of the road to allow our motorcade passage on the right. The motorcade was also using sirens and air horns to alert traffic as we approached. At this time I observed [redacted] giving verbal and visual hand signals to a gray in color minivan. I observed the van to ignore [redacted] commands at which time [redacted] threw two water bottles at the vehicle, both of which struck the vehicle in the hood. I then observed the vehicle slow almost to a stop, slightly canted toward the south side of the roadway. As the vehicle began to move past my position, I made eye contact with the driver and gave him verbal and visual commands to stop. While maintaining eye contact with me, the van made an abrupt turn of approximately 90 degrees and began to accelerate toward me. At this point the vehicle was approximately [redacted] meters to the south of our motorcade and slightly behind our motoreade. At that time, while maintaining eye contact with the driver, I again signaled the hand signal to stop and yelled "KIF". The driver did not respond. At this time I began bringing the muzzle of my [redacted] down on the vehicle. The driver continued to make direct eye contact with me and continued to accelerate. At this time, knowing that a similar tactic had been recently used by anti-coalition forces, where a motorcade passed a small van type bus at which time the buss was driven into the motorcade and detonated, and in conjunction with my previous knowledge, experience, training, and the escalation of force already used, I perceived the vehicle as an immediate and deadly threat to the members of [redacted]. Fearing for my life and the lives of my teamates, I fired two rounds from my Department of State issued [redacted] rifle. The first round impacted the hood of the vehicle and had no effect on the vehicles movement. As the vehicle continued to move forward accelerating and moving closer to me, I fired the second round aiming higher up on the hood of the vehicle. This round impacted low in the center of the windshield just above the hood cowling area. After the impact of the second round, I observed the nose of the vehicle to dip as it slowed and the vehicle veered slightly away from me. The driver of the van was looking directly at me until just after the second round impacted the windshield of his vehicle. As the vehicle veered, it avoided making contact with rear of the lead vehicle by less than three meters. The vehicle then passed through our motorcade causing the second vehicle in the motorcade to make an aggressive and abrupt turn in order to avoid making contact with the vehicle. I then observed the van come to a stop on the north side of the roadway. At this time I notified the Tactical Commander of my use of force and I heard it reported to the RTOC via radio, [redacted] continued on to the area of the Ministry of Interior to stage for further mission support.

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I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 24 day of
SEPTEMBER, 2006.

Signed	
Printed	RICARDO GIBERT

SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

Witness Signature
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Sworn Statement

Date 24 SEP 2006	Time Approximately 0952 hrs.
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I, _____, hereby make the following statement at the request of _____

MARSO R. GIBERT, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I understand that this statement is made in furtherance of an official administrative inquiry regarding potential misconduct or improper performance of official duties and that disciplinary action, including dismissal from the Department's Worldwide Personnel Protective Services contract, may be undertaken if I refuse to provide this statement or fail to do so fully and truthfully. I further understand that neither my statements nor any information or evidence gained by reason of my statements can be used against me in a criminal proceeding, except that if I knowingly and willfully provide false statements or information, I may be criminally prosecuted for that action under 18 United States Code, Section 1001. I agree that the statements I furnish and any information or evidence resulting there from may be used in the course of disciplinary proceedings, which could result in disciplinary action, including dismissal.

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I am currently employed as an Independent Contractor for Blackwater as a PSS/HTP _____ assigned to TST _____ till present.

On 24 SEP, 2006, I was working as a member of a Tactical Support Team on Team' _____. I was part of a _____ motorcade assigned as the _____ for the second vehicle in the motorcade. We were heading East from _____ in heavy traffic approaching _____. While watching my sector, I noticed a two toned gray and dark colored van repeatedly ignoring verbal and visual commands from the lead vehicle turret gunners. I observed several water bottles thrown from the lead vehicle front turret gunner impact the suspect vehicle. I observed the suspect vehicle to continue to make aggressive movements toward the lead vehicle as if were attempting to align itself to make contact with the rear of the lead vehicle of our motorcade.

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I observed the rear gunner in the lead vehicle, [REDACTED] repeatedly give hand signals and verbal b6 b7c warnings. The van was acting very erratically when suddenly it lurched forward at approximately a 90 degree angle, heading directly towards the rear of the lead vehicle. I then observed the rear gunner fire two rounds from his [REDACTED] into the vehicle. As the second round impacted the suspect vehicle, the van veered away from the lead vehicle and missed making contact with the rear of the lead by less than 5 meters. The vehicle continued through our motorcade crossing in front of my vehicle causing my vehicle to make aggressive evasive maneuvers in order to avoid making contact with the van. b2

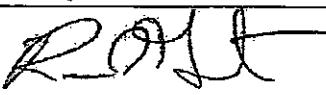
As my vehicle passed the now stopped van, I observed the occupant appeared to be un-harmed. When I observed the van aggressively accelerated toward the lead vehicle, I believed the vehicle was a VBIED attempting to detonate on the lead vehicle of our motorcade and I was in fear for my life and the lives of my teammates.

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I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 24 day of
SEPTEMBER, 2006.

Signed	
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SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE	

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Blackwater USA

Statement Form

Date/Time of Statement
24 Sept 2006 1800 Hrs.

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Team _____

Incident Type
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Location Of Incident (Grid or Terrain Feature)

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Incident Date

24 Sept 2006

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On 23 September 2006 at 1700 [REDACTED] conducted a mission brief for the following day's missions. The mission brief included a rundown of teams operating in the red zone, venues they would be visiting, the [REDACTED] vehicle load plan for the day, and the pre-mission briefing time for the next morning.

On 24 September 2006 at approximately 0810 hrs, [REDACTED] conducted a pre-mission brief. The brief included any changes to previously briefed information, the Rules of Engagement per the Mission Firearms Policy and Escalation of force. Routes and relevant venues were briefed by the Tactical commander and an intelligence and Threat brief was given by the [REDACTED] Detail Intelligence Analyst. Due to increased attacks by anti-coalition forces in our area of operation and the advent of the Ramadan holiday, the threat level was considered to be elevated. [REDACTED] departed check point [REDACTED] to stage in the area of the Ministry of Interior to stay near the venue of [REDACTED]. En- route to our staging area [REDACTED] encountered unusually heavy traffic. [REDACTED] maneuvered through the traffic using warning lights, sirens, verbal and visual commands from the turret gunners to clear a path through the traffic. As [REDACTED] was East-bound from [REDACTED] approximately 100 meters west of [REDACTED] all vehicles had moved to either side of the roadway and stopped to allow our motorcade to pass, with the exception of a grey in color minivan occupied by a single male subject. As the lead vehicle of our motorcade approached the vehicle it began to move forward from a stopped position toward the lead vehicle. The front gunner of the lead vehicle, [REDACTED] yelled in Arabic, "kif" to the driver and used hand signals motioning for the van to move left and stop. When the van continued to move toward the lead vehicle [REDACTED] threw two water bottles at the vehicle, both of which struck the vehicle's hood. The vehicle slowed down and almost came to a stop. As the front turret position passed the vehicle, which was approximately [REDACTED] meters to the north of the lead vehicle, [REDACTED] focused his attention back to his primary sector of security, the 12 0'clock position. At this time the lead vehicle rear turret gunner, [REDACTED] who had observed [REDACTED] and the gray vehicle's actions, observed the vehicle again begin to move toward the lead vehicle. At this time [REDACTED] verbally and with hand signals warned the now moving minivan to stop. At this time the minivan aggressively made an approximate 90 degree turn directly toward the rear of the lead vehicle and proceeded to accelerate. At this time the vehicle was approximately [REDACTED] meters to the north and [REDACTED] meters to the west of the lead vehicle. [REDACTED] knew that a similar tactic had been recently used by anti-coalition forces where a small van type bus VBIED was driven from the side of the road into a passing motorcade and detonated. [REDACTED] in fear for his life and the lives of his teammates fired two rounds from his [REDACTED] aiming toward the engine compartment of the vehicle. The first round was observed to strike the hood of the vehicle and had no apparent effect on vehicle or the driver, the second round impacted low in the center of windshield, just above the cowling. Upon impact of the second round the van slightly veered away from the lead vehicle and proceeded north across the roadway causing the second vehicle of our motorcade to make aggressive evasive maneuvers in order to avoid colliding with the van. The minivan came to a stop on the south side of the roadway now on the right side of motorcade. As the [REDACTED] vehicle passed [REDACTED] vehicle in the motorcade) I, [REDACTED] noticed the single male occupant/driver had his hands over his head and did not appear to be injured.

[REDACTED] continued to the Ministry of Interior and staged for continued support of Chief of Mission teams operating in high threat areas of the red zone.

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Sworn Statement

Date 24 September 2006	Time Aprox. 0945
Location [Redacted] [Redacted]	[Redacted]

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I, ARSO R. GIBERT, hereby make the following statement at the request of ARSO R. GIBERT, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I understand that this statement is made in furtherance of an official administrative inquiry regarding potential misconduct or improper performance of official duties and that disciplinary action, including dismissal from the Department's Worldwide Personnel Protective Services contract, may be undertaken if I refuse to provide this statement or fail to do so fully and truthfully. I further understand that neither my statements nor any information or evidence gained by reason of my statements can be used against me in a criminal proceeding, except that if I knowingly and willfully provide false statements or information, I may be criminally prosecuted for that action under 18 United States Code, Section 1001. I agree that the statements I furnish and any information or evidence resulting there from may be used in the course of disciplinary proceedings, which could result in disciplinary action, including dismissal.

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On 24 September 2006, I was the lead gunner for the [] vehicle of [] motorcade. [] b6
[] was the rear gunner for the lead vehicle. At approximately 0945 hrs, [] was traveling east b7C
bound in heavy traffic approaching [] from [] enroute to our staging area at the Ministry of [] b2
Interior. Approximately 100 meters to the west of [] I observed a grey mini van to our twelve o' clock [] b2
that would not move out of our path. The vehicle appeared to be attempting to impede our progress. After [] b2
repeated blasts of the horn, and the vehicle being struck with several water bottles, the vehicle began to [] b2
move to the north side of the roadway and reduce its speed. As our motorcade began to pass the vehicle, it [] b2
had moved approximately [] meters to the south of, and somewhat parallel to our vehicle. As our vehicle [] b2
pulled even with the van, it began to move toward our motorcade. At this time I again gave the driver verbal [] b2
and visual commands to stop. The driver ignored my visual hand signals and verbal commands to stop [] b2
(yelling "Kiff"). At this time I threw two additional water bottles at the vehicle, both of which struck the [] b2
vehicle in the hood. The vehicle again began to stop. At this time the vehicle was behind my position and I [] b2
observed the rear turret gunner looking at the vehicle. At this time I returned to my sector of security and the [] b2
vehicle was then picked up by the rear gunner. I then heard [] yell Stop and Kiff (stop in arabic) [] b2
followed by the sound of two shots. I looked back to assess the situation and observed the van coming to a [] b2
stop on the north side of the roadway. I then returned to my sector of security. The mission was continued [] b2
without further incident.

-End of Report

I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 24 day of
SEPTEMBER, 2006.

Signed	R-GM
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SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE	

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From: Daniel Carroll [mailto:]
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2006 4:05 PM
To: Lischke, Jeff D (Baghdad); Reiser, William C (Baghdad); Backstrom, Paul M (Baghdad)
Cc: Matthew Stuckart; Dave Rogers
Subject: 25Sept06 Shoot to Disable

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To All, On 24 September 2006, at 1700 [] conducted a mission brief for the following day's missions. The mission brief included a rundown of teams operating in the red zone and the venues they would be visiting, the [] Vehicle load plan for the day, and the pre-mission briefing time for the next morning.

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On 25 September 2006 at approximately 0850 hrs, [] conducted a pre-mission brief. The brief included any changes to previously briefed information, the Rules of Engagement per the Mission Firearms Policy and Escalation of force. Routes and relevant venues were briefed by the Tactical commander, and an intelligence and threat brief was given by the [] Detail Intelligence Analyst. Due to increased attacks by anti-coalition forces in our area of operation and the advent of the Ramadan holiday the threat level was considered to be elevated.

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[] departed the International Zone for the area of []. This was done in order to stay near the venues of [] and []. En-route to our staging area [] encountered unusually heavy traffic, since the start of Ramadan heavy traffic has been an ongoing obstacle. [] maneuvered through the traffic using warning lights, sirens, verbal and visual commands from the turret gunners to clear a path through the traffic. As [] proceeded North West bound from [] our motorcade encountered more traffic traveling in the same direction. At this time due to the amount of North West bound traffic, threat information and intelligence passed in the preceding four days in reference to Improvised Explosive Device (IED) and Vehicle Born Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED) threats in the area, [] Haifa Street.

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[] At this time the traffic was unusually light traveling southbound. As the lead vehicle of our motorcade approached the intersection of [] the front up gunner, [] threw several water bottles into the intersection to warn vehicles of our approach. []

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[] was also utilizing warning lights, sirens and air horns to alert traffic. The intersection at [] is usually controlled by Iraqi Police (IP's) or Iraqi National Guard (ING's). As [] approached the intersection it was observed that there were no IP's or ING's in the intersection.

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[] As [] lead vehicle entered the intersection [] noticed a dirty white four door sedan operated by one single, middle aged male subject who was maneuvering aggressively on the North West side of the stopped vehicles approximately 20-25 meters North West of the lead vehicle. At this time [] shouted "Kiff" (stop in Arabic) and "stop". [] made direct eye contact with the suspect while simultaneously showing him the hand signal to stop. At this time the suspect vehicle began moving slowly forward toward the lead vehicle. At this time [] threw a water bottle at the suspect vehicle hitting the front left side of the vehicle. At this time [] noticed the Suspect driver to have a tight grip on the steering wheel and still looking directly at the lead vehicle. The suspect vehicle was now accelerating at a high rate of speed in the direction of the lead vehicle still staring at the lead vehicle. With the current threat level, [] training, experience and known tactics used by insurgents, [] believed that the vehicle was a VBIED that intended to impact the lead vehicle of [] motorcade and detonate. [] in fear for his life and the lives of his teammates, fired two rounds from his Department of State issued [] rifle striking the vehicle in the hood. Simultaneously, the lead vehicle driver, [] abruptly swerved to avoid making contact with the suspect vehicle. Apparently disabled, the suspect vehicle rolled to a gradual stop approximately five meters from the lead vehicle. At this time the [] motorcade accelerated and moved to the far right side of the roadway to avoid the disabled

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vehicle. At this time all up gunners covered their sector of security for the possibility of a secondary attack.

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[redacted] At this time, [redacted] cautiously continued north towards [redacted]
[redacted] and to our staging area of [redacted] continued to provide tactical
support for Chief of Mission teams operating in high threat areas of the red zone. -END-

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Danny Carroll
Blackwater Security
Project Manager
Baghdad, Iraq
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Sworn Statement

Date 25 September 2006	Time Aprox 1019
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I, _____, hereby make the following statement at the request of _____, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I understand that this statement is made in furtherance of an official administrative inquiry regarding potential misconduct or improper performance of official duties and that disciplinary action, including dismissal from the Department's Worldwide Personnel Protective Services contract, may be undertaken if I refuse to provide this statement or fail to do so fully and truthfully. I further understand that neither my statements nor any information or evidence gained by reason of my statements can be used against me in a criminal proceeding, except that if I knowingly and willfully provide false statements or information, I may be criminally prosecuted for that action under 18 United States Code, Section 1001. I agree that the statements I furnish and any information or evidence resulting there from may be used in the course of disciplinary proceedings, which could result in disciplinary action, including dismissal.

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On 25 September 2006, I [REDACTED] was assigned to the lead vehicle front turret position for Tactical Support Team (TST). [REDACTED] was traveling North West on Haifa Street approaching [REDACTED] in direct support of Advance Team [REDACTED]. Since the beginning of Ramadan, [REDACTED] has noticed that there has been a marked increase in motor vehicle traffic and that the traffic has been driving with a more "aggressive attitude". [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was aware of several vehicles born improvised explosive devices (VBIED'S) and improvised explosive devices (IED's) that had been recently detonated in this area. As we moved closer to the intersection I noticed that there were no Iraqi Police (IP's) in the intersection, this was unusual as there are always IP's in this intersection controlling traffic.

[REDACTED] When we were approximately [REDACTED] meters from [REDACTED] I threw 3 water bottles into the intersection to warn traffic of our approach. [REDACTED] was also using warning lights, sirens and air horns to warn traffic approaching the intersection of our presence. As we approached [REDACTED] I stopped all vehicles to my 3 O'clock, 9 O'clock and 12 O'clock by shouting, stop, kiff (Arabic for stop) and waving hand signals to stop. As we cautiously entered the intersection all vehicles were stopped and allowing us to pass through the intersection. At this time I noticed an off white dirty, four door sedan weaving through the stopped traffic and moving aggressively towards the intersection from the northwest. I observed that this vehicle matched the description of a vehicle briefed as a possible VBIED in the intelligence brief portion of our pre-mission brief. At this time the vehicle began to maneuver around razor wire and barricades in the roadway, which were used by IPs to funnel traffic. I immediately yelled kiff and gave a hand signal to stop. The aggressive vehicle continued driving towards our motorcade. At this time the vehicle was approximately [REDACTED] meters from our motorcade. I immediately made eye contact with the driver, shouted kiff again and simultaneously threw a water bottle at the vehicle. The water bottle impacted the front right of the four door sedan. The driver of the suspect vehicle made direct eye contact with me and I noticed he had a tight grip on the steering wheel as he turned the steering wheel towards the lead truck and aggressively accelerated passed all of the stopped traffic and attempted to drive into the lead vehicle. At this time I believed that the suspect vehicle was intending to ram my vehicle and detonate. At this time the vehicle had closed to within [REDACTED] meters of my vehicle. At this time being in fear for my life and the lives of my teammates, I fired two well aimed shots from my State Department issued [REDACTED] into the engine compartment of the vehicle. The suspect vehicle appeared to lose power and rolled to a stop approximately 5 meters from the lead vehicle, which had to forcefully swerved to the right to avoid being struck by the vehicle. At this time I reported the shots to my Vehicle Commander and TC (Tactical Commander) and he relayed it back to my shift leader. My shift leader immediately contacted [REDACTED] base and reported the incident. We continued to our stage area, the vicinity of [REDACTED] for our follow on missions.

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I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this _____ day of

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Date 25 September 2006	Time Approximately 1020 hrs
Location [Redacted]	

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I, _____, hereby make the following statement at the request of _____, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

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Upon completion of the course I became an Independent Security contractor with Blackwater. In _____ of _____ I was assigned to team _____ (a PSD team) here in Baghdad and operated as such executing multiple missions on numerous venues throughout metropolitan Baghdad. In late _____ I switched to Tactical

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On September 25, 2006 at approximately 1020 local time, I was driving the lead vehicle of a [] motorcade. Traffic had been hectic since we left the green zone as it has been since the start of Ramadan. When our motorcade was approaching [] (a traffic intersection), the up gunner [] had thrown water bottles to clear the intersection ahead as there were no Iraqi Police present. At that time all traffic stopped and the intersection was clear. As I was entering the intersections I saw out my drivers side window that a white/cream colored four door vehicle from the early 80's was passing all the stopped traffic on the left side of the intersection. At that time I could hear [] giving verbal warnings, which turned into shouting warnings. I saw that the vehicle was not stopping and started to veer away from the direction it was coming from. I observed that at least 2 water bottles were thrown at the vehicle, the first striking the pavement in front of the vehicle and the second impacting the vehicle. At this time I could see the driver was the sole occupant of the vehicle and that he was looking directly at our truck. At this time I believed the vehicle was a possible Vehicle Born Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED) and was in fear for my life. I immediately veered right as far as I could without colliding with either another vehicle or the concrete barriers. At this time I heard two shots fired. I observed the rounds impact the hood area of the suspect vehicle. I immediately hit the accelerator to get us out of the intersection incase the vehicle detonated. As I was driving away I could see that the driver appeared to be uninjured.

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I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

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On 24 September 2006, at 1700 [] conducted a mission brief for the following day's missions. The mission brief included a rundown of teams operating in the red zone and the venues they would be visiting, the [] Vehicle load plan for the day, and the pre-mission briefing time for the next morning.

On 25 September 2006 at approximately 0850 hrs, [] conducted a pre-mission brief. The brief included any changes to previously briefed information, the Rules of Engagement per the Mission Firearms Policy and Escalation of force. Routes and relevant venues were briefed by the Tactical commander, and an intelligence and threat brief was given by the [] Detail Intelligence Analyst. Due to increased attacks by anti-coalition forces in our area of operation and the advent of the Ramadan holiday the threat level was considered to be elevated.

[] departed the International Zone for the area of [] This was done in order to stay near the venues of [] and [] En-route to our staging area [] encountered unusually heavy traffic, since the start of Ramadan heavy traffic has been an ongoing obstacle. [] maneuvered through the traffic using warning lights, sirens, verbal and visual commands from the turret gunners to clear a path through the traffic. As [] proceeded North West bound from [] our motorcade encountered more traffic traveling in the same direction. At this time due to the amount of North West bound traffic, threat information and intelligence passed in the preceding four days in reference to Improvised Explosive Device (IED) and Vehicle Born Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED) threats in the area, [] on Haifa Street.

[] At this time the traffic was unusually light traveling southbound. As the lead vehicle of our motorcade approached the intersection of [] the front up gunner, [] threw several water bottles into the intersection to warn vehicles of our approach. [] was also utilizing warning lights, sirens and air horns to alert traffic. The intersection at [] is usually controlled by Iraqi Police (IP's) or Iraqi National Guard (ING's). As [] approached the intersection it was observed that there were no IP's or ING's in the intersection.

[] As [] lead vehicle entered the intersection [] noticed a dirty white four door sedan operated by one single, middle aged male subject who was maneuvering aggressively on the North West side of the stopped vehicles approximately 20-25 meters North West of the lead vehicle. At this time [] shouted "Kiff" (stop in Arabic) and "stop". [] made direct eye contact with the suspect while simultaneously showing him the hand signal to stop. At this time the suspect vehicle began moving slowly forward toward the lead vehicle. At this time [] threw a water bottle at the suspect vehicle hitting the front left side of the vehicle. At this time [] noticed the Suspect driver to have a tight grip on the steering wheel and still looking directly at the lead vehicle. The suspect vehicle was now accelerating at a high rate of speed in the direction of the lead vehicle still staring at the lead vehicle. With the current threat level, [] training, experience and known tactics used by insurgents, [] believed that the vehicle was a VBIED that intended to impact the lead vehicle of [] motorcade and detonate. [] in fear for his life and the lives of his teammates, fired two rounds from his Department of State issued rifle striking the vehicle in the hood. Simultaneously, the lead vehicle driver, [] abruptly swerved to avoid making contact with the suspect vehicle. Apparently disabled, the suspect vehicle rolled to a gradual stop approximately five meters from the lead vehicle. At this time the [] motorcade accelerated and moved to the far right side of the roadway to avoid the disabled vehicle. At this time all up gunners covered their sector of security for the possibility of a secondary attack.

[] At this time [] cautiously continued north towards [] and to our staging area of []. [] continued to provide tactical support for Chief of Mission teams operating in high threat areas of the red zone. -END-

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I, _____, hereby make the following statement at the request of _____, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I understand that this statement is made in furtherance of an official administrative inquiry regarding potential misconduct or improper performance of official duties and that disciplinary action, including dismissal from the Department's Worldwide Personnel Protective Services contract, may be undertaken if I refuse to provide this statement or fail to do so fully and truthfully. I further understand that neither my statements nor any information or evidence gained by reason of my statements can be used against me in a criminal proceeding, except that if I knowingly and willfully provide false statements or information, I may be criminally prosecuted for that action under 18 United States Code, Section 1001. I agree that the statements I furnish and any information or evidence resulting there from may be used in the course of disciplinary proceedings, which could result in disciplinary action, including dismissal.

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I graduated from Blackwater DoS class [] and assigned to Tactical Support Team [] in Baghdad, Iraq. Provided a quick reaction force to respond and support PSD teams working in Baghdad area. Have been assigned different responsibilities to include, but not limited to, admin representative, supply representative, turret gunner, and driver

At approximately 1020 on 25 Sept 06, the second day of Ramadan in Baghdad, [] was headed northbound from [] to the area of []. We were in support of [], who was also north bound on Route [], a road that ran parallel to our route. It was briefed just 1 hour 30 min. prior that the area we where about to go through was a high threat area. The area of [] Bridge [] and the eastern bank of the river, had been attacked 11 times in the last 15 days with everything from small arms fire and mortar attacks to Vehicle Born Improvised Explosive Devices (VBIED) and Explosively Formed Projectiles (EFP's). In addition to that, it was also briefed that the Ramadan season has traditionally been a month where attacks where greatest and this year would be no different. The day prior, 24 Sept 06, the first day of Ramadan, we had witnessed this first hand. We had a number of teams in the red zone we where providing support for that day. Explosions were heard throughout the city streets and roads where overcrowded with people. Traffic was backed up on almost all our routes due to the increase in Improvised Explosive Device (IED) activity and certain main MSR's where closed. We where moving with extreme caution through this area and turret gunners where briefed to be on high alert. Also during that brief 1 hour 30 min prior, we where given a report from the intelligence analyst to be on the lookout for a few individual vehicles that had been reported to have been carrying weapons or VBIED's.

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As [] approached the 4 way intersection known as [] from [] I, [], the [] of [] noticed there was a cream colored 4 door Ford sedan that fit the description of the vehicle we had been warned about at the morning brief just prior to our departure. The suspected vehicle was merging from our left and appearing to try and merge into our lane as we continued straight to the 12 o'clock position at the intersection. I commanded to the lead turret gunner to get the suspected vehicle to stop so that we could continue through the intersection. The lead turret gunner, [] made verbal warnings, as well as giving the suspected vehicle hand signals to stop. [] followed that up with a water bottle and the vehicle seemed to be coming to a slow roll. However, as the lead vehicle of [] continued through the intersection, the suspected vehicle turned its wheels to the right and accelerated in an aggressive manner and was now coming at the motorcade directly to our left at a 9 o'clock position approximately [] meters away. It was then that the lead turret gunner engaged with two [] rounds to the hood of the suspected vehicle. At this time I lost sight of the vehicle. [] was able to move through the dangerous intersection without harm. No injuries to the passenger of the suspected vehicle to report.

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I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this _____ day of
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SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

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**RSO Baghdad**

27 September 2006

Spot Report - 092706-01**Subject:** COM PSD Team Fires on Aggressive Vehicle.**Reporting Office:** RSO ERBIL

Summary: At approximately 1435h on September 27, 2006, ARSO Erbil was notified that a COM PSD had engaged a local national vehicle with deadly force. The COM motorcade consisted of [] vehicles. As the COM motorcade approached the Erbil outer circle while proceeding north on Route [] from Kirkuk, a silver-colored sedan with clear access to the motorcade, approached the motorcade at a high rate of speed. The rear gunner in the tail vehicle attempted to gain the attention of the driver by utilizing an escalation of force to include spot light, verbal signals, hand signals, and pointing his weapon at the vehicle. The driver of the sedan ignored the warnings.

As the vehicle closed in on the motorcade at approximately [] meters, the rear gunner fired one round with his [] rifle into the grill of the sedan. The driver of the sedan swerved right and continued to close in on the motorcade. The PSD member riding in the right rear position of the assault vehicle opened the vehicle door and pointed the weapon at the vehicle. The sedan then came to an immediate controlled stop on the right shoulder of the road. The driver and one occupant appeared to be uninjured; there was no noticeable damage to the sedan. No injuries or additional property damage were observed as a result of the incident. The PSD motorcade continued to its destination without further incident.

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RSO Action: ARSO Erbil was notified at 1440h; who then notified Kirkuk RSO, Baghdad DRSO and Baghdad TOC. Erbil Operations notified the Kirkuk TOC at 1440. PSD Team members are completing their written statements. RSO Kirkuk is investigating the shooting.

Location: Erbil, Iraq

Drafted: RSO James "Chance" Rowe
ARSO Zach Zittle

CLEARED: DRSO Chuck Lisenbee

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Date	27 SEP 06	Time	15 15 HRS
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I, [REDACTED] b6 b7c, hereby make the following statement voluntarily to ZITEL ZACT., who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service.

WHILE IN ROUTE TO DERSER (US-AID) AT APPROX. 14.35 HRS. THE CAT WELL GUNNER [REDACTED] IDENTIFIED A DARK IN COLOR VEHICLE TO OUR 6^oCLOCK. AS THE [REDACTED] OF THE CAT I WAS NOTIFY[REDACTED] BASE OF OUR LOCATION ([REDACTED]) ONE ROUND FIRES. NOTIFY[REDACTED] WITHIN I HEARD b2 SITUATION, STATUS. NO FURTHER SHOTS WERE FIRED ALL VEHICLES IN MOTOR-CODE CONTINUED TO US-AID COMPOUND. WITHOUT FURTHER INCIDENT. NO INJURIES SUSTAINED.

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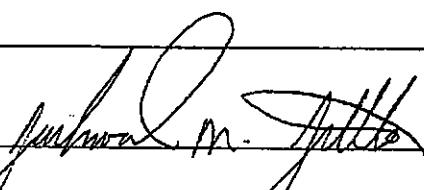
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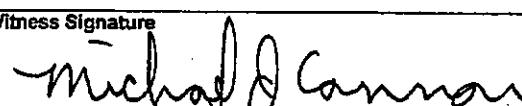
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September, 2006.

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Date 27 SEPT 06	Time 15:00
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I, [redacted] b6 b7C hereby make the following statement voluntarily to
Zach Zittle, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the
U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service.

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I was the [redacted] for a [redacted] car motorcade moving from the REO Kirkuk to the USAID Compound Irbil. About 14:37 approx. 150/200 meters from [redacted] b2 [redacted] I heard what sounded like one shot fired. My tactical Commander [redacted] for our [redacted] vehicle in line of movement and the designated C4T vehicle, radioed me and informed me that they had fired one shot. I immediately informed [redacted] Base b2 [redacted] of the situation with a sitrep noting location, shot fired and our status has being up and continuing the mission. All members of the motorcade were briefed prior to our departure about the use of deadly force and the Rules of Engagement.

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Address	REO KIRKUK

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 27 day of
September, 2006.

Signed	Zachariah M. Zittle
Printed	Zachariah M. Zittle
SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE	

Witness Signature	Michael Cannon
Printed	Michael J. Cannon
Address	USAID Compound Erbil

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Sworn Statement

Date	27 Sept 06	Time	1520
Location	Iraq	(P)	

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I, _____, hereby make the following statement voluntarily to

Zach Ziffle, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service.

I was in the Counter Assault Team (CAT) Vehicle, [redacted] in the Motorcycle approx. [redacted] behind the fellow vehicle. In the Vehicle, also, were [redacted] Driver; [redacted] well; [redacted] TC; [redacted], left rear; [redacted] & myself, right rear.

At about 1437, just prior to [redacted] [redacted] called out a fast mover coming up. At the time I was looking out my door (Right Side). When I heard [redacted] say that I looked to the rear of our vehicle & saw a silver, small, 4 door vehicle quickly coming up towards our vehicle. I [redacted] he had a flashlight in his left hand pointed towards the vehicle. I looked back to my right side of the vehicle, making sure that nothing else was heading from that direction.

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I looked back towards the sea to see the on coming vehicle ~~getting~~ going towards our left. It was approx. 1 meter from us.

I heard [] shot at the vehicle without stopping, swerved towards our right side, still moving.

At that time I opened my door & pointed my weapon [] towards the vehicle & placing it on semi bld

The vehicle come to a screeching halt.
No further incidents from the vehicle or ours,
after shot.

The individual driving the vehicle did not appear
to be harmed.

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I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

Signed	VERIFIED	
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Address	U.S. EMBASSY KIRKUK, IRAQ	

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 22 day of
September, 2006.

Signed	Zachariah M. Ziffle
Printed	Zachariah M. Ziffle
SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE	

Witness Signature	Michael J. Cannon
Printed	Michael J. Cannon
Address	USAID Compound Erbil

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Sworn Statement

Date	27 Sept 06	Time	1500
Location	US AID Compound ERBIL		

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I, Zach Zittie, hereby make the following statement voluntarily to Zach Zittie, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service.

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I was driver of [] CAT Sub. Prior to [] approx 150 meters ONE shot was fired to disable threat by []. As driver, I had hazard lights ON, blue emergency lights in grill on. [] called out fast never from rear, I used the horn to sound our presence. I saw a gray four door vehicle approaching from rear passing other vehicles at a rapid speed. [] used the spot light moving it left to right in an attempt to signal the vehicle, as I heard him call out to the car to stop. The car did not stop and continued at a high rate of speed. At this point I began evasive driving in an attempt to block for the rest of the convoy approx [] meters in front of us. I then heard the shot, looked in the rearview mirror and saw the vehicle come to

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a stop.

On the back of our vehicle it is clearly stated
Stay back 100 meters... The rear window was
also open, which allowed [REDACTED] to be clearly
seen as he unzipped his zipper. b6
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Signed	REO KIRKUK
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Address	b6 b7c

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 27 day of
September, 2006.

Signed	<i>Zachariah M. Ziffle</i>
Printed	<i>Zachariah M. Ziffle</i>
SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE	

Witness Signature	<i>Michael J Cannon</i>
Printed	<i>Michael J Cannon</i>
Address	<i>USAID Compound Erbil</i>

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Date	27 SEP 06	Time	15:18
Location	US AID COMPOUND ERBIL, IRAQ		

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I, [redacted] b6 b7c, hereby make the following statement voluntarily to ZACH ZITTLE, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service.

I WAS LEFT REAR FOR THE CAT (FIGHTING FOLLOW). WE WERE WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF ERBIL, ON THE ROAD JUST PRIOR TO [redacted] TRAFFIC FLOW WAS LIGHT TO MODERATE, BUT SOMEWHAT MODERATE TO HEAVY AT INTERSECTIONS. WE HAD OUR SIREN GOING TO ALERT ALL VEHICLES OF OUR PRESENCE. THE INCIDENT HAPPENED AT APPROX. 1437 HRS. [redacted] WAS IN THE WELL AND WAS CONSTANTLY MOTIONING VEHICLES THAT APPROACHED TO CLOSE, TO BACK OFF USING A FLASHLIGHT AND HAND + ARM SIGNALS. THROUGHOUT THE TRIP, FROM MY VEHICLE POINT ALL VEHICLES ADHERED AND TOOK APPROPRIATE ACTION EXCEPT THE VEHICLE IN QUESTION. THIS VEHICLE, WHICH WAS A 4-DR SILVERISH IN COLOR COMPACT - SUB/COMPACT CAR, DISREGARDED ALL WARNINGS MADE BY THE WELL + REARS.

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[REDACTED] UT USED HIS FLASHLIGHT MORE THAN ENOUGH TIMES, THEN UPGRADED TO BOTH FLASHLIGHT AND VERBAL COMMANDS. I WOULD ALSO HAVE TO CRACK MY DOOR NUMEROUS TIMES WHEN THE VEHICLE WOULD TRY TO SHIFT TO THE LEFT SIDE. SINCE I HAD MY AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY ALSO, MY FOCUS WAS THE VEHICLE IN QUESTION, ALONG WITH ANY OTHER VEHICLES. MOMENTS PRIOR TO THE SHOT TAKEN I LOOKED TO MY LEFT, TAKING NOTICE OF [REDACTED] CONTINUE USE OF HIS LIGHT, WHILE HEARING HIM YELLING TO "BACK OFF" AND WAVING HIM AWAY. HE HAD ALSO BEGUN MUZZLING THE VEHICLE BY THIS TIME. IT WAS A SPLIT MOMENT WHEN I SAW THE VEHICLE ACCELERATE FORWARD, CLOSING THE DISTANCE WITHIN [REDACTED] WHEN THE SINGLE SHOT WAS TAKEN. THE VEHICLE SLOWED AND PULLED TO THE RIGHT AND CAME TO A STOP. WE PROCEEDED TO OUR DESTINATION.

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Signed	DECEMBER 2006
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Address	Red Kirkuk, Iraq

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 27TH day of
SEPTEMBER, 2006.

Signed	
Printed	Zachariah M. Ziffle
SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE	

Witness Signature	
Printed	Michael J. Cannon
Address	USAID Compound Erbil

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Date	27 Sept 2006	Time	1515 (EDT)
Location	Erbil		

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I, [redacted], hereby make the following statement voluntarily to Zach Ziffke, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service.

On 27 September 2006 I was riding in the well in the CAT vehicle. At or around 1437 ~~1430~~ at [redacted] I was holding traffic back with a flashlight at that time a silver car accelerated past several cars and continued towards our vehicle. I then used hand and arm signals, verbal, including the flashlight to warn off the driver. He kept accelerating within [redacted] meters I fired one shot into the grill of the car to disable the vehicle. The vehicle then pulled off to the right side of the road. There appeared to be no injuries.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 27 day of

September, 2006.

Signed	
Printed	Zachariah M. Ziffie

SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

Witness Signature	
Printed	Michael J. Cannon
Address	USAID Compound

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**U.S. EMBASSY - BAGHDAD**

28 September 2006



Spot Report - 092806- 03

Subject: K-9 Advance PSD Support Team Fires on an Aggressive Vehicle**Reporting Office:** RSO TOC - Baghdad

Summary: On 28 September 2006 at approximately 1030 hrs, a Chief of Mission (COM) PSD K-9 Support Team [] was providing advance security in front of the Tobschi Juvenile Detention Facility waiting for the principal motorcade to arrive. A member of the PSD Advance Team was standing next to the center median of a two-lane street running east and west in front of the detention facility and was diverting traffic prior to the arrival of the motorcade. To the west of the venue, a white four-door, mid-sized car of unknown make executed a left-hand turn, increased speed to approximately 30 miles an hour, and proceeded in the right-hand lane traveling east toward the venue and the advance team member.

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At approximately 125 yards the PSD Advance member raised his arm displaying the "Kif" (STOP!) hand signal multiple times and shouted for the vehicle to halt. At approximately [] yards the advance member raised his [] carbine, aimed at the oncoming vehicle and stood in the edge of the oncoming lane of the street. The vehicle did not slow and maintained its course. At approximately [] yards the advance member fired two well aimed shots into the radiator of the sedan at which point the vehicle pulled to the side of the street and stopped.

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The driver exited the vehicle and raised the hood to inspect the damage. The driver was not injured. The PSD Advance Team then continued on with their mission without further incident. Principal arrived safely to the venue.

RSO Action: Team members have completed written statements. RSO is investigating the shooting.

Location: Red Zone, Baghdad, Iraq

Drafted by: Sam Pikula, Watch Officer, RSO TOC, Baghdad, Iraq

Cleared: DRSO Chuck Lisenbee

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Date 09/28/06	Time 1035
Location Tobschi Juvenile Facility	

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I, _____, hereby make the following statement at the request of _____, who has been identified to me as a Special Agent of the

U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service. I understand that this statement is made in furtherance of an official administrative inquiry regarding potential misconduct or improper performance of official duties and that disciplinary action, including dismissal from the Department's Worldwide Personnel Protective Services contract, may be undertaken if I refuse to provide this statement or fail to do so fully and truthfully. I further understand that neither my statements nor any information or evidence gained by reason of my statements can be used against me in a criminal proceeding, except that if I knowingly and willfully provide false statements or information, I may be criminally prosecuted for that action under 18 United States Code, Section 1001. I agree that the statements I furnish and any information or evidence resulting there from may be used in the course of disciplinary proceedings, which could result in disciplinary action, including dismissal.

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In mid [redacted] I attended and successfully passed the Department of State weapons systems re-qualifications course and was contracted as a [redacted] and PSS detail team member to the Department of State Mission Regional Embassy Office at FOB Courage in Mosul, Iraq until mid [redacted]

In late [redacted] I was contracted to the Department of State Mission Regional Embassy Office in Kirkuk, Iraq as [redacted] and remaining at Kirkuk until being transferred to Baghdad WPPS mancamp at the end of [redacted]

On the morning of 28 September 2006, myself and fellow [redacted] were assigned to the Advance Detail Team [redacted] for a mission to the Tobschi Juvenile Detention Center. We arrived at the venue, which was in a heavily populated commerical type district. Myself with [redacted] and [redacted] with [redacted] cleared the drop zone and the area within the perimeter walls of the venue which would accomodate only about three to four SUV's. Due to the limited parking space within the compound, our team was to post outside in the street and divert any and all vehicular traffic entering our immediate area.

All three PSS vehicles were positioned on the split roadway with the exception of the vehicle drivers, all personnel were dismounted and assumed overwatch security positions covering our 9, 12 and 3 o'clock sectors in the street in front of the venue. Any vehicle that approached within plus meters from our position was diverted using hand signals to take the side streets at 9 and 3 o'clock postions. At about 10:30 am, I was covering our 3 o'clock position and observed a white mid sized four door vehicle occupied by a single adult local male driving towards our position and the vehicle resembled the description of a vehicle listed as a possible Suicide Vehicle Born Improvised Explosive Device (SVBIED). This vehicle and driver were approximatley 125 meters away when first observed. As the vehicle closed with my position, I stepped further out in the middle of the roadway directly into his lane of traffic and being in full view of the driver, in full PSS kit, [redacted] and helmet, motioning at least three times, with my left hand held high using the local hand signal commonly used to stop his vehicle. The hand signal used was the joining of all hand fingers pointed upward and directly at the driver. At this time, the driver still continued towards our position. I then raised my [redacted] rifle at the driver, giving the driver an additional physical warning to stop. The driver continued towards us. Based on my two and one half years of experience working in Iraq and knowing the common tactic's used for SVBIED's using a sole occupant and the driver failing to stop or even slow down, and the knowledge that since the advent of Ramadon, SVBIED attacks have sharply risen, and that we were in a high threat area of Baghdad, I was fearing for my life and the lives of my team members who were mostly dismounted. As the vehicle closed to

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within approximatley [] meters, I fired two rounds from my issued [] carbine into the grill of this vehicle. b2

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Upon firing the two rounds, the vehicle immediately pulled sharply to the right and slowed, the vehicle continued to the far side of the roadway and coasted past my position. The sole occupant, the driver, after a couple of minutes went by, exited out of vehicle and opened up the engine compartment. It was observed that the vehicle was leaking some type of fluid onto the roadway apparent to the two rounds striking the grill and radiator compartment.

No other action was taken and no apparent injuries were observed. Shortly afterwards, DSS team [] arrived on venue and Advance team [] and [] departed the venue to the mancamp. b2

End of Report

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I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

Signed	
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Address	
WPPS Camp Baghdad	

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 17 day of
September, 2006.

Signed	
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SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

Witness Signature	
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Blackwater USA	Statement Form		Date/Time of Statement 1400 06 September 2006
Name _____ <i>b6 b7c</i>	Team _____	Incident Type Disabling Shots at Tobschi Juvenile Facility	
Location Of Incident (Grid or Terrain Feature) <i>b2</i> [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Incident Time 1035	Incident Date 28 September 2006

On Thursday, 09-28-06, [REDACTED] with attached K-9 element, was the Advance Team for [REDACTED] at the Tobschi Juvenile Facility [REDACTED]. Prior to departure, a pre-mission brief was conducted. The morning Intelligence report was briefed along with the current "be on the lookout" (BOLO) list. The Use of Force Continuum and Rules of Engagement were read at the brief.

[REDACTED] arrived on venue at around 0930 and established security at the venue. During the initial assessment, it was determined that the parking lot was too small to hold all the vehicles! [REDACTED] Tactical Commander, advised [REDACTED] to move their vehicles into the roadway upon [REDACTED] reaching the intersection of [REDACTED]

The roadway in front of the venue is a T-intersection. All other side roads are blocked with piles of dirt and trash. [REDACTED] was going to be traveling east towards the venue, which was the only route in and out of the venue. Upon [REDACTED] reaching [REDACTED] a checkpoint approximately 4-6 minutes away from the venue, team members were to move their vehicles into the roadway to effect traffic control points in order to ensure a safe and clear route to the venue entrance. [REDACTED] instructed team members to stop and redirect traffic coming in from the east and south. Traffic coming in from the west was to be let through to allow clear movement to a cut at which they could counter flow to the venue. This command would be given when observed [REDACTED] coming toward the venue.

Shift Leader [REDACTED] was inside the venue maintaining contact with [REDACTED] the facility Warden. After hearing [REDACTED] advise base that they had reached [REDACTED] directed the Advance Team to move their vehicles out into the roadway to establish traffic control and to free up the venue parking lot.

[REDACTED] was watching his sector to the west from the intersection where [REDACTED] would turn left into the venue. He observed a white passenger four door car, occupied by one male driver, drive towards [REDACTED] TCP. [REDACTED] saw the white passenger car enter the main roadway from a side road, approximately 125 meters away from his position in front of the venue. [REDACTED] attempted to stop the vehicle because the only direction for the vehicle to travel was towards [REDACTED] or the opposite direction towards [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stepped into the roadway so the driver would clearly see him, as he was yelling for the vehicle to stop. [REDACTED] gave verbal and visual hand signals to stop, however, the vehicle still continued to approach the dismounted team! [REDACTED] then pointed his [REDACTED] Rifle at the vehicle, from approximately [REDACTED] meters away, but the vehicle still continued to approach the team. [REDACTED] being in fear for his life and the life of his fellow teammates, fired two controlled shots from his [REDACTED] into the grill of the approaching vehicle.

[REDACTED] was also posted in the intersection with [REDACTED] had previously waved 2-3 other vehicles through the intersection already and he also observed the white passenger vehicle approaching his position from the west. [REDACTED] using hand and arm signals, began waving the vehicle through his TCP as briefed. He then observed [REDACTED] yelling at the driver and giving hand signals to stop. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] to let the vehicle pass through, but [REDACTED] continued to try and stop the vehicle. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Person giving statement

Blackwater USA	Statement Form			Date/Time of Statement 1400 06 September 2006
Name b6 b7c	Team b6 b7c	Incident Type Disabling Shots at Tobschi Juvenile Facility		
Location Of Incident (Grid or Terrain Feature) b6 b7c	Incident Time b6 b7c 1035	Incident Date b6 b7c 28 September 2006		

yelled at [] in an attempt to get him to let the vehicle through, but then saw [] bring his rifle to the ready position. [] then fired two rounds into the grill of the car. [] closed the distance to [] in order to deescalate the situation. [] stopped firing and the vehicle slowly rolled through the intersection and stopped. The driver was uninjured and he exited the vehicle which was then pushed out of the roadway.

[] and [] also observed this incident from their positions. The rest of [] heard the shots fired but did not witness the incident.

Shortly after the shots were fired, [] stated they had a visual on the venue. [] directed [] into the venue and escorted the principles into the venue without incident. After the drop was made and the principal was located inside, The Shift Leader from [] briefed [] Shift Leader ([]) about the shooting incident. Once [] had adequate security set at the venue, [] attempted to radio [] about the incident but was unable to make contact [] inside the venue. He then attempted to make contact via [] and encountered the same problem. Since [] was still sitting outside of the venue in the street, [] recovered his team and began navigating back to the International Zone.

Immediately after arriving at [] and after being debriefed, the Shjft Leader notified the TOC via telephone and the [] Detail Leader [].

Person giving statement



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Date 09/28/06	DEPT. OF STATE	Time 1035
Location Tobschi Juvenile Facility		

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After providing an [redacted] search of the Tobschi Juvenile Facility with [redacted] in support of [redacted] the morning of 28 September 2006 with fellow [redacted] it was determined that the venue was too small to accommodate both Advance and PSD elements of the mission. Due to the size of the venue it was requested that the [redacted] vehicle, along with other [redacted] vehicles be used as a vehicular blockade outside the venue perimeter on the roadway.

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[redacted] directed where the vehicle would best work for assisting with traffic control of local traffic until [redacted] arrived. [redacted] along with other members of [redacted] Advance Team [redacted] were outside the venue directing/diverting local traffic from the area. While in the [redacted] driver's seat, I noticed out of the driver's window that [redacted] had begun to present himself to a local vehicle traveling towards the area. [redacted] was seen displaying the stop command with his hand. I heard that [redacted] was giving verbal commands and observed him shoulder his [redacted] displaying his weapon as an escalation of force. The vehicle failed to stop, slow, or change direction and two shots were fired into the front/grill area of the vehicle as it continued. At that point [redacted] continued to scan the area assessing the safety of the area and visual contact of the vehicle was lost. I also noticed that PSD members took cover assessing

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the situation as [] was approaching the venue. [] Tactical Commander [] and Shift Lead [] determined the venue was secure allowing [] to proceed.

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I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

Signed

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Address

WPPS Camp Baghdad

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 17 _____ day of

September _____, 20 06 _____.

Signed

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SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE

Witness Signature

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