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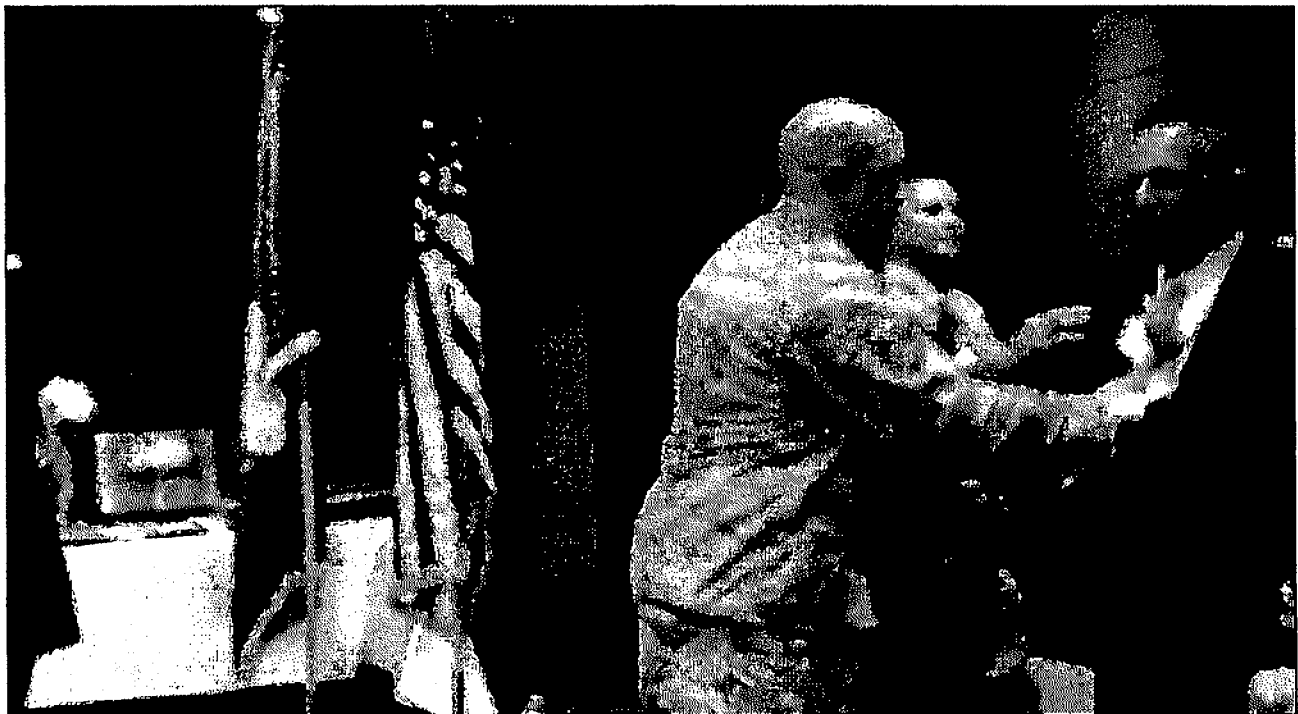
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Video: Retired SMSgt Forcibly Removed from Retirement Ceremony

By John Q. Public | April 4th, 2016 | Air Force / Air Power, Leadership and Managing. Military. Military Families. Veterans | 310 Comments

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A follow-up to this story is available [here](#).

A video cued to JQP today by several airmen at Travis Air Force Base chronicles a physical confrontation between a group of uniformed airmen and a retired member of the community. Whatever happened here, it turned an important family ceremony into a disgraceful spectacle.

In the 50-second clip, which was reportedly taken at the retirement ceremony for Master Sergeant Chuck Roberson of the 749th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, three NCOs — including an unnamed Chief

Master Sergeant — apprehend retired Senior Master Sergeant Oscar Rodriguez, reportedly a former Honor Guard member respected by many in the squadron, and remove him from the ceremony. Rodriguez had reportedly been invited there by Roberson to give a presentation.

As participants in the ceremony fold a flag, we see an NCO approach a man in a suit — apparently Rodriguez — standing behind a member of the color guard in a business suit. They seem to be exchanging words, though the exchange is inaudible. At some point, Rodriguez begins reciting a prepared presentation about the flag and is then physically forced away from the proceedings by the NCO, who is soon joined by two others. Rodriguez continues his recitation, raising his voice higher as he is removed continually further away. He can be heard bellowing out his words from a distance as he is presumably ejected from the premises.

Take a look:



Some are saying the incident is a result of “bad blood” going back some years between Rodriguez and the current commanding officer of the 749th. That commander is said to have barred Rodriguez from the ceremony, and ordered that he be removed after showing up anyway. There is undoubtedly much more to the story on all sides than meets the eye.

A public post on a Facebook page under the name “John Huffington,” apparently made by a friend of the man retiring, offered the following as it shared a copy of the video:

"This is disturbing at my friend[s] retirement today and the gentlemen that you are going to see in the video gets assaulted as a guest of my friend. He speaks the words of the color and strip[es] as they fold the flag. The squadron commander and Oscar have issues from years ago [and] the commander said he did not want him in the building nor saying the words to the flag. Remember he is my friends guest. So instead of letting him finish what he started saying he had his trolls assault him dragging him out of the building as you can [hear] him still saying the words to the flag. And you can [hear] Joe saying "do it do it." Theater is full of family and guests and fellow Air Force members. This could have been handled in a much better way instead of tainting my friends retirement. This is how we treat our fellow Air Force veterans. Yes I'm pissed off."

It's not clear what happened here, and we're reaching out to the Travis publicity staff to inquire (while reasonably expecting little useful in response), but in the meantime we'll simply agree that if this was about some personal dispute between people, dishonoring the sanctity of an airman's retirement ceremony was a poor response. If that's really the story, the judgment of the commander and his evidently obedient enforcers is up for review.

This looks like little more than schoolyard thuggery at the expense of an Air Force family that paid its dues and deserved a dignified moment. Whatever the backstory, which is undoubtedly interesting, there's no justification for this moment being tarnished.

Can't help but note the connection here with the obedience culture we've been documenting recently on these pages. These NCOs, including an E-9, appear to have engaged in unlawful acts under the guise of following orders.

More when we know it.

Update (21:20 EST): the following comment was provided by Stephan Sila on Facebook. he claims to have first-hand knowledge as a participant in the ceremony. His account, assuming it's true, is explosive (and entertaining).



Stephan Sila Alright boys and girls, pay attention, because I'm going to make this as clear as possible, as I knew this would show up here.

I was the officiating officer for this ceremony.

First, a little back story. Mr Rodriguez, a retiree and prior honor guard) was invited to speak the words to the flag folding ceremony at a previous retirement in the same squadron the month before, of which this honoree attended. He was so moved by his performance, he invited Mr Rodriguez to do the same for him, to which he accepted. When the squadron CC first saw Mr Rodriguez at the previous ceremony, it was too late to act. He then discovered Mr Rodriguez was to attend this one. He banned Mr Rodriguez from attending and prohibited him from entering the building. He then recanted, as he discovered he couldn't prevent him from being there as a guest, but then insisted Mr Rodriguez wasn't to say the words. This all stems from a personal issue at a previous squadron between the squadron CC and Mr Rodriguez. The honoree considered this HIS ceremony and wanted Mr Rodriguez to do

could ever look in person. You then went to Maxwell, the most worthless waste in the Air Force to do in-residence leadership school. There, you played flickerball and studied the answers, given to you by previous attendees, to tests that have little to do with leadership and then are forced out into the little Air Force world to learn how to climb on the backs of others to get your star. Then you have the audacity and gall to quote accomplished military leaders, expecting and assuming that if you can regurgitate enough inspirational quotes, your minions will blindly follow as you implement your own predisposed and skewed idea of what leadership should be, and ignoring what those whom you quoted really meant. Our airman have ZERO advocacy and ZERO confidence in Air Force managers. We don't have leaders, we have accountants. Just like this Squadron CC who put his own wants, needs, and desires above that of his troops. He probably is the first in line to get food and the first one to check in to his hotel. So pathetic.

So, about myself. I retired after 28 years of honorable service. I had 13.5 years as enlisted and 14.5 years as an officer. I graduated number 1 from ERAU (on

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this not only for him, but for his wife, son, family and friends, as well. Mr Rodriguez cleared his performance through other higher commanders and legal counsel. All approved of his plan to do it. So, at the end of the ceremony, the flag folding ensued, and when Mr Rodriguez began reciting the words, he was wrestled out by multiple individuals, to include the squadron CC (I don't know if he laid hands on Mr Rodriguez, but he condoned the action by allowing these guys to do it, and not stopping it). Multiple people left the room and the rest of the ceremony went on, with justifiable discomfort.

Now, to the person commenting on the position of the flag. The flag WAS in the correct position for the ceremony. It was moved out of the way to view a slideshow about the honoree and it was in the way.

Now on to my soapbox. Maybe now people will listen to me about the cancerous leadership that has invaded the Air Force. This commander had two choices: shut up and color or don't attend. Hey, Mark Welsh! Why do you think people are leaving in droves? Because the guys in the trenches are subjected to nonstop stupidity from Commanders who don't deserve the rank, respect, or support of the people they're in charge of. Yeah, I know today's commander. You wrote your own OPR, filling it with self-aggrandizing accomplishments you knew no one would check. You did SOS by correspondence and studied the dirty purples for ACSC. You lied, cheated and stole any chance you could to make yourself look better on paper than you

campus) with a 4.0 GPA, summa cum laude and was honored with outstanding graduate. I've been A-10 Maint, a C-5 Loadmaster, a KC-10 boom operator and a KC-10 instructor pilot. I've graduated nearly every single Air Force training program as a DG or in the top 3%. So go ahead and tell me I'm the problem. That I don't know what I'm talking about. After 28 years, I walked out the door with no ceremony, no fanfare, nothing. Why? Because that's the causal environment our accountants have propagated and nurtured. And I was glad to accommodate.

I'm embarrassed. One of my best friends is embarrassed and as far as I'm concerned, Mark Welsh, this squadron commander and the entire Air Force can go F themselves. The only time I've ever had the honor of being asked to do this for my friend, and this, THIS RIDICULOUS STUPIDITY, will tarnish my friends great memories.

Feel free to ask questions. JQP, that enough insight for you? I appreciate the stories you bring to the front. But the only problem is, the people who should be reading it, aren't. And if they do, it only serves to tighten the noose of those doing the grunt work. The accountants understand one thing and one thing only: what will prevent me from getting promoted.

Now you can go back to the Free Exercise of religion CBT, sleeping through Chem Defense, learn how to rape and get away with it, and submitting your DTS voucher for the 10th time.

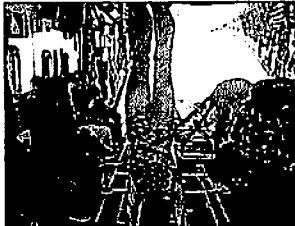
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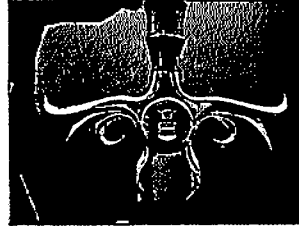
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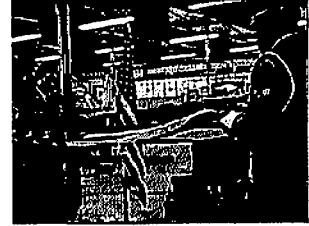
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Scott Snoopy • 23 days ago

this proves how far down the rabbit hole society has come...never would this have happened when I was on active duty and had seen real bad blood between Sr Enlisted and BN COs...for the retiree they always buried the hatchet. These Tech Sgts and CMsgt need to be called to the Wing COs office and be served an Article 15 for conduct unbecoming...we are professionals not damn children...AATW

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Society??? This proves what sell outs leadership figures are to promotion. Society has never had respect for the military.

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the military is its own society..when I was at Bragg we took pride in our starched jungle fatigues, spit shined boots, shaped/shaved berets..We wore Class As for promotions, pay day activities, etc. Now we see unpressed ACU/ABUs, those nasty rough out boots, and "hair"..we had high and tights.

Never said the public respected the troops/Vets...but the actions of these Sr NCOs is obscene and to act that way to a retired Sr NCO. Article 15s all around for conduct unbecoming or worse in my days. Just shows the military is going to need rebuilt from the private on up

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Totally agree... I did my 22 and this is despicable behavior that always seems to be identified in the Air Force. This service lacks tradition, camaraderie, and self pride! It is all due to leadership failures in my opinion.

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Jimmy Nicks • DS • 23 days ago

AF leadership at its best... Never miss a chance to embarrass the service. What a clown shown

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CIV USAF AMC 60 SFS/S2

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) CIV USAF AMC 60 SFS/S2
Sent: Friday, April 8, 2016 12:58 PM
To: Oscar Rodriguez
Subject: RE: RODRIGUEZ, OSCAR
Attachments: DD Form 2701 - VWAP - Mar 2016.docx

Sir, tried to call and left you a voice message. Not sure what happened between yesterday and today. By the context of your e-mail, you appeared to be upset. I hope that is not the case. I am trying to get the details and circumstances surrounding this investigation and this is why I started off with speaking to you first. We do this in all our investigations out of this office. I really need the details. I am not sure what an attorney can do for you as I have never seen a victim represented by an attorney before. But, that is definitely your right. I'd like to add, if you want you are still entitled to legal services with our Legal Office and their number is (707) 424-3251 if your interested. I have also attached the Victim Witness form so that you know what is available to you. I hope this helps.

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Det, USAF
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"It does not take many words to speak the truth." - Chief Joseph

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

From: Oscar Rodriguez [mailto:oskar_209@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, April 8, 2016 10:54 AM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) CIV USAF AMC 60 SFS/S2 <(b) (6), (b) (7)@us.af.mil>
Subject: Re: RODRIGUEZ, OSCAR

I was assaulted and battered, I will be seeking legal counsel before I make any additional statements. I believe it is your obligation to recognize that a crime has been committed and the easily identifiable parties be arrested. In my opinion You need to do your job.

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone (b) (6)

On Friday, April 8, 2016, 10:46 AM, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) CIV USAF AMC 60 SFS/S2 <(b) (6), (b) (7)@us.af.mil> wrote:

Good Morning Mr Rodriguez

Thank you for the information. I will keep everything in mine. Per the conversation yesterday I need a detailed statement concerning the facts and circumstances, events that had taken place. I need that from the beginning when you were asked by Mr Roberson to do the ceremony. It is my understanding through our conversation that there was personal history between you and his commander that caused you to get approval above his grade. I also understand you participated in the practice prior to the ceremony. Was anything said to you prior to the ceremony about you

conducting it? Although we have some video of the incident, I need in your own words and in detail, what had happened during the altercation. I also need in detail what occurred afterward in your own words. This would be greatly appreciated. Some times I advise people to write out a time line first then fill in the blanks so that you can get it into chronological order. Ie.,

1. on/about 8 Apr 16, Mr Roberson asked me to conduct his Flag Folding Ceremony after seeing me at another retirement.
2. Contacted/Informed ??? that I would be conducting the ceremony and why?
3. Practice
4. Incident that occurred
5. What happened afterwards

Obviously I don't know the full story and this is only an idea.

This would help greatly and I appreciate the time.

//NR//

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) , Det, USAF

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

From: oscar rodriguez [mailto:oskar_209@yahoo.com <javascript:return>]

Sent: Friday, April 8, 2016 8:59 AM

To:(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) CIV USAF AMC 60 SFS/S2 <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@us.af.mil <javascript:return> >; Oscar Rodriguez <oskar_209@yahoo.com <javascript:return> >

Subject: RODRIGUEZ, OSCAR

USAFR/USAF,

My Name is SMSGT Oscar Rodriguez Jr. Retired USAFR. I wish to file formal charges for any and all violations which took place on 03 April 2016 at the 749th AMXS Squadron, building 185, Travis Air Force Base, California. To include but not limited to civil rights violations, assault and battery ,defamation, slander, destruction of evidence, falsification of report/s and conspiracy, to start. I was invited by by MSGT Charles Roberson to recite a flag folding script for his retirement. I was assaulted and battered by several individuals as I started to speak, there were as many as six or more who committed this assault and battery upon my person, and to file formal charges of all individuals who authorized such an unwarranted use of force and to hold the entire chain of command ultimately responsible. This was a traumatic and disturbing experience for me to have my own Air Force family brutalize me in this manner. There is video footage and many witnesses to this unfortunate incident. I would hope that you will be capable of identifying the responsible parties and have them arrested immediately.

In addition, I demanded that charges be filed for the assault shortly after the arrival of two law enforcement agencies, the first to arrive were two uniformed security police airmen,of which one was identified as (b) (6) the other was an unidentified female security police airman. The second agency was unfamiliar to me, and identified himself as having jurisdiction and his uniform was more in keeping with that of a civilian law enforcement officer. I repeated several times to both agencies that I wanted to file charges. After their initial understanding of what had transpired, the unknown (to me) law enforcement officer told me I had one option, to leave immediately, and that he saw the video, and disregarding my request to press charges for assault. In fear of incarceration I proceeded to leave

the area. As I was driving away I stopped to relay once again to (b) (6) that I wanted to file formal charges for assault, and he took my phone number, writing it down on his note pad. he then said "You better leave sir, he is serious about your one option." this is a generalized assessment of what happened, and not a word for word account nor action by action account, I was in fear of arrest and my personal safety for I lost all faith in freedom and justice. I will be obtaining legal counsel and will press this issue to the highest extent of the law. Lastly, I reserve any and all rights that I may exercise in filing additional charges.

Have a great Air Force day,

Oscar Rodriguez
209.765.2708 <tel:209.765.2708>

Please acknowledge receipt of this e-mail

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Dear (b) (6)

Per your request here is the detailed time line of events.

My demographics are correct.

On Sunday March 06, 2016, I attended a Retirement Ceremony in Bldg. 185 for long-time, USAFR Co-Worker, (b) (6). (b) (6) invited Retired SMSgt Oscar Rodriguez to perform the flag folding ceremony at his own retirement. After the event, I spoke directly to Mr. Rodriguez and applauded his performance and explained that I'd heard his voice play during dozens of retirements throughout my career. Due to the passion and inflection he gives when doing the speech, I asked if there would be any chance I could get him to come back in a month's time to perform in the same exact manner, as he had done for (b) (6). He told me it would be a privilege to honor my career and the flag.

Several days later, when speaking with (b) (6), my retirement coordinator, I was advised that Oscar may not be able to attend the ceremony, that he did not know all of the details, and that I would need to contact (b) (6) to discuss the matter. On March 08, 2016, I placed a call to (b) (6) cell phone of (b) (6) (b) (6) but never received a return call. On March 15, 2016, I arrived at Bldg. 185 at approximately 1130 to perform a week of Annual Tour duty. I mentioned to (b) (6) that I never received a call back from the voice mail message I left for him on March 08. He explained that (b) (6) could not be a part of my flag folding ceremony because (b) (6) had banned him from the building. (b) (6) stated that he was just the messenger and stated that I could have my ceremony at the Museum where I could do what I wanted, and the reason was because there was an issue between (b) (6) and Mr. Rodriguez.

At this point, although very disappointed, I was going to roll over and accept this word as gospel as I have done so many times throughout my career. Always doing as I'm told, regardless of my personal feelings towards the job. After talking with many other Airmen and friends, I was advised that the retirement ceremony was to honor me and my last day of service and that the beginning part of the ceremony is the only official part and the rest of it was unofficial for me to do as I pleased.

I spoke with (b) (6) regarding the issue, He advised me that he, himself, would like Oscar to perform at his own retirement. He stated that our buildings auditorium is shared by three squadrons and that he did not see how (b) (6) could ban Oscar from the building.

I left the base at the end of the day on 19 March 2016 to return home for a week of work at my civilian job. I returned to Travis Bldg. 185 on March 28, 2016.

On March 28, 2016, at approximately 10:00, I spoke with (b) (6), and was advised that because of things he had heard, he thought Oscar had been banned from doing the Flag Folding Speech, and recommended that I not have Oscar do it at my ceremony. If he was an invited guest, though, he could attend my ceremony.

On March 29, 2016, I advised Mr. Rodriguez that my leaders did not want him to perform the speech at my ceremony. However, I also told Mr. Rodriguez that I did, and always have. I did want to make sure he had not been banned from the base or from doing the speech. Mr. Rodriguez said that he had not. I told Mr. Rodriguez that I

would let the decision be his as I have been told that only the first part of the ceremony was official, and the rest of it was unofficial and just wanted to make sure I was not breaking any regulations or protocol. Mr. Rodriguez told me that he would do what he could to make my event drama free. I explained that I just wanted to share his passion of what our flag and country means, in a way that only he can present. Not to make me look good, but it will make me feel good that my family, friends, and co-workers will get to hear those words that always bring a tear to my eye.

On March 30, 2016, Mr. Rodriguez told me that he had made a few calls and sent a few messages. On April 01, 2016, I let Mr. Rodriguez know that (b) (6) had asked me what was going on with my flag folding portion of my retirement. I told him that I had asked Mr. Rodriguez to come perform the speech for my ceremony at my retirement after seeing him perform at (b) (6) ceremony. Also, that I had informed Mr. Rodriguez of what was told to me by (b) (6), that Mr. Rodriguez was not allowed in the building. I advised Mr. Rodriguez that, evidently, he had gotten the wing commander's attention as (b) (6) said he knew that Mr. Rodriguez had sent a text to him. That is how I know he had been contacted. I advised (b) (6) that I did not care what the prior personal issues were, but that I would like Mr. Rodriguez to perform the flag folding speech. He stated he didn't believe there would be a problem with Mr. Rodriguez coming as my guest, but he didn't believe he could do the speech. He felt Mr. Rodriguez had been banned from doing it. At this point, I sent Mr. Rodriguez a copy of my invitation and also had him added to my guest list. Mr. Rodriguez advised that he had contacted the IG HQ, the Wing Commander, General Johnson of the USAFR, and others. I advised Mr. Rodriguez that they had conceded and understood he would be my guest at the ceremony, but they were adamant that he not do the speech.

On April 02, 2016, I advised Mr. Rodriguez that I was in a meeting earlier with (b) (6), and (b) (6) (b) (6) and was told it was my choice to have you there, but was asked to have you not come. (b) (6) stated he did not want you to come. They stated you would not be doing the flag folding ceremony. I was told if you came as my guest, you would be just a guest and to stay in your seat. I advised Mr. Rodriguez if he wanted to bail out, I wouldn't blame him. Mr. Rodriguez asked me what their reasons were that they did not want him to do the speech, and I advised him that they said some General told him that he couldn't do the speech at retirements. Also, there was a list of personal stories that I did not believe to be true, and I chose to look beyond here-say and rumors. Mr. Rodriguez indicated this to be a false statement and was never told by any general not to do this speech. On April 03, 2016, I advised Mr. Rodriguez that (b) (6) approached me and said he was sorry, but wanted to make sure Mr Rodriguez knew he was not allowed to perform the flag folding speech. I told him he was aware of his request. I informed Mr Rodriguez that I was told by (b) (6) that it was due to an issue from the past, but that I had still hoped he would be able to do the speech, however, I would leave the decision up to him.

At 1300, I met with (b) (6) who was my officiating officer for the event. We went through the rehearsal motions several times in order to learn the proper sequence of events. During this time, my wife, and other family members and friends began to show up. While we were still practicing our moves, the individuals who were to perform the flag folding ceremony practiced their procedures with music playing in the background. At approximately 1440, I went to the locker room to change from my ABU's into my blues for the ceremony. I met with the (b) (6), (b) (6) who advised me he would have to run just after the invocation, which I had asked him to be closed in Jesus name.

The Ceremony went on with very little discrepancies and my wife even gathered up the courage to say some nice things about me and my Air Force family. After the end of the slideshow that I had requested to be played, the airmen from my unit, who were not Honor Guard, began to unfurl the flag. At a point Mr. Rodriguez stood to the right of the flag and prepared to give the flag folding speech, just as he had done at (b) (6) retirement nearly one month prior. I do not recall Mr. Rodriguez even being in the auditorium so I do not know if he was approached by anyone before he came up to present his speech. After he got a few words into the speech he was grabbed, pushed, and shoved out the back door trying to recite the words to the speech. I noticed (b) (6) was standing to Mr. Rodriguez right just before he stepped directly in front of Mr. Rodriguez. The two other individuals I saw that were involved in ejecting Mr. Rodriguez were (b) (6) and (b) (6).

I couldn't believe what I witnessed had truly taken place. I should have just declined having a ceremony altogether, as I know I will never be able to remove the images of Mr. Rodriguez being ejected from my ceremony. It not only affects me, but my family, friends, and fellow airman that I have worked with from all different squadrons. What is most upsetting to me is that the flag itself was disgraced and that truly cuts me to my core.

After my ceremony during my reception at Bldg 185 I was asked by (b) (6) to come speak with the police regarding Mr. Rodriguez. I do not recall the name of the officer I spoke to, but he was wearing what appeared to be a dark blue uniform and appeared to have small stripes near his elbow. This was not an ABU military uniform but possibly that of a contract guard, or off base officer, I was not sure. He was standing near the main entry door to the auditorium. (b) (6) was standing to his right. I was asked if Mr. Rodriguez was an invited guest. I replied "Absolutely, I invited him as my guest." After a few moments, I asked if I could return to my reception and was advised that I could.

After the ceremony, I had a dinner gathering of friends and family. Unfortunately, I was so torn by what had happened I was unable to eat one bite.

On Tuesday, I was contacted by (b) (6). When I returned the call from my cell phone to his cell phone I was advised I was on speaker phone with (b) (6); The First Shirt, (b) (6), and a Travis PR rep whose name I did not hear. Although it was very hard to hear, I attempted to answer their questions, which were, did I invite Mr. Rodriguez to my ceremony? Yes. Did I know if Mr. Rodriguez would get up and give his speech? No, but I had hoped he would, as I had asked him to. Did Mr. Rodriguez know some folks in my unit did not want him to give the speech? Yes, I advised Mr. Rodriguez previously of this information although it did not change my opinion of wanting him to do it. As previously stated, I left the decision up to Mr. Rodriguez and I had understood that anything after the Medal presentation and posting of the retirement order, that everything after that point was considered unofficial although I knew that if Mr. Rodriguez were to present a speech during the flag folding portion, that it would be similar, if not the exact same as the one that he just performed at (b) (6).

(b) (6) retirement ceremony less than a month prior to my own. I believe I understood correctly what the official part of my retirement ceremony to be because the speech (b) (6) presented, as well as my own speech, and slideshow presentation were non-scripted and spontaneous even though I read most of mine from what I had written down, although not all of it was on paper.

After this phone conversation (b) (6) set up a meeting with (b) (6), and (b) (6) at Bldg. 31 as (b) (6) wanted to make sure the information provided came directly from us to him to avoid any confusion or misunderstanding there could be resulting in the poor quality of the cellular conference call I participated in earlier.

During the 45-60 minute meeting we discussed the details prior to and during my retirement ceremony as well as my earlier conference call. I explained that there were really only two things that I had wanted at my retirement ceremony, that being (b) (6) to be the officiating officer to retire me, and the flag folding speech to be done by Mr. Rodriguez due to the passion and delivery of what represents our Flag which is what I have previously heard done at dozens of retirements I have attended in the past. I felt it was both an honor and a privilege that Mr. Rodriguez agreed to do this, to honor my service and the flag, early on when I had first asked him. Although I had relayed the information to Mr. Rodriguez that my leaders did not want him to perform the speech, I never once said that I did not want him to perform this speech. Although no notes were taken during our meeting, (b) (6) stated that it sounded like there was some misunderstandings that led to this unfortunate ending to my ceremony. At the close of the meeting (b) (6) asked if I recalled a meeting where I was told that if Mr. Rodriguez came to perform the speech, that he would be removed. I advised I did not recall any such meeting. It was agreed by all of us at the table that this was a very unfortunate thing to have happen.

I have slept and eaten little since the time of this event and it is a picture that plays over and over in my mind. I am embarrassed that my many friends, family members, and co-workers had to see this happen but I am mostly disturbed that it was such a disgrace to the flag and feel the matter could have been handled much more professionally.

It was not until I heard that the Travis AFB Public Relations office was putting out information that Mr. Rodriguez was not an invited guest, and that he had been banned from the base, that I made my opinion public to correct any misinformation and set the truth straight. It is extremely disturbing that, although I believe I provided the facts truthfully and accurately, that Mr. Rodriguez was portrayed as not my invited guest, even after telling the security officer that he was, and that he was escorted out the front gate by an off base officer. Not only that, but after giving my information during the cellular phone conference call, and also to (b) (6) and (b) (6) directly, what was released to the public was quite the opposite from the information I provided. If Mr. Rodriguez was truly banned from the base, I question why I was not informed of this, and also why he was allowed to perform this speech just less than a month prior. Did this ban come afterwards? If so, I was not aware.

I have never had any issues with my leadership or Commander (b) (6) in any way, shape or form. There was never any ill intent, or hoping the see events unfold as they did. I was hoping that a great retirement ceremony would turn into something I would have considered to be excellent and phenomenal, and my friends, family, and co-workers could be witness to the end of my honorable career. I also do not believe I was disobeying any orders, regulations, or AF1's even though I knew that some did not want Mr. Rodriguez at my retirement, or to speak the flag folding speech.

This information has taken me several days to compile because I have been working 12 hour shifts with very little food and sleep. I apologize for any delay however I wanted to be sure I was able to reflect the events truthfully and accurately.

Charles L. Roberson, MSgt (Ret), USAFR

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CIV USAF AMC 60 SFS/S2

From: (b) (6) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Friday, April 8, 2016 3:37 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) CIV USAF AMC 60 SFS/S2
Subject: From (b) (6)

Detective (b) (6),
(b) (7)

Thank you for contacting me. As I said, this is the first time anyone has officially contacted me for information.

Here, to the best of my recollection, are the sequence of events for Sunday, April 3, 2016-

I arrived at the 749th AGS (555 Hickam Ave, Bldg 185) at approximately 13:00. I met Chuck in the atrium and we chatted about uniform failures and such. Other individuals were trying to organize and obtain items necessary for the ceremony.

The MC for the ceremony, I think (b) (6), introduced himself to me and we went into the auditorium to practice the formal part of the ceremony. We went through the script one time from entering the room at the beginning of the ceremony, to reading the letter of appreciation for Chuck's wife, (b) (6). We tried to brush up on movements, verbiage, and reading of the letters a couple more times for the proffers to practice because they showed up late. I was told that the only part of the official ceremony was the publishing of the order. Giving out certificates and letters was eyewash and we wanted it to look good. I did see two individuals trying to fold the flag, because, as I understand it, they were not familiar with the process and they were not Honor Guard. Music may have been playing but I wasn't paying attention to it, and it was just the two individuals. I did not see Mr Rodriguez in the room and I did not hear his voice. Additionally, I do not know when Mr Rodriguez showed up as I departed to use the facilities prior to the ceremony and did not return until the ceremony began. I have never been formally introduced to Mr Rodriguez.

The ceremony began at approximately 15:00, with (b) (6) and I entering the room. We completed all rehearsed portions of the ceremony, and after I presented (b) (6) with her certificate, she was asked to speak. Once she sat down, I spoke for a few minutes. Once completed, Chuck's coworkers presented him with going away gifts. Chuck was then asked to say a few words. If I remember correctly, we then sat through a 6-7 minute slide presentation. After the completion of that, the two individuals I saw from before the ceremony marched out to start the flag folding portion. Near the end of unfurling the flag, I saw an individual in a suit stand up at the front right of the seats behind the airman to the right, whom I can only believe was Mr Rodriguez. I then noticed an individual in BDU's stand up, appeared to try to block Mr Rodriguez from the crowd, and attempted to get him to sit down. Once the airmen began folding the flag, Mr Rodriguez began speaking. As he did so, a few (I do not know the exact number, or any names) other individuals rose to approach Mr Rodriguez. As I looked over, I saw them grabbing him and maneuvering him up the ramp towards the back door to the auditorium. I lost track of them visually as they moved further up the ramp, but I did hear Mr Rodriguez' voice go up in volume and begin shaking, from what I can only assume was due to being "handled," as he maintained his efforts to do the recital. In the middle of all this, I looked over to my left to see the squadron commander get up and begin to walk

In front of me towards the scuffle. I noticed someones arm touch him, and he turned around to walk out of the auditorium through the main doors. He never said a word. The person who "intercepted" the commander continued moving in the direction of the scuffle and (b) (6) silently whispered an apology to me and Chuck. Mr Rodriguez' voice trailed off as the door closed, and the remainder of the flag folding continued.

On Tuesday morning, (b) (6) called to advise me his squadron leadership called him (there were four or so individuals) on speakerphone, trying to get his statement. I believe a (b) (6) , (b) (6) , (b) (6) (I don't know ranks or titles) and someone from PA were on the other end of the conversation. He was trying to understand the questions, but it was difficult for him to hear and wasn't sure if he answered their questions appropriately because, before he knew it, they were saying, "Thanks, we have your statement." He was concerned that they did not write his statement down correctly. I then called (b) (6) , (b) (6) to request an audience with him and (b) (6) (b) (6) to ensure accurate facts were presented to the investigation. Once there, I sat privately with Chuck, (b) (6) and (b) (6) to relay the information I knew. Chuck was there to corroborate the information I presented. I began to suspect the meeting was worthless, as neither individual wrote anything down. We spent about 45 minutes going over events and I reiterated that Chuck had invited Mr Rodriguez and requested he speak, but that he'd understand if he felt too nervous or afraid to do it. I maintained that Chuck had wanted Mr Rodriguez to speak since I was first aware of it and was visibly upset when he learned of the commander's orders to ban Mr Rodriguez from the building and his order that Mr Rodriguez was not to perform. The flag folding recital, next to my being the officiating officer, was the one thing Chuck was looking forward to the most. During the conversation, (b) (6) asked Chuck if he remembered a 16 or 60 (I wasn't quite clear on the length) conversation they had with Chuck on the Friday before the ceremony, citing that Mr Rodriguez would be removed from the building should he stand up and begin talking during the flag folding portion. I mentioned Chuck never told me that, and Chuck looked as surprised, citing he had never been told this, nor was he aware of that intention. (b) (6) also stated that they were not sure if Mr Rodriguez was a threat to the ceremony when he stood up (I'm assuming he's speaking for the individuals he talked with because he wasn't at the ceremony), and they were concerned Mr Rodriguez would use Chuck's ceremony as a political pulpit. They also wanted to prevent the probability of Mr Rodriguez not reciting the correct words. Interesting that they assumed he was going to say specific words and squashed his chance to say them before he could even try. Preventing a man from speaking for fear of what he might say. What exactly was my 28 year career for?

I then called the 349th Public Affairs office to request an audience with the investigating official. A woman, identified as (b) (6) , told me they had received statements from all persons in attendance and had garnered enough information. I told her I wanted to make sure the facts presented were true and accurate to which she said they did have accurate information. I told her that I believed her to be wrong, as they hadn't spoken with me yet. I told her I'd been involved since January, and felt I had first hand knowledge of Chuck's desires and intentions. She advised they were getting information since long before January. I then told her I was only concerned about Sunday's events. She took my number, told me she'd pass it on to (b) (6) and he would return my call. He never did.

The reason I took these steps is because comments I've read on social media via folks who don't know, and couldn't know, the truth, and information relayed from Chuck, led me to believe the investigation's intent was not to discover the truth, but to vilify Mr Rodriguez as a recidivist troublemaker trying to impose an agenda on his own volition. I do not care what Mr Rodriguez has been accused of in the past, he needs to be judged only on the events surrounding Sunday's debacle. Chuck's invitation is clear and his desire to have Mr Rodriguez conduct the recital is clear. He has expressed continued desire for Mr Rodriguez to perform his rendition of the flag folding since he became aware of his availability. He was excited about it, talked about it, and considered not doing the ceremony if he wasn't allowed to do it. Mr Rodriguez did not simply act out of spite or on his own accord.

The events of Sunday, April 3rd, have had a seriously deliterious mental, physical and social impact on me. Sleeping, eating and social activities have since stopped. I am mortified for my friend, as he is equally distraught with the knowledge that his family and friends witnessed this situation. My sheer embarrassment to having my name attached to this ridiculous display of poor judgement has tarnished the 28 years of my career. But to allow an individual to falsely take responsibility for something he was asked to do is equally embarrassing and tragic. This was Chuck's retirement ceremony, his send-off, his choice. After 26 years of honorable service, he deserves his day.

As for my impression as to why the events happened, and this is strictly my opinion based on my (limited) knowledge of the parties involved, this was nothing to do about keeping the recital of the flag folding within the confines of the regulation, or to prevent someone from bringing discredit to the Air Force or the United States Flag. I believe this was a clash of personalities. Again, not factually based. But who would risk career implications on the proper recital of the flag folding?

These events, as described herein, are true, correct and accurate based on my knowledge of the facts derived from my involvement and conversations with Chuck.

(b) (6)

(Ret), USAFR

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03 APR 2016

Time: Approximately 1610

Event: MSgt Charles L Roberson Retirement Ceremony

Location: 749th AMXS Auditorium

I was sitting in the second row, opposite end of the occurrence, near the main entrance to the Auditorium. During the Flag Folding Ceremony, I observed Oscar Rodriguez stand behind and in line with the two flag folding individuals. Immediately, an airman, name unknown, stood behind Oscar and asked him to sit down while pointing to the chair by his side. Oscar then began to speak out loud the words of the Flag Folding Ceremony. Several other airmen, names unidentified, then stood and walked towards Oscar and forcibly escorted him out of the rear door of the Auditorium. I did not follow the airman outside and did not physically see what further actions were taken to detain Oscar until the police responded. I remained indoors and watched the entry/exit points.

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Prior to MSgt Roberson's retirement ceremony

On 8 March 2016 I was informed by (b) (6) that Mr. Rodriguez had performed the voice over portion of the flag folding ceremony for (b) (6) on 6 March 2016. I was also told by (b) (6) (b) (6) that (b) (6) the presiding officer, was unaware the Mr. Rodriguez was going to be at the retirement, let alone participating in the ceremony. To the best of my knowledge the retirement went well and was uneventful. I was also informed that after the retirement (b) (6) had a meeting with all parties who were involved in the planning of the retirement (except (b) (6)) and voiced his displeasure to the retirement planning team about having Mr. Oscar Rodriguez performing the voice over.

Except for a few select individuals who had transferred to the 749 AMXS from 349 AMXS, the squadron Mr. Rodriguez's retired from, the 749 AMXS personnel did not have any knowledge concerning Mr. Rodriguez's past issues. I also had no knowledge of any issues concerning Mr. Rodriguez.

I asked (b) (6) to fill me in on what the basic cause of (b) (6) concerns were. (b) (6) informed me of some of the history on Mr. Rodriguez. I latter confirmed with (b) (6) what the issues where (Removed from the Honor Guard due to conduct issues and ordered by (b) (6) not to perform in any way with the flag folding ceremony) and concurred with him on the his reasons for not having Mr. Rodriguez as a participant in any retirement ceremonies.

During the week prior to MSgt Roberson's retirement I explained the situation to MSgt Roberson. As far as I was concerned, Mr. Rodriguez's character was in question and he would not be allowed to participate in the retirement ceremony. I also asked him to contact Mr. Rodriguez and let him know he would not be participating in the ceremony.

On 1 April 2016 I received an email from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) below:

This text message came to me via e-mail

For your discernment, action, or delete.

I don't know the details. If there is a threat of any type, get security involved.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sir, my name is Oscar Rodriguez Jr. Smsgt USAFR retired. I am requesting authorization to enter the 749th AMXS building for a flag folding presentation for a fellow reservist retirement. (b) (6) has bared me form entering the building. This retirement takes place April 3

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

From: (b) (6)

Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2016 12:53 PM

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject:

Myself and (b) (6) met with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) on 1 Apr 2016 after the Wing pre UTA meeting, at approximately 1530, and informed him of the basis behind Mr. Rodriguez's email and the history of Mr. Rodriguez. We explained to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) that we have asked the retiree, MSgt Roberson to contact Mr. Rodriguez and let him know he could attend as his guest but he would NOT be a participant in the retirement ceremony. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) explained how he gets numerous random emails from various personnel and would not be responding to Mr. Rodriguez.

MSgt Roberson Retirement Incident

3 Apr 2016 - 1500Hrs

Still unsure if Mr. Rodriguez was going to show up for the retirement, I waited at the hallway entrance to the auditorium in building 185 until one minute prior to the beginning of the ceremony (14:59) and then took my seat in the front row, third seat from the left (face the stage). Before sitting down, I scanned the audience to see if Mr. Rodriguez was present, he was not. I concluded that he had been informed and decided not to attend. I also noticed the back door had been left partially open for air circulation in the auditorium. The retirement ceremony proceeded without incident until the beginning of the flag folding ceremony. When the music started I noticed (b) (6) was a little confused, latter to find out that he recognized the music was not the correct music since he had recorded a voice over CD for the flag folding ceremony in accordance with the verbiage allowed by AFI. After the two person Flag Folding detail, supported by 749 AMXS volunteers, took their position and started the unfolding of the flag, Mr. Rodriguez stood up and positioned himself next to the flag folding detail. I was taken completely by surprise because he was not in the auditorium when the ceremony started, I was told he was seen entering through the back door about three to five minutes into the ceremony. This would have been when the audience had come to attention for the arrival of the official party, singing of the National Anthem, and the Chaplain's invocation.

When Mr. Rodriguez took his position, inserting himself into the ceremony, (b) (6) immediately stepped forward and gestured to Mr. Rodriguez to take his seat, I could see him gesturing to the seat but could not hear what he said. Shortly after (b) (6) confronted Mr. Rodriguez, (b) (6) stepped up and said something to Mr. Rodriguez. Mr. Rodriguez did not acknowledge either one of them and starred past them to the back of the auditorium. Once Mr. Rodriguez started the unauthorized version of the verbiage, (b) (6) and (b) (6), joined by (b) (6) escorted Mr. Rodriguez out of the auditorium through the back door. Mr. Rodriguez did not go willingly and some force was required to remove him. The First Sergeant, (b) (6) who was sitting to my right left the auditorium to call security forces. (b) (6) initially started to go towards Mr. Rodriguez, about one or two steps, but was told by (b) (6) that he would take care of it. (b) (6) returned to his seat momentarily then left the auditorium out the main entrance into the hallway. By the time I got to the back of the auditorium, going up the opposite isle near the hallway door, Mr. Rodriguez was already outside. I went outside the auditorium on the east end of the building and kept Mr. Rodriguez under observation. He started to walk back towards the auditorium and I asked him what was going on, weren't you told that you would not be participating in the ceremony. He stated that he was not told that he could not participate, he also said he wanted his lady (young lady that accompanied him to the ceremony). I asked him to not raise his voice with me and he said, he was not in the military anymore and could do whatever he wanted. I told him he was not going back inside and she could come out whenever she was ready. I was not going to argue with him so I walked back to the east entrance to the

building and monitored his activities. Mr. Rodriguez appeared to call someone and waited for his companion. When his companion came out of the auditorium back door, presumably after the ceremony was over, Mr. Rodriguez and his companion shared a big smile at each other as she walked towards him. They held each other close and seemed happy which I thought was odd since he had just been removed from the ceremony.

When Mr. Rodriguez saw security forces arrive, he made a comment to his companion that "they" called the police. When the officer walked up to Mr. Rodriguez he made a statement to them saying he was assaulted. As far as I know security forces talked to all parties involved and informed me he was going to be asked to leave the base and will be escorted to the gate.

Security forces not wanting to interfere with the retirement ceremony reception in the middle of building asked me to have (b) (6) come to the east end of the building so he could brief him on what security forces was going to do. I found (b) (6) in the 749 AMXS conference room at the west end of the building briefing (b) (6) on the situation and informed him that security forces needed to talk to him. Myself, (b) (6) and (b) (6) met with security forces and received an out brief.

On Monday at 11:03 I text MSgt Roberson and asked him to call me when he had a chance to talk. At approximately 12:41 pm MSgt Roberson called me back and I ask him if he had contacted Mr. Rodriguez prior to the ceremony to tell him he was not needed for the voice over. MSgt Roberson told me that he told Mr. Rodriguez that not by his choice (MSgt Roberson's) that he (Mr. Rodriguez) would NOT be allowed to do the flag folding ceremony. I asked MSgt Roberson what Mr. Rodriguez's reaction was and he told me he could not remember what he said or how he reacted.

As soon as we heard about a video of the ceremony incident posting on face book, (b) (6) and I went to 349 AMW/PA office to inform PA on what happened during the ceremony.

Since PA wanted to make sure the wording was correct on the official PA release/response, on Tuesday at 8:13 I sent a text message to MSgt Roberson and asked him what time would be a good time to call him (no response). At 9:58 am I sent MSgt Roberson another text asking him to call me. At 10:09 am MSgt Roberson called me back.

I informed MSgt Roberson that (b) (6) was also on speaker phone, and (b) (6), (b) (6) (b) (6), (b) (6), and myself were all in the room and he was on speaker phone. We asked him about the conversation he had with Mr. Rodriguez concerning not be part of the ceremony. He stated that he did not make the statement to me the day prior. He also said he wasn't sure if Mr. Rodriguez was going to show up or not. He also could not remember the conversation I had with him the prior week in regard to our concerns with Mr. Rodriguez participating in the ceremony. He basically backed out of any conversation he had concerning the subject matter (lawyered up).

(b) (6)

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CIV USAF AMC 60 SFS/S2

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Sunday, April 3, 2016 5:47 PM
To: (b) (6)
Cc:
Subject: Retirement Events US April 2016

Events at Charles Roberson's Retirement. April 03, 2016 at approximately 1600.

I was seated in the front row, left side for the retirement of Charles Roberson. Near the end of the ceremony as the computer photo slide show began, I noticed that the lights for our rear screen projector room were on. I walked across the room in front of the all of the guests to turn off the lights. That is when I first saw Mr. Oscar Rodriguez sitting in the front row, right side, either at the end, or one or two seats in. I had not seen or heard from Oscar during the entire event. I do not know when Oscar came in for the retirement. As the slide show completed, I walked back to my seat on the left side of the auditorium. The flag folding ceremony was the next and last event at the retirement.

Two of our airman walked out and began the ceremony. The first part is music only as the flag is unfolded. Oscar was seated and quiet at this time. As the next phase of the folding began, this is where there is either a live or taped narration as the airmen complete the folding of the US flag. This is when Oscar stood up and took a place on or near the stage, just to the right of the airman that were folding the flag. (b) (6) stood up immediately and began talking to Oscar. Oscar just stood silently as (b) (6) and then others began to talk to Oscar. From my seat I could not hear what was said in the conversation but I could see that Oscar was not paying attention to anybody and just stood facing the crowd with a thousand yard stare. (b) (6), who was seated in the front row, approximately in the center, began to stand up. (b) (6) seated to my left stood up and walked to (b) (6) and said something that I could not hear. (b) (6) did not move from his position.

As (b) (6) was speaking to (b) (6) I stood up and was making my way to where Oscar was now giving a speech to the audience at a very loud volume as 3-4 airman were now asking Oscar to stop. As I approached Oscar, 3-5 airman were escorting him from the building as he was not responding to any requests from us to stop his disruption of the ceremony. Oscar continued to speak at a louder level as he was walked to the back of the room and through the back door to the outside of the auditorium. Oscar was held by his arms and was walked backwards as he tried to continue his speech. Oscar tried to grab on to one of the podiums as he was escorted out.

Once outside (b) (6) and Myself stood outside, blocking the door and keeping Oscar from entering the auditorium. Oscar stated that he needed to go back in to get his girlfriend. We said no, and she can come out on her own after the ceremony. As Oscar walked down the ramp away from the door, (b) (6) walked to our right, heading to another door of our building as I stood by the back door of the auditorium. Oscar and (b) (6) exchanged words but I do not recall the entire conversation. I do remember was asking for something in writing about his being not allowed or something to that effect. I was soon joined by (b) (6) as we both stood outside by the back door watching Oscar.

At the conclusion of the ceremony (b) (6) and I walked back into the auditorium through the back door. As we were walking in I saw (b) (6) walking toward us. She did not look distressed in any way and I would describe here facial expression as smiling or smirking. I did not have any interaction with Oscar or see him after that.

(b) (6)
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Travis AFB CA
(b) (6)

Date: 03 April 2016

Name: (b) (6)

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

, Travis Air Force Base, CA.

Statement:

On 03 April, 2016 MSgt Charles Roberson's Retirement Ceremony was planned for and began at 1500 hours. The individual, named Oscar Rodriguez, was a person of interest whom had been invited to the ceremony. We (to my knowledge either (b) (6), (b) (6), (b) (6) or myself) had planned to and with a witness present were going to inform Rodriguez respectfully before the ceremony began, not to cause any issues for MSgt Roberson's Ceremony (there are apparently back stories as to why that I am not fully privy to) and it had already been discussed with MSgt Roberson that this would happen. MSgt Roberson was also informed that Rodriguez could come, but by no means what so ever could participate in the ceremony and if Oscar Rodriguez did would be escorted out of the building. (b) (6) told me that MSgt Roberson was given the full backstory as to why Rodriguez could not be involved. And a month ago after (b) (6) ceremony, when MSgt Roberson told me he wanted Rodriguez and that he invited Rodriguez, I told MSgt Roberson that he should speak with (b) (6) as to why that could not happen and that it was not in his best interests.

Oscar Rodriguez did not arrive for the ceremony until after it began and came in with a female companion through the back door. This was roughly 5 minutes into the ceremony as the Emcee was speaking. I was standing at the front door at this time. Upon seeing Oscar Rodriguez and the woman enter, I moved to the back corner of the auditorium that we were in to attempt to make contact with this individual. At this time, him and the woman he was with made their way to the front row and sat down. Upon making it around to his side of the auditorium, I tapped Oscar Rodriguez on the shoulder and asked him "sir, may I speak with you?" at which time he abruptly hushed me and proceeded to listen to the ceremony. Out of respect for the ceremony I let this go and proceeded to stand near the back of the room towards the back door (somewhere within 5 to 10 feet of the door). I later moved back to the front door when I made my way around the outside of the building and came in the front door and continued to watch as the ceremony went on. No issues occurred at this time.

Prior to the retirement ceremony taking place. I am aware of, but was not a part of every conversation that took place with MSgt Roberson in regards to the music and speech that would go along with his flag fold ceremony. I was told by (b) (6) that MSgt Roberson was informed that in lieu of having Mr. Rodriguez speak, that we would use a CD with the only written verbage on it saying "TOP" that was in a white cd sleeve titled '(b) (6) Flag Folding Retirement'. This cd contained the music and voice provided by (b) (6). Friday afternoon before the end of shift myself, (b) (6) and (b) (6) went to verify the contents of the cd. (b) (6) had to put it in a computer instead of on a boom box to listen to it and verified audibly that it was in fact the right cd. We kept the cd in the Awards and Decorations office in the middle drawer along with all of the other retirement certificates and items that were for MSgt Roberson's ceremony.

(Back to the Retirement on Sunday) originally during the set up prior to the ceremony beginning, we only had about 15 minutes prior to hear the cd that played the music that (b) (6) had heard and confirmed, so that the honor guard support new when and where to start their folding with regards to

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the voice on the cd. It didn't even dawn on me to think what happened to (b) (6) voice - over w/ the music? It did not click that the music I was hearing was wrong. I had heard what the music should sound like from (b) (6) the Friday before as it was available to hear from his phone. We didn't know it at this time but what we were really hearing in this moment was just music with no voice over. Fast forward to the flag folding starting and music with no voice playing, and myself and (b) (6) exchanging confused glances and it was at this time that Rodriguez stood up and began to speak loudly out of cue with the ceremony script with the music. That's when we knew something wasn't right. That's when the guests of the retirement ceremony moved towards him. After the verbal communication I heard of "your being disrespectful", I had turned away to let the First Sergeant out of the main door so she could go call security and I turned and witnessed Rodriguez having to be escorted due to his non-compliance, out of the building via the back door to the auditorium. No physical altercation that could cause harm occurred in my brief moment that I saw him being escorted. After briefly seeing this I had left the auditorium to follow and help the first sergeant with the call to security, she at one point handed me the phone where I explained that the individual had been removed from the building on the East side (which is how I identified it to dispatch) and explained that he caused a situation that required his removal from the building. The First Sergeant then took back the phone to wrap up her call with security. I saw him outside not 10 minutes later and he was pacing around and appeared extremely flustered with no evidence of being harmed.

(b) (6)

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(b) (6)

MSgt Roberson's retirement

On April 3 2016 I attended MSgt Roberson's retirement at the request of the retiree. I have recently taken over part of the awards and decorations program and helped to plan, script, coordinate and execute this retirement. As the retirement came to a close and the flag folding portion of the ceremony started I noticed that a gentleman in the front row in a black suit was counting to himself. About halfway through the ceremony the man stood up and aggressively positioned himself next to the airman folding the flag. Not knowing the man's full intention, but certain that he was not part of the script, sequence of events or retirement party, I followed him to the front of the stage. I positioned myself between the crowd and the man in black. I politely asked "Sir, please stop what you are doing." The man refused to acknowledge me as I spoke to him, he just stood there with a glazed look on his face. Again, I said "Sir, you are being disrespectful. Please stop what you're doing and return to your seat." He never once acknowledged my presence or my requests. After the 3rd and 4th unsuccessful attempts to get him to return to his seat other members of the retirement party approached. They informed him that he was being disrespectful and directed him to return to his seat. The man in black blatantly ignored our repeated requests. He just looked ahead as if we weren't there and he could not hear or see us. He then began to speak in a very loud voice. I again asked him "Sir, please stop being disrespectful." When the man would not stop yelling, I became fearful for the civilians and other military members in the auditorium. At that point we attempted to escort him (as respectfully as he would allow us) out of the building. The man in black immediately started to struggle and began to push me in an effort to get back to the stage all while yelling louder and louder. As he was being escorted out, toward the rear door of the auditorium, the man in black grabbed onto a pillar and proceeded to scream in my face. I then backed off as I realized I would need additional assistance to safely remove him from the auditorium. Once he was no longer in the building I returned to my position on the right side of the auditorium.

(b) (6)

(b) (6) , 4 Apr 16

Statement concerning incident on 20160403 in the 749th AMXS auditorium.

I was seated in the last row of the auditorium during the retirement ceremony. The flag presentation portion of the ceremony had begun, and a gentleman in a black suit stood up and began to speak. He was immediately approached and asked to leave by several members of the function. He didn't comply and began to shout loudly in the auditorium several members began to escort him out of the room. There was a struggle as he grabbed a pillar going towards the exit door. I treated the situation in the fashion of an active shooter incident, I assisted with getting him out to the exit. Once he was outside I walked back into the building to continue the retirement ceremony.

April 5, 2016

Memorandum for record:

On March 8, 2016, around 1400hrs, I was asked the following question by MSgt Roberson: "What are the rules on the flag folding ceremony as far as having a speech or recording to go with it." (b) (6), the other the Awards and Decorations POC, and I both had the same answer "we will look into it, but as far as we know you cannot have any words spoken during an official Honor Guard flag folding ceremony unless it is said by the honor guard member." Immediately afterward MSgt Roberson asked "what if it is a civilian" and my answer was "it doesn't matter, if the Honor Guard is involved the narration must be performed by an official Honor Guard member." At that point I asked "who is the civilian?" The answer was retired SMSgt Oscar Rodriguez. At that time I replied "during my time in the C5 squadron that person was taken out of the Honor Guard."

To my knowledge Mr. Rodriguez was involved with the 60/349 AMW Honor Guard, but was dismissed and summarily banned from any and all ceremonies in which the Honor Guard was participating. We were also briefed that he was expressly forbidden from performing, or having anything to do with, the flag folding ceremony. During my tenure as the Awards and Decoration POC for the 349 AMXS when planning any retirement ceremony we had to ensure that (then SMSgt) Mr. Rodriguez was not present during any ceremony in which the Honor Guard was present.

The week prior, as planning for MSgt Roberson's Retirement Ceremony progressed, he approached me and asked "what if I have a CD with a recording of Mr. Rodriguez on it." Again I responded "everything I have been told is that person, and as well as anything recorded by that person, cannot and will be not used." On March 19, 2016 I worked directly with MSgt Roberson on his invitations and guest list. Not once did he mention Mr. Rodriguez was coming to the retirement, nor was his name included on either list.

On April 1, 2016, at around 1200hrs in the 749th AMXS orderly room, MSgt Roberson informed me two days before the ceremony that Mr. Rodriguez would be coming to the retirement. I told MSgt Roberson that it was fine for Mr. Rodriguez to attend, but again emphasized that Mr. Rodriguez could not participate. At 1330hrs, on the same day, both Awards and Decorations POCs (b) (6) & (b)) met with MSgt Roberson and the emcee (b) (6)) to go over the sequence of events. We spent two and a half hours going over every facet of the script and Mr. Rodriguez was never included in, added to, or mentioned as part of the sequence of events.

At 1729hrs I felt I needed to call MSgt Roberson as I had concerns regarding his retirement and the possibility that Mr. Rodriguez would cause a disturbance during the ceremony. He did not answer, so I left him a 41 second message. At 1734hrs MSgt Roberson called me back and we had a 16 minute conversation. I told MSgt Roberson I was worried about his retirement and was concerned about what Mr. Rodriguez would potentially do if he attended the ceremony. I informed MSgt Roberson that we would be providing a narrated version of the flag folding ceremony, so there would be no need to have Mr. Rodriguez perform the narration. This narrated, CD recording had been approved to be utilized during official flag folding ceremonies. Note: The CD was stored in the 749 AMXS Awards and Decorations office, Rm 151, and was labeled with the following markings: CD- "Top" found in the center

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and sleeve- '(b) (6) Flag Folding Ceremony." This CD was reviewed by myself (b) (6) , on April 1, 2016 @ 1630hrs, to ensure the recording was intact. The narration started 32 seconds in and was provided by (b) (6)

I then proceeded to ask him what his relationship to Mr. Rodriguez was. He responded that they worked together on C-141s years ago. I followed up with "Sir, the person you remember and the person that is coming are not the same people. If he does anything wrong, or out of script, he will be escorted from the building." I stated that it may be best if he asked Mr. Rodriguez not to attend. If he didn't feel comfortable doing so I offered to contact Mr. Rodriguez, myself, and respectfully ask him not to come to the ceremony. I also said that I didn't want anything, or anyone to disrupt his ceremony or make the memory of his final Air Force event a negative one; I was just looking out for his retirement as well as his guests. MSgt Roberson replied "Oscar said the same thing, all he wants is for me to have a great retirement." MSgt Roberson said "I really don't think he will do anything wrong." At that point I said "Sir, if this person, or anyone, attempts to do anything outside of the script they will be asked to take their seat or they will be escorted out of the ceremony." MSgt Roberson repeated himself that he didn't think anyone would do something wrong. I ended the call by saying "Sir, I truly hope not."

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

I am the (b) (6) On April 1, 2016, I had MSgt Charles Roberson in my office informing him that Oscar Rodriguez was removed from the base Honor Guard due to his misconduct in the service. That he is not welcome in the 749th AMXS due to his past military career. The individual was not allowed to participate in the retirement ceremony. I also explained that the man has no integrity and he will make a scene at the ceremony. I advised him to uninvite Mr. Rodriguez to his retirement.

On April 3, 2016, Mr. Rodriguez and a guest came from the back of the room after the ceremony had started (I Believe). Then he occupied two vacant front seats with his guest. I leaned over and quietly told Mr. Rodriguez he is not welcome here. He didn't respond to me. At that time I decided to leave him alone because he wasn't making a scene. Once the flag folding ceremony started Mr. Rodriguez stood up and went to the front of the room and began his unauthorized his speech. I did see (b) (6) approach him asking to please sit down from behind him. That's when I got up to assist (b) (6) concerned about his safety from an unwanted guest who knowingly was performing and out script portion of this ceremony. I asked him not to do it and leave. "Stop disrespecting MSgt Roberson". Mr. Rodriguez resisted to leave or sit down. This is when we decided to secure him and removed him from the building.

Of note on 6 March 2016 during (b) (6) retirement ceremony, Mr. Rodriguez who was not any part of the retirement script or on any seat charts stood up and did the exact same thing. Not knowing of his past history he was able to complete the speech with (b) (6) present. After the ceremony (b) (6) briefed me of this man's history and that he was removed from the Honor Guard due to his misconduct. This is why I briefed MSgt Roberson he is not welcome here.

(b) (6)

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3 May 2016

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CIV USAF AMC 60 SFS/S2

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2016 8:46 AM
To: (b) (6)
Cc:
Subject: Incident on Sunday 3 April 2016
Signed By: (b) (6)

Hello Sir,

I attended the retirement ceremony of MSgt Charles Roberson. Seated 3rd row 4th seat left and back of the individual who disrupted the ceremony.

This individual came in through the back door with a friend half way through the retirement ceremony and sat down in the front row right corner. I saw (b) (6) intercept him when he came in and seated down with a friend, but didn't hear the conversation. During the flag ceremony this individual got up from his seat and onto the stage. He proceeded to say his dialog and he was forcibly removed from the stage to back door with (b) (6) and several other individuals assisting.

I honestly think he had an agenda to disrupt the proceedings regardless of any respect to MSgt Roberson and his family. The internet exploded when retired (b) (6) who was there, was upset and with total disregard to Charles and his retirement. Huffington posted his camera phone action and reaction via FB. Then another retired individual (b) (6) posted it on another FB page. I unfriended (b) (6) on FB over a year ago when he had said some in appropriate conversations.

I'm saddened for Chuck and his family. The ceremony up to that point was totally professional and emotional.

(b) (6)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CIV USAF AMC 60 SFS/S2

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2016 7:57 AM
To: (b) (6)
Cc:
Subject: Retirement Ceremony Statement

While attending MSgt Robison's retirement and during the flag folding ceremony I saw a man stand up, as if he was about to recite a speech. During the previous months UTA I saw the same man recite a speech at another retirement ceremony. As the man stood up, one of our NCOs stood in front of him uttering words that I could not hear. It looked as if he was trying to warn him not to recite his speech. This did not stop the man. As he began reciting his speech two or three more NCOs proceeded to escort the man out of the building. The man was resisting but did not stop his speech. He continued with his speech, getting louder and louder. He was grabbing onto the pillars to try to get leverage over the four NCOs. As they finally got him to the exit he grabbed the door to try to stay in the building.

After the ceremony and after being dismissed from work I exited the building and saw the man and his wife sitting on the benches outside of the building with a security forces officer talking. The man had a smile that seemed like he planned the whole event and showed no remorse for what had happened.

V/R, (b) (6)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CIV USAF AMC 60 SFS/S2

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2016 7:54 AM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: msgt robison retirement

Statement for Msgt Robison's retirement

I was sitting in the back of the auditorium, as the flag ceremony was roughly half way complete, when I saw this guy stand up in the front and proceeded to bellow his speech. I have heard it before at a different retirement, but from the moment this man stood up one of the Msgts next to him stood up, face to face with the man, seeming to talk him out of the speech he was so eager to perform. Alas , for when the man said the first words, the Msgt attempted to peacefully guide the man outside but the man was not going easy. So several other higher up NCO's that were there helped in removing this man from the room.

After the ceremony several S.F. personal were outside talking to (b) (6) and the man that caused the disruption. As far as reasons the man was so reluctant to leave or even removed is beyond myself.

(b) (6)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CIV USAF AMC 60 SFS/S2

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2016 7:46 AM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc:
Subject: statement

As honor guard at the ceremony, from my vantage point, I only saw the section chiefs and master sergeants "escort him out" to the back door while keeping my military bearing to continue and perform the ceremony. No knowledge of anything of this caliber was going to happen before the ceremony and after the ceremony, did not see anything threatening or strange to my knowledge.

(b) (6)

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
749 AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON (AFRC)



6 April 2016

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

FROM: (b) (6)

SUBJECT: Retirement Ceremony-MSgt Charles Roberson

Last A Flight, on March 6, 2016, there was a retirement ceremony for (b) (6)

As I entered the auditorium during their practice ceremony, I noticed Mr. Oscar Rodriguez was in the auditorium. I knew Mr. Oscar Rodriguez from being a member of the Base Honor Guard approximately 2000-2002. He recognized me, walked over to me and as I was greeted by him, I asked what he was doing here. His reply to me was that he was reading the script during the flag folding. He stated sometimes individuals will contact him to read the script to the flag folding for their retirement and he didn't mind. However, the script he recited is not the script for the flag folding ceremony.

On Sunday, 4 April 2016 I held a meeting with (b) (6) and (b) (6) shortly after 1000 in order to go over the retirement process and to go over the retirement ceremony for MSgt Charles Roberson.

As we discussed the current retirement process and the limited factors, I also looked over the checklist, seating chart and the script for the ceremony. The Retirement Ceremony Checklist did not have Mr. Oscar Rodriguez listed as a guest. There were seating cards, however there wasn't a seating card for Mr. Rodriguez. As I looked over the script, the script stated the flag ceremony would be completed by The 749th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Honor Guard support. It did not state "The 749th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Honor Guard support and Mr. Oscar Rodriguez." I then looked over at the seating chart. As I looked it over I noticed it did have Mr. Oscar Rodriguez listed. I asked if they knew he couldn't be a part of the ceremony. I was informed that he was simply attending the ceremony as a guest and there was a CD with (b) (6) voice reciting the flag script which will be used for the flag folding portion. I informed (b) (6) and (b) (6) to place Mr. Oscar Rodriguez in the back and away from the commander. With him being in the back we can catch him prior to the flag ceremony if he stands and proceeds to walk to the front. As I asked for the time they will be practicing, (b) (6) informed me it will be either 1330 or 1400 depending on when the guests arrive so they are able to practice.

Shortly after 1400, I went to the auditorium to look over the practice. It looked as though everyone was practicing their own portion. I looked around the room for Mr. Rodriguez since he arrived early for practice at the previous ceremony. I was looking for him so I could remind him that we already have something in place for the flag ceremony and his services were not needed.

He was not in the auditorium. I left and returned around at 1430. I continuously looked around the room and as people were entering the auditorium through the entrance door for Mr. Rodriguez. I again looked around the room seconds before the emcee stated "Please rise for the arrival of the official party....." As we were seated, I looked at the back rows where Mr. Rodriguez was assigned to be seated and I did not see him. I focused on the ceremony as I figured he was not attending the ceremony.

Two members of the 749th AMXS began to walk out to perform the flag folding ceremony. I noticed (b) (6) and (b) (6) communicating with each other but I could not understand what they were saying as (b) (6) was at the entrance door and (b) (6) was sitting next to me. (b) (6) softly stated it's the wrong music. Suddenly a few seconds later, out of nowhere, on the last seat of the first row, Mr. Oscar Rodriguez stands up and slowly starts to walk over to the stage. I noticed someone talking to him. He started to recite the flag script and started with "Our flag...." Another individual walked towards him. A few of us stood up, (b) (6) (b) (6) walked passed me, informed the commander we got it. I looked at (b) (6) (b) (6) and told her to call Security Forces since she was closest to the door. My phone had been turned off when the ceremony started. Then I hear "call security" since my phone was taking too long to be turned back on, I walked out of the auditorium and contacted Security Forces. I was on the phone with Security Forces until they arrived to the building.

4/6/2016

X (b) (6)

(b) (6)

Signed by: (b) (6)

(b) (6)

4/6/16

Statement regarding the retirement ceremony of MSgt Charles Roberson

On Friday, April 1st 2016, at approximately 1600 hours, I was informed by (b) (6) that a retired airmen, Oscar Rodriguez, who was at one point under his command, performed a flag folding ceremony a few weeks prior for (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) retirement. During this flag folding ceremony, he recited an unofficial and unauthorized script while other Air Force members folded the American flag. (b) (6) informed me that he was not aware that Mr. Rodriguez was going to perform in the flag folding ceremony for (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) retirement. (b) (6) stated that was not allowed to perform in the flag folding ceremony due to the fact that he does not recite the official Air Force script during an official Air Force retirement. (b) (6) also informed me that he was on the Travis Air Force Base Honor Guard team while serving in the Air Force Reserves, but was removed due to some unethical behavior resulting in disciplinary action. During our conversation, (b) (6) noticed that he received an email from the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), which had an original email from Oscar Rodriguez stating "Sir, my name is Oscar Rodriguez Jr. Smsgt USAFR retired. I am requesting authorization to enter the 749th AMXS building for a flag folding presentation for a fellow reservist retirement. (b) (6) has barred me from entering the building. This retirement takes place April 3." Lt (b) (6) stated to me that at no point did he ever bar Mr. Rodriguez from the building but did not want him to participate in the flag folding ceremony, for reasons as previously stated. Shortly after our conversation, (b) (6) asked if I would follow him and speak with the two planners of the retirement ceremony for MSgt Roberson.

(b) (6) and I contacted (b) (6) and (b) (6) regarding the retirement script and asked if MSgt Roberson, the retiree, knew that Mr. Rodriguez was not allowed to participate in the flag folding ceremony. (b) (6) stressed to both (b) (6) and (b) (6), that at no time has he ever barred Mr. Rodriguez from the building but that he could still be an audience member for MSgt Roberson's retirement. Due to previous concerns regarding Mr. Rodriguez's behavior, (b) (6) stated that he would contact MSgt Roberson that afternoon to inform him of our concerns regarding Mr. Rodriguez and ask whether he was going to attend his retirement or not. (b) (6) also stated that he was going to ask MSgt Roberson to inform Mr. Rodriguez that he was not allowed to participate in the flag folding ceremony and to also inform him that if he did attend, that he was strictly an audience member only. Since there was a pre-recorded CD already available with the words to the official flag folding script, according to AFI 34-1201, for a future retirement, (b) (6) stated that he would also inform MSgt Roberson of the alternate method for his flag folding ceremony. Earlier in the week, we had confirmed that MSgt Roberson did not know Mr. Rodriguez and that they met for the first time after (b) (6) retirement a few weeks before. After MSgt Roberson watched Mr. Rodriguez perform the flag folding ceremony at the retirement, he then asked him to perform the same ceremony at his retirement and they exchanged contact information. The next day, on April 2nd, 2016, (b) (6) informed me that he contacted MSgt Roberson Friday Afternoon, April 1st for 16 minutes and he expressed our concerns to MSgt Roberson as previously discussed.

On April 1st, (b) (6) (b) (6) and myself wanted to confirm that there was still music available for the flag folding event during MSgt Roberson's retirement ceremony. I had created a soundtrack with music from the film "Saving Private Ryan" and my voice reciting the approved flag folding ceremony according to AFI 34-1201. The music and voiceover was on a CD that (b) (6) had burned, a few weeks back on a rewritable CD. (b) (6) confirmed that this was the correct CD by playing it in his work computer and noticed that my voiceover started 32 seconds after starting the disk.

It was placed in (b) (6) office in a paper sleeve titled "(b) (6) Flag Folding Ceremony" and was to be used for (b) (6) retirement later on in the month of April. The CD was blank on both sides but had the word "TOP" written on one side to indicate the top of the CD.

On Sunday, April 3rd, when the music was played at MSgt Roberson's retirement, I noticed that the music was not from "Saving Private Ryan" and that my voiceover was gone. I immediately recognized that the music playing was typically used with Mr. Rodriguez's voiceover but that this version did not have his voice at all. I have gone to several Travis AFB retirement ceremonies and have heard this version before but it has always been played with Mr. Rodriguez's voiceover in the background on the CD itself. At first I thought that the music had been switched out but after the event, I discovered that the CD was the same one that was used before, which originally had my music from "Saving Private Ryan" and my voiceover. The word "TOP" was in the same handwriting and in the same location as before. A couple hours after MSgt Roberson's retirement ceremony, I placed the CD into a computer and looked at the properties. It showed that the CD had been burned with a new song on Saturday, April 2nd, the day before, at 10:15pm. The music on the CD was the same version that Mr. Rodriguez always uses for flag folding ceremonies and we have NEVER had this version in our possession.

On Sunday, April 3rd, I attended MSgt Roberson's retirement ceremony at the auditorium in building 185 at Travis AFB. The ceremony proceeded without any incident until the flag folding ceremony. When the music began and two members of the 749th AMXS began unfolding an American flag, I noticed that it was not the music that was planned, as previously stated. I was sitting next to (b) (6) and made the comment, "This is not the correct music for the ceremony." I didn't want to disrupt the ceremony so I didn't take any action to change the music or see why it was playing a different version. After the music had stopped momentarily, it began again and Mr. Rodriguez stood up from a seat in the front row. At first I didn't know who the person was but started to realize that it was Mr. Rodriguez due to the fact that leadership sitting around me was acting in a very shocked manner and we could not believe that he was here. We never saw him come in and didn't know that he was in the front row. I noticed (b) (6) walk behind Mr. Rodriguez and saw him gesture to a seat in the front row, as to sit back down. Mr. Rodriguez simply looked forward at the audience and made no indication that he was acknowledging (b) (6) requests. Mr. Rodriguez looked very intense and was giving the "1,000 yard stare". After (b) (6) Hall stood behind Mr. Rodriguez for 4-5 seconds and gestured for him to sit down, I noticed that Mr. Rodriguez was ignoring his initial commands. (b) (6) then stepped in front of Mr. Rodriguez and continued to speak to him. For almost 15 seconds, (b) (6) and Mr. Rodriguez were standing in front of each other but it appeared that only (b) (6) was speaking to him and Mr. Rodriguez was still continuing to ignore (b) (6) presence or commands. (b) (6) came behind Mr. Rodriguez at the end of the 15 seconds and also started speaking to Mr. Rodriguez. As soon as Mr. Rodriguez started speaking, (b) (6) and (b) (6) began escorting him out of the building as Mr. Rodriguez pushed back on the both of them and resisted. (b) (6) assisted (b) (6) and at this point, (b) (6) stopped and moved out of the way as (b) (6) and (b) (6) moved him up the aisle as Mr. Rodriguez continued to resist. As they were moving Mr. Rodriguez, he started to yell out an unofficial version of the air force flag folding script. At one point, Mr. Rodriguez held onto one of the pillars with both hands in the aisle while yelling out the words to the unofficial flag folding script. He continued to yell out the words until (b) (6) and (b) (6) escorted him completely out of the building through the back door of the auditorium. I heard that one other person helped in escorting him outside of the building but I did not see who it was. I then walked over to the presiding officer for the retirement ceremony, (b) (6) and the retiree, MSgt Roberson and told them that I apologize for the interruption. The flag folding ceremony continued with 2 members of the 749th AMXS folding the flag until I left the event to make sure that everything was ok. I went outside and noticed that Mr. Rodriguez was in close proximity of a young female and that they were both looking at each other and

smiling. I didn't know why they were so happy but I thought it was very unusual considering the circumstances. END OF STATEMENT.

(b) (6)

Travis AFB, CA

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CIV USAF AMC 60 SFS/S2

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2016 10:35 AM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) CIV USAF AMC 60 SFS/S2
Subject: Re: Retirement Ceremony

Good morning Mr. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C),

You are quite welcome for the information I had sent you last night.

About the question you had posed to me this morning, I only know what I have heard from other members of the 749th AMXS, I'm sure it will be classified as hear say.

I was not told anything until after what had happened at MSgt Roberson's retirement. In the days following I had heard that after my ceremony was completed, all senior enlisted of the squadron were called to a meeting with the commander about Mr. Rodriguez performance in the ceremony. I can only assume that it was not a heart warming conversation due to the response I had received when I asked what (b) (6) meant in the hallway as I was preparing to leave on my last day. That would be the extent of my knowledge as to what transpired after my retirement ceremony.

If you have any other questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
(b) (6)

On Wednesday, April 13, 2016 9:17 AM, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) CIV USAF AMC 60 SFS/S2" <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@us.af.mil> wrote:

Thank you (b) (6) did you ever find out what (b) (6) meant when he walked past?

//NR//

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Det, USAF

Chief, SF Investigations & Intel

Chief, Intel Fusion Cell

DP: (b) (6) CP: (b) (6)

DSN: (b) (6)

SIPR: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).civ@mail.smil.mil <mailto:(b) (6), (b) (7)(C).civ@mail.smil.mil>

"It does not take many words to speak the truth." - Chief Joseph

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

From: (b) (6) [mailto:(b) (6) <mailto:(b) (6) >]
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2016 12:16 AM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) CIV USAF AMC 60 SFS/S2 <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@us.af.mil <mailto:(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@us.af.mil> >
Subject: Re: Retirement Ceremony

(b) (6)

Per our conversation this morning, I am providing you this statement of facts as I was witness to regarding the events surrounding my retirement on March 6, 2016 and the involvement of SMSgt(Ret) Oscar Rodriguez.

In mid January I contacted Mr. Rodriguez, a friend of which I had known and worked with for most of my military career, and asked him to attend my retirement and perform the flag folding speech I witnessed many times throughout my years in the Air Force Reserves. Mr. Rodriguez accepted my invitation to attend and perform the speech and was honored that I had asked him to participate. As the date of the ceremony approached, Mr. Rodriguez requested that I confirm through the Honor Guard at Travis AFB the acceptability of him performing the speech during the folding of the flag. At this point, I contacted the POC for my retirement, (b) (6) to reach out to the Honor Guard for clarification on the subject. A couple days had passed before I was in contact with (b) (6) again. He updated me with the information provided by the Honor Guard about Mr. Rodriguez performing the speech. (b) (6) stated the Honor Guard could not perform the flag folding as an official Air Force function with Mr. Rodriguez as a guest speaker during the flag folding, sighting current Air Force Instruction. I was told by (b) (6) that the Honor Guard would provide personnel to train a few members of the 749th AMXS in the folding of the flag to alleviate any official Air Force Honor Guard involvement in the ceremony. I relayed this information to Mr. Rodriguez and all parties were in acceptance of the details. I am not aware of any objections or concerns of any members of my chain of command of the involvement or participation of Mr. Rodriguez in my retirement ceremony.

On the day of my retirement, Mr. Rodriguez arrived before the ceremony to participate in the practice portion, as well as give guidance to the individuals performing the flag folding and the musical cues they needed to know.

When the ceremony began Mr. Rodriguez and his fiancée were introduced as honored guests and sat in the front row. The ceremony was performed as scripted and I was very pleased how the event turned out. At the conclusion of the ceremony and as I was walking out of the auditorium, MSgt Chuck Roberson stopped me and stated that he was moved by the speech Mr. Rodriguez had made and asked if I thought he would perform in the same manner for his retirement. I told MSgt Roberson that I would have Mr. Rodriguez talk with him about the possibility. I proceeded to inform Mr. Rodriguez of MSgt Roberson's wishes and they both talked after I had left the area.

After the ceremony there was the customary reception in the area near the section offices where refreshments were served. At the conclusion of this part of the event Mr. Rodriguez and his fiancée said their farewells to my fiancée and I, I thanked them both for coming and I also thanked Mr. Rodriguez for the performance that he had made. At that time they departed.

After the conclusion of the final informal reception, I went to the locker room to change back into my ABUs. When I emerged from the locker room I saw (b) (6) coming out of the auditorium. As he was walking towards me and he stated something to the effect of, (b) (6), you started something now (I do not recall the exact wording used). I didn't know what he was talking about and I asked him. "What do you mean?" He just passed me by and was shaking his head side to side. Not another word was spoken between us and I departed the building.

I believe that I have answered all the questions that were in your original email, (b) (6)
If I can be of any further assistance, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely
(b) (6)

On Tuesday, April 12, 2016 12:26 PM, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) CIV USAF AMC 60 SFS/S2" <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@us.af.mil <mailto:(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@us.af.mil> > wrote:

Mr. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C),

Per our conversation this morning, I am providing you this statement of facts as I was witness to regarding the events surrounding my retirement on March 6, 2016 and the involvement of SMSgt(Ret) Oscar Rodriguez. In mid January I contacted Mr. Rodriguez, a friend of which I had known and worked with for most of my military career, and asked him to attend my retirement and perform the flag folding speech I witnessed many times throughout my years in the Air Force Reserves. Mr. Rodriguez accepted my invitation to attend and perform the speech and was honored that I had asked him to participate. As the date of the ceremony approached, Mr. Rodriguez requested that I confirm through the Honor Guard at Travis AFB the acceptability of him performing the speech during the folding of the flag. At this point, I contacted the POC for my retirement, (b) (6) to reach out to the Honor Guard for clarification on the subject. A couple days had passed before I was in contact with (b) (6) again. He updated me with the information provided by the Honor Guard about Mr. Rodriguez performing the speech. (b) (6) stated the Honor Guard could not perform the flag folding as an official Air Force function with Mr. Rodriguez as a guest speaker during the flag folding, sighting current Air Force Instruction. I was told by (b) (6) that the Honor Guard would provide personnel to train a few members of the 749th AMXS in the folding of the flag to alleviate any official Air Force Honor Guard involvement in the ceremony. I relayed this information to Mr. Rodriguez and all parties were in acceptance of the details. I am not aware of any objections or concerns of any members of my chain of command of the involvement or participation of Mr. Rodriguez in my retirement ceremony.

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It was great talking with you. As stated please do not discuss this as this is an on-going investigation. I do need the facts and circumstances behind Mr Rodriguez doing your retirement ceremony. How you came to inviting him to do it, he has done many others, and the fact you had cleared it through your chain including (b) (6) and the honor guard, etc. Also,

was anything said after your retirement about the ceremony. Were you approached by anyone and what was said. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

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STATEMENT OF SUSPECT/WITNESS/COMPLAINANT

SUSPECT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WITNESS/COMPLAINANT

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

AUTHORITY: 10 U.S.C. 8013; 44 U.S.C. 3101; and EO 9397

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I. STATEMENT INFORMATION

DATE (YYYYMMDD)	TIME	LOCATION AND INSTALLATION (Bldg/Room No)	UNIT TAKING STATEMENT	REPEAT (If known)
20160414	1430	Bldg 380A Travis AFB, CA 94535	60 SFS	OFFENSE COMPLAINT

II. PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION (Print or Type)

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) (b) (6)	SSN (b) (6)	STATUS/GRADE (b) (6)
LOCAL ADDRESS (Include Zip Code) (b) (6)	DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH (If required) (b) (6)	TELEPHONE HOME (b) (6) DUTY (b) (6)
PERMANENT ADDRESS OR HOME OF RECORD (Include Zip Code) Same	MILITARY ORGANIZATION/EMPLOYER 749 AMXS	DEROS N/A

SPONSOR INFORMATION

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)	GRADE	SSN	ORGANIZATION	DUTY PHONE

III. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OFFENSES AND 5TH AMENDMENT/ARTICLE 31 RIGHTS ADVISEMENT (Suspect Only)

I have been advised that I am suspected of the following offenses:

ADVISED BY (Full Name and Rank)	INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIED HIMSELF/HERSELF AS A (SF, special agent, etc.)

SUSPECT INITIALS	<i>and advised me that I have the following rights according to the 5th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution/Article 31 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.</i>
	I have the right to remain silent - that is to say nothing at all.
	Any statement I make, oral or written, may be used as evidence against me in a trial or in other judicial, non-judicial, or administrative proceedings.
	I have the right to consult with a lawyer.
	I have the right to have a lawyer present during this interview.
	I may obtain a civilian lawyer of my own choice at no expense to the government.
	I may request a lawyer any time during this interview.
	If I decide to answer questions with or without a lawyer present, I may stop the questioning at any time.
	MILITARY ONLY: If I want a military lawyer, one will be appointed for me free of charge.
	CIVILIANS ONLY: If I cannot afford a lawyer and want one, a lawyer will be appointed for me by civilian authorities.

SUSPECT INITIALS	<i>I have read my rights as listed above and I fully understand my rights. No promises, threats, or inducements of any kind have been made to me. No pressure or coercion has been used against me. I make the following choice. (Initial One)</i>
	I do not want a lawyer. I am willing to answer questions or make a statement or both, about the offense(s) under investigation.
	I do not want a lawyer and I do not wish to make a statement or answer any questions.
	I want a lawyer. I will not make any statement or answer any questions until I talk to a lawyer.
	<i>I fully understand my rights and that my signature does not constitute an admission of guilt.</i>

SIGNATURE OF SUSPECT	SIGNATURE OF WITNESS/INTERVIEWER

IV. STATEMENT

(b) (6)

See Attached III

V. OATH/SIGNATURE

(b) (6)

I hereby voluntarily and of my own free will make this statement without having been subjected to any coercion, unlawful influence, or unlawful inducement. I swear (or affirm) I have read this statement, initialed all pages and corrections, and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. (b) (6)

SIGNATURE OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT

(b) (6)

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS/INTERVIEWER

(b) (6)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 14 day of Apr. 16 (year).

SIGNATURE OF PERSON ADMINISTERING OATH

(b) (6)

VI. INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONTINUATION PAGE(S)

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) ceremony was performed back on 6 Mar 2016 and started at 1500. The Emcee during that time was (b) (6)

(b) (6) A few weeks prior, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had come to me and asked if it would be ok to have a buddy of his (Oscar Rodriguez) perform in the ceremony during the flag fold and told me it shouldn't be an issue, since Oscar Rodriguez had done many in the past and was at one time a part of Honor Guard. (b)

(b) (6) ceremony ran smooth all the way through. During the ceremony the sequence of events unfolded as normal. (b) (6) welcomed the guests, the official party entered and the national anthem was played. Everyone attending was welcomed and (b) (6) proceeded to read (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) bio and then on to his receiving an MSM. After that (b) (6) (The Presiding Officer) went through publishing the order, a few more certificates were also given out (appreciation certificate from President Barack Obama, appreciation from President George Bush, appreciation from Gov Jerry Brown). (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) fiancé (b) (6) was then given the pin to give to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and she also received flowers. (b)

(b) (6) At this time, a few more individuals came up and presented some gifts for (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) I believe he was given a KC-10 Mat and Picture and a shadow box, and once that was done MSgt (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was pronounced retired.

At this time (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) gave his final thoughts and sat down and that's when the flag folding commenced. Oscar Rodriguez got up and performed his version of the script. Everything went fine during this ceremony, until I found out from (b) (6) later that Oscar Rodriguez was never supposed to have performed and learned later (b) (6) that at some point in the past Rodriguez had been banned from performing. (b) (6)

(b) (6) After Rutherford's ceremony, MSgt Roberson had approached Oscar Rodriguez and told me that he had asked Rodriguez to perform in his ceremony too. Knowing what I knew now, I told MSgt Roberson to speak with (b) (6) because it wouldn't be in Roberson's best interest for Rodriguez to perform. Throughout the weeks we had heard about Rodriguez directly emailing the 349 Wing Commander about how he couldn't attend at all. Which wasn't the case, the commander had made it very clear that Rodriguez attending wasn't the issue, that him performing was and that he would not read his script or any version of his script because it was not the right one. (b) (6)

(b) (6) MSgt Roberson's ceremony went smooth in the beginning with (b) (6) being the Emcee. As I stated earlier Rodriguez showed up late with his female companion. We did Have Chaplain (b) (6) give an Invocation but other than that up to the point of Roberson's Wife receiving her flowers everything ran smoothly and the same. Roberson's wife (b) (6) got up after and said a few closing words and sat down. Then (b) (6) got up and said his closing remarks. And then the Emcee presented Roberson as retired. We then went into the giving of gifts and had guest speakers Retired members (b) (6) and (b) (6) come up and say a few words. Roberson then got up and said his closing remarks and sat down as we view a 6 and a half minute slideshow of him. And that's where we get into the rest of my statement I previously stated that talks about what happened as the flag folding began. Rodriguez was never permitted or scripted in to get up and speak and the cd we thought we had that we verified 2 days prior as being the right one was wrong and appeared to have been switched. No idea how the CD was switched or who switched the information. I looked at the CD and discovered through a look at the properties that it had last been altered about 1015 pm, Saturday, 2 Apr 16. The day prior to the ceremony. I think the only person(s) that knew about the CD was myself, Maj Noyer, and TSgt Hall. I may have also told Roberson of the CD, not certain. These items are stored in the Awards and Dec office. Most everyone knows this area, also it would not be hard to identify from the markings on the filing cabinet who's information is where. (b) (6)

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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2016 3:10 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) CIV USAF AMC 60 SFS/S2
Subject: RE: Roberson's Retirement
Signed By: (b) (6)

Thank you for your time, sir.

V/R,
(b) (6)

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

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) CIV USAF AMC 60 SFS/S2
Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2016 3:07 PM
To: (b) (6)
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Subject: RE: Roberson's Retirement

Ah, ok. Sounds great. I appreciate your time.

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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2016 2:55 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) CIV USAF AMC 60 SFS/S2 <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @us.af.mil>
Subject: RE: Roberson's Retirement

Sir,

My apologies. I think I had a misunderstanding of your question. You asked me if MSgt Roberson had asked Mr. Rodriguez to speak for the Flag Folding ceremony. Unfortunately, I did not know any of that information. So, I didn't hear it from anyone. I simply did not know. And I did not know that Mr. Rodriguez would be at the ceremony doing the Flag Folding ceremony prior to the events that took place that day.

V/R,
(b) (6)

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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) CIV USAF AMC 60 SFS/S2
Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2016 2:35 PM
To: (b) (6)
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Subject: RE: Roberson's Retirement

Who did you hear that from and when? Did you know he would be at the ceremony doing the flag folding ceremony prior to this happening?

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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2016 2:29 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) CIV USAF AMC 60 SFS/S2 <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@us.af.mil>
Subject: RE: Roberson's Retirement

Unfortunately, I did not hear that directly from MSgt Roberson.

V/R,
(b) (6)

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

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) CIV USAF AMC 60 SFS/S2
Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2016 1:20 PM
To: (b) (6)
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Subject: RE: Roberson's Retirement

Thank you Ma'am, did you know if MSgt ROBERSON had asked him to speak for the Flag Folding ceremony?

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

From: (b) (6)

Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2016 11:42 AM

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) CIV USAF AMC 60 SFS/S2 <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@us.af.mil>

Subject: RE: Roberson's Retirement

Hello, Mr. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

I hope all is well with you. So, at the time of the ceremony, I was not aware that Mr. Rodriguez was going to participate in the Flag Folding portion of the ceremony. Since I was presenting MSgt Roberson's KC-10 picture frame, I was given an assigned seat as a presenter. In the seat I was assigned to, I did see Mr. Rodriguez (and the female he was with) walk into the ceremony late and from the back door. Mr. Rodriguez and his friend sat down in the front row where there were two empty seats. Shortly after they sat down, (b) (6) (who was seated next to me), did approach Mr. Rodriguez from the back and told him that he was not welcome (or not invited) to this ceremony...at least that is what I believe (b) (6) said to Mr. Rodriguez. Honestly, I was trying to pay attention to the ceremony and not really listening to what was said. As the ceremony continued, Mr. Rodriguez sat there. Once the Flag Folding ceremony started, and the 749 AMXS Flag folding detail walked out, Mr. Rodriguez stood

up

and stood next to one of the flag folders. As the music was still playing, I saw (b) (6) put himself between Mr. Rodriguez and the flag folder. At that point, (b) (6) may have asked Mr. Rodriguez to sit down or to not say anything or to leave. Again, I was not exactly close enough to hear the exact words. As it stands, Mr. Rodriguez ignored all requests to not do what was being asked/requested and started to speak. At that point, that is when I saw a couple of others get up to assist (b) (6)

That sums up what I saw during the ceremony. If you should have any further questions or concerns, please let me know. Thank you.

V/R.
(b) (6)

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

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) CIV USAF AMC 60 SFS/S2

Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2016 8:26 AM

Subject: Roberson's Retirement

Good Morning,

I hope all is well. I am reaching out to you as I have been assigned to conduct an investigation into the incident that had occurred at MSgt Roberson's retirement. I understand, according to the seating chart, you were a presenter. I wanted to see what role you played in the retirement and also see what you had seen. At the time of the ceremony were you aware

that Mr Rodriguez was going to participate in the Flag Folding Cerremony?
I appreciate your assistance in this matter.

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From: (b) (6) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2016 2:27 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) CIV USAF AMC 60 SFS/S2
Subject: Assault

(b) (6)

Can you tell me why it's been three weeks since the assault at my friends retirement and nothing has been done. You guys are just dragging your heels on the investigation hoping it goes away. If this would have been a female or of color This would be a different investigation. I'm sure there would have already been on the news and at the White House getting an apology from the president. Those involved need to be held accountable as does Travis Afb. (b) (6) and the other members that assaulted Oscar need to be punished but no there walking around with out a care in the world knowing you guys are not going to do anything. So here's what I'm going to do I'm going to contact all the news outlets with the story. The TRUE STORY not the one you all are making up. I've already talked to Fox News again and the U.K. Is even following the story. The truth is going to be told one way or the other. Oh how did I get your email I have a inside guy at Travis that feeds me all the information.
Have a great day.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CIV USAF AMC 60 SFS/S2

From: (b) (6) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 1:16 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) CIV USAF AMC 60 SFS/S2
Subject: Oscar assault

Hey since you won't give Oscar the chance to id the guys who assaulted him I'll give you there nemes since I was sitting on the corner when it happened. (b) (6) (b) (6) (b) (6) These names have also been posted on the JQP and may also go out to the press.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CIV USAF AMC 60 SFS/S2

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) CIV USAF AMC 60 SFS/S2
Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2016 9:19 AM
To: (b) (6) ; (b) (6)
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 (b) (6)

Subject: AFPAM 34-1202/AFI 34-1201

Good Morning/Afternoon,

I hope all is well. Who can I contact concerning AFPAM 31-1202 and AFI 31-1201? I understand that the OPR is AF/A1SA. Both were certified by AF/A1S and signed by BG Murrie.

I am currently conducting an investigation and the interpretation of these publications is in question. Therefore, I wanted to find out from the OPR what the spirit and intent of the AFPAM/AFI is. Specifically, I have two questions

Can a flag folding ceremony be conducted during a retirement ceremony?
If yes, does it have to be the scripted words per AFI 34-1201 Attachment 4?

AFPAM 34-1202, IC1, dated 30 Jan 15, para 14.3.4.

14.3.4. A retirement ceremony is a military ceremony; other types of tributes such as videos, dramatic flag folding or passing (other than the AF-approved standard, defined in AFI 34-1201, Attachment 4), gift presentations from various groups or individuals should be conducted during informal activities surrounding a retirement ceremony (i.e. reception, dinner, or luncheon) instead of the official ceremony.

AFI 34-1201, dated 25 Jan 13, para 2.15.

2.15. Flag Folding Ceremony. This paragraph discusses folding the flag of the United States at ceremonies other than military funerals. According to Title 4 United States Code, there is no specific meaning assigned to the folds of the flag. Although there are flag folding ceremony options offered by various national interest groups, these are not official Air Force ceremonies. The Air Force developed a script that provides a historical perspective on the flag. There are no ceremonies in the Air Force requiring a script to be read when the flag is folded. However, when a flag folding ceremony is desired and conducted by Air Force personnel at any location, on or off an installation, this script is the only one that may be used. This includes printing in programs and/or any handouts. See Attachment 4 for this script and a diagram depicting the proper method for folding the flag of the United States.

Thank you in advance. I appreciate your assistance in this matter.

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sequence until the conclusion of Taps. Civilians place their right hand over their heart during military honors.

14.2.7.1. Personal Colors. For funerals honoring general officers, their personal colors are present. During the ceremony, the honor guard will furl and case the personal colors. This is the only instance when personal colors are furled and cased.

14.3. Individual Retirements.

14.3.1. General. Recognition upon retirement is a long-standing tradition of military service. Commanders ensure members leave with a tangible expression of appreciation for their contributions to the Air Force and its mission, and with the assurance they will continue to be a part of the Air Force family in retirement. Since retirement ceremonies are ceremonial in nature, SES/GS individuals may act as the presiding official. Enlisted members may not officiate a retirement ceremony. Consult AFI 36-3203, *Service Retirements*, for retirement planning details.

14.3.2. Sequence of Events. The following is the approved sequence of events for indoor retirement ceremonies. The order of the remarks by the speakers may be adjusted as desired by the host of the ceremony. Bolded items are general officer specific; italicized items are optional. Outdoor retirement ceremonies are occasionally conducted in conjunction with parades. See Air Force Manual 36-2203, *Drill and Ceremonies*, for further guidance on outdoor retirements. If more than one individual is retiring in the same ceremony, retirement order is by rank, highest to lowest. However, if awards are being presented, retirements are conducted in order of awards being presented IAW this instruction, paragraph 14.9.3, rule for ease of ceremony movement. (For example, a Master Sergeant receiving a higher award than a Major is retired first.)

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

OPENING NARRATION

ARRIVAL FANFARE

MUSICAL HONORS

COLORS

NATIONAL ANTHEM

INVOCATION

REMARKS BY PRESIDING OFFICIAL

MEDAL PRESENTATION

READING OF RETIREMENT ORDER

RETIREMENT CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION

UNITED STATES FLAG PRESENTATION

AIR FORCE RETIRED LAPEL BUTTON

LETTERS PRESENTATION

SPOUSE CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION PRESENTATION

FLOWER PRESENTATION

REMARKS BY HONOREE

CLOSING NARRATION

AIR FORCE SONG

DEPARTURE

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS FOR RETIREMENT AND CHANGE OF**COMMAND:**

OPENING NARRATION

ARRIVAL FANFARE

MUSICAL HONORS

COLORS

NATIONAL ANTHEM

INVOCATION

REMARKS BY PRESIDING OFFICIAL

REMARKS BY OUTGOING COMMANDER

FORMATION RENDERS LAST SALUTE

CHANGE OF COMMAND

REMARKS BY INCOMING COMMANDER

FORMATION RENDERS FIRST SALUTE

MEDAL PRESENTATION

READING OF RETIREMENT ORDER

RETIREMENT CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION

UNITED STATES FLAG PRESENTATION

AIR FORCE RETIRED LAPEL BUTTON

LETTERS PRESENTATION

SPOUSE CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION PRESENTATION

FLOWER PRESENTATION

REMARKS BY HONOREE

CLOSING NARRATION

AIR FORCE SONG

DEPARTURE

14.3.3. Flag Furling and Casing. The furling and casing of personal colors is not authorized at retirement ceremonies. The personal colors of general officers remain active after retirement and displayed at the appropriate times (See AFI 34-1201, Chapter 2). Furling and casing of a general officer's or SES member's personal flag is not appropriate during a retirement ceremony as it is symbolic of the death of the individual. For general officers, furling and casing of the personal colors is performed at the conclusion of the funeral.

14.3.4. A retirement ceremony is a military ceremony; other types of tributes such as videos, dramatic flag folding or passing (other than the AF-approved standard, defined in AFI 34-1201, Attachment 4), gift presentations from various groups or individuals **should be** conducted during informal activities surrounding a retirement ceremony (i.e. reception, dinner, or luncheon) instead of the official ceremony.

14.4. Promotion Ceremony.

14.4.1. General. Promotions are significant events in the lives of military people. Commanders and supervisors are responsible for ensuring their people receive proper recognition. Since promotion ceremonies are ceremonial in nature, SES/GS individuals may act as the presiding official, to include administering the oath of office, except for initial commissioning ceremonies. Enlisted members may not officiate a promotion ceremony.

2.13.3. The flag shall be flown at half-staff outside the United States on DoD buildings, grounds, and naval vessels even if another nation's flag is flown full-staff next to the flag of the United States.

2.13.4. All flags displayed with the flag of the United States should be flown at half-staff when the flag of the United States is flown at half-staff with the exception of foreign national flags.

2.13.5. The Heads of the DoD Components may direct that the flag be flown at half-staff on buildings, grounds, or naval vessels under their jurisdiction on occasions other than those specified in paragraph 2.13.1 and Attachment 3, when they consider it proper and appropriate. Within the Air Force, this authority is delegated to the installation commander. Any time an installation commander decides to fly the flag at half-staff based on this local authority for a local death, the base marquee(s) should state the reason to avoid confusion.

2.14. Hoisting and Lowering the United States Flag. During the ceremony of hoisting or lowering the flag, all persons present, except those in formation, should face the flag and stand at attention. Those present in uniform should stand at attention and render the military salute. When not in uniform, stand at attention with the right hand over the heart. If headgear is worn, remove it with the right hand and hold at the left shoulder, with the hand being over the heart. Non-U.S. citizens should stand at attention. When the flag is lowered from the staff, no portion of it is allowed to touch the ground in either lowering or folding. The flag is detached from the halyard and folded as prescribed in Attachment 3.

2.15. Flag Folding Ceremony. This paragraph discusses folding the flag of the United States at ceremonies other than military funerals. According to *Title 4 United States Code*, there is no specific meaning assigned to the folds of the flag. Although there are flag folding ceremony options offered by various national interest groups, these are not official Air Force ceremonies. The Air Force developed a script that provides a historical perspective on the flag. There are no ceremonies in the Air Force requiring a script to be read when the flag is folded. However, when a flag folding ceremony is desired and conducted by Air Force personnel at any location, on or off an installation, this script is the only one that may be used. This includes printing in programs and/or any handouts. See Attachment 4 for this script and a diagram depicting the proper method for folding the flag of the United States.

2.16. Ceremonial Reviews. Render proper courtesies to the flag during parades or passes in review:

2.16.1. When in a moving column, the salute should be rendered six paces before passing the flag and held until six paces past the flag.

2.16.2. When attending ceremonial reviews, personnel in uniform should render a salute as the flag passes their position. Personnel not in uniform should stand at attention and place their right hand over their heart.

2.17. National Anthem. *Title 36 United States Code*, Section 301 provides guidance on conduct during the playing of the national anthem. The national anthem, first verse, is the only song authorized for playing at Air Force ceremonies when colors are presented. "God Bless America" or other patriotic songs will not be substituted for the nation anthem.

STATEMENT OF SUSPECT/WITNESS/COMPLAINANT

SUSPECT
 WITNESS/COMPLAINANT

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

AUTHORITY: 10 U.S.C. 8013; 44 U.S.C. 3101; and EO 9397
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DISCLOSURE IS VOLUNTARY: SSN is used to positively identify the individual making the statement.

I. STATEMENT INFORMATION

DATE (YYYYMMDD)	TIME	LOCATION AND INSTALLATION (Bldg/Room No)	UNIT TAKING STATEMENT	REPEAT (If known)
20160503	0753	Bldg 380A Travis AFB, CA	60 SFS	OFFENSE COMPLAINT

II. PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION (Print or Type)

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)	SSN	STATUS/GRADE
(b) (6)	(b) (6)	(b) (6)
LOCAL ADDRESS (Include Zip Code)	DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH (If required)	TELEPHONE
(b) (6)	(b) (6)	HOME (b) (6) DUTY (b) (6)
PERMANENT ADDRESS OR HOME OF RECORD (Include Zip Code)	MILITARY ORGANIZATION/EMPLOYER	DEROS
(b) (6)	749 AMXS	

SPONSOR INFORMATION

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)	GRADE	SSN	ORGANIZATION	DUTY PHONE
(b) (6)				

III. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OFFENSES AND 5TH AMENDMENT/ARTICLE 31 RIGHTS ADVISEMENT (Suspect Only)

I have been advised that I am suspected of the following offenses:

Battery III (b) (6)

ADVISED BY (Full Name and Rank)	INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIED HIMSELF/HERSELF AS A (SF, special agent, etc.)
(b) (6)	(b) (6)

SUSPECT INITIALS (b) (6) and advised me that I have the following rights according to the 5th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution/Article 31 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

- I have the right to remain silent - that is to say nothing at all.
- Any statement I make, oral or written, may be used as evidence against me in a trial or in other judicial, non-judicial, or administrative proceedings.
- I have the right to consult with a lawyer.
- I have the right to have a lawyer present during this interview.
- I may obtain a civilian lawyer of my own choice at no expense to the government.
- I may request a lawyer any time during this interview.
- If I decide to answer questions with or without a lawyer present, I may stop the questioning at any time.
- MILITARY ONLY: If I want a military lawyer, one will be appointed for me free of charge.
- CIVILIANS ONLY: If I cannot afford a lawyer and want one, a lawyer will be appointed for me by civilian authorities. (b) (6)

SUSPECT INITIALS (b) (6) I have read my rights as listed above and I fully understand my rights. No promises, threats, or inducements of any kind have been made to me. No pressure or coercion has been used against me. I make the following choice. (Initial One)

- I do not want a lawyer. I am willing to answer questions or make a statement or both, about the offense(s) under investigation.
- I do not want a lawyer and I do not wish to make a statement or answer any questions.
- I want a lawyer. I will not make any statement or answer any questions until I talk to a lawyer.

(b) (6) I understand that my signature does not constitute an admission of guilt.

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS/INTERVIEWER (b) (6)

IV. STATEMENT

(b) (6) ON 6 MARCH AFTER (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) FORDS Retirement chuck Roberson
 APPROACHED me AND SAID "I WANT OSCAR AT my Retirement." THIS
 WAS AFTER (b) (6) Had spoken to myself, (b) (6)
 AND the first sergeant TELLING US THAT OSCAR WAS FIRED BY
 General Stenner From the Honor Guards (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) He is NOT allowed
 TO perform the FLAG FOLDING Ceremony EVER AGAIN. When Roberson
 TOLD me He wanted OSCAR to perform AT His Retirement I TOLD
 Him OSCAR IS NOT allowed TO perform the FLAG FOLDING ceremony
 Because He (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) AND WAS Removed From the
 Honor guards. ALSO OSCAR IS NOT WELCOMED HERE AGAIN. ON 1 APR 16
 I had chuck Roberson IN my OFFICE WITH (b) (6) my
 (b) (6) I AGAIN TOLD Him OSCAR IS NOT allowed
 TO perform the FLAG ceremony. I ALSO SAID "you had 26 yrs of
 Good service DO NOT INVITE OSCAR! He will RUIN your Retirement.
 HE will Do something. (b) (6) ON 3 APR APT. I TOLD (b) (6) that
 I TOLD Roberson this. ON SAT 2 APR (b) (6) TOLD ME
 HE ALSO SPOKE TO MSgt Roberson AS well AS (b) (6) That
 OSCAR WAS NOT TO Be part of THE Ceremony. ON 3 APR AFTER
 THE beginning OF THE Ceremony OSCAR AND HIS gUEST CAME
 INTO THE ROOM FROM AN Opened Back Door. He WAS APPROACHED
 BY (b) (6) TO sit IN THE Back OF ROOM. HE ignored (b) (6)
 (b) (6) HE WALKED straight to THE Front where TWO open Seats (b) (6)
 (b) (6) Row

V. OATH/SIGNATURE

(b) (6) hereby voluntarily and of my own free will make this statement without having been subjected to any coercion, unlawful influence, or unlawful (b) (6)
 (b) (6) Inducement. I swear (or affirm) I have read this statement, initialed all pages and corrections, and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge."
 (b) (6)

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS/INTERVIEWER (b) (6)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 9 day
 of May 16 (year).

SIGNATURE OF PERSON ADMINISTERING OATH (b) (6)

VI. INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONTINUATION PAGE(S)

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Continuation Statement of Suspect/Witness/Complainant/Victim

LAST NAME: (b) (6)

DATE: 3 MAY 16

(b) (6) Happened to Be Empty. I WAS IN THE SECOND ROW ABOUT 4 SEATS TO OSCARS LEFT LOOKING FORWARDS. I DID LEAN OVER TO OSCARS LEFT SHOULDER AND TOLD HIM HE IS NOT WELCOMED HERE AND TO LEAVE. HE NEVER LOOKS AT ME, HE NEVER RESPONDED TO ME. HE KEPT LOOKING FORWARD. I DECIDED IF HE JUST SITS THERE I WOULD LEAVE HIM BE. WHEN THE FLAG FOLDING CEREMONY STARTED OSCAR STOOD UP STARTED HIS SPEECH. SOMEHOW THE MUSIC THAT WAS SUPPOSE TO PLAY HAD BEEN REMOVED AND OSCARS MUSIC STARTED TO PLAY. I NOTICE (b) (6) APPROACHING OSCAR. TSGT WENT BEHIND OSCAR AND TOLD HIM TO BE SEATED. THATS WHEN I GOT UP. I FELT CONCERNED FOR (b) (6) AND WHAT OSCAR WAS UP TO. OSCAR STILL HAD A BLANK LOOK AND DIDNT RESPOND TO (b) (6). AT THIS TIME I REACHED FOR OSCARS LEFT ARM AND TOLD HIM "DO NOT DISRESPECT MSGT ROBERSON RETIREMENT BE SEATED." HE STILL DIDNT RESPOND. THIS IS WHEN WE (b) (6) TRIED TO HAVE OSCAR TO SIT DOWN. HE REFUSED TO (b) (6) SIT DOWN. THEN (b) (6) CAME OVER TO ASSIST. THATS WHEN THEY FORCED HIM OUT OF THE BUILDING BECAUSE OSCAR DIDNT AND WOULDNT STOP. I DID BACK OUT DUE TO MY BAD HIP. OSCAR WAS PUSHING BACK AS THEY WERE REMOVING HIM. AFTER THE CEREMONY I ASKED MSGT ROBERSON IF HE TOLD OSCAR NOT TO COME. HE SAID "I TOLD OSCAR HE IS NOT WELCOME HERE". // END OF STATEMENT. (b) (6)

Signature: (b) (6)

STATEMENT OF SUSPECT/WITNESS/COMPLAINANT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SUSPECT <input type="checkbox"/> WITNESS/COMPLAINANT
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20160504	1412	Bldg 380A Trewis AFB	60 JFS	<input type="checkbox"/> OFFENSE <input type="checkbox"/> COMPLAINT

II. PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION (Print or Type)

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)	SSN (b) (6)	STATUS/GRADE (WS-13)
(b) (6)	(b) (6)	(b) (6)
LOCAL ADDRESS (Include Zip Code)	DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH (If required)	TELEPHONE
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(b) (6)	749 Amxs	

SPONSOR INFORMATION

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)	GRADE	SSN	ORGANIZATION	DUTY PHONE
N/A				

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I fully understand my rights and that my signature does not constitute an admission of guilt.

SIGNATURE OF SUSPECT	SIGNATURE OF WITNESS/INTERVIEWER
(b) (6)	

IV. STATEMENT

(b) (6) Prior to Roberson's retirement I had no information on who Mr. Rodriguez was nor much about Roberson himself. I am a "B" FLT SUPER INTENDENT who rescheduled to 3 APR 2016 "A" FCT. DURING THE FLAG FOLDING CEREMONY AN INDIVIDUAL WALKED ON THE STAGE AND STOOD FACING THE AUDIENCE. I DID NOT KNOW WHAT HE WAS DOING AS (b) (6) APPROACHED TO TALK TO HIM. I COULD NOT HEAR WHAT WAS BEING SAID BUT ASSUMED HE WAS NOT PART OF THE SCRIPT. (b) (6) WALKED UP TO SPEAK TO THE NOW RESPONDING INDIVIDUAL AS WELL. (b) (6) STOOD TO APPROACH THE STAGE. I THEN GOT UP AND STOPPED THE COMMANDER AND TOLD HIM "I GOT THIS". AGAIN, NOT KNOWING WHO THIS PERSON WAS OR WHAT HE WAS ABOUT TO DO AS HE WAS ALREADY PUSHING AGAINST (b) (6) AND (b) (6) I CAME TO HELP ESCORT THE GENTLEMEN OUT OF THE AUDITORIUM HE WAS CRABBING THE WALLS + PILARS ON THE WAY OUT THE BACK DOOR. (b) (6) PUSHED ALL OF US OUT THE DOOR. WHILE OUTSIDE MR. RODRIGUEZ WAS SCREAMING AT THE TOP OF HIS LUNGS TOWARDS (b) (6) BUT I COULD NOT UNDERSTAND HIM. I WALKED BACK INTO THE AUDITORIUM AS THE FLAG FOLDING CEREMONY WAS ENDING AND PEOPLE STARTED TO LEAVE INTO THE HALLWAY. A FEMALE WHO I ASSUME WAS RODRIGUEZ'S FRIENDA WALKED AGAINST THE FLOW TOWARDS THE DOOR HE HAD WALKED OUT THROUGH. SHE WAS SMILING AT ME AS SHE PASSED (b) (6) THIS STRUCK ME AS BEING REALLY WEIRD LIKE WE WERE SET UP SOMEHOW. (b) (6) //END OF STATEMENT (b) (6)

V. OATH/SIGNATURE

(b) (6) I hereby voluntarily and of my own free will make this statement without having been subjected to any coercion, unlawful influence, or unlawful inducement. I swear (or affirm) I have read this statement, initialed all pages and corrections, and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. (b) (6)

SIGNATURE OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT (b) (6)	SIGNATURE OF WITNESS/INTERVIEWER (b) (6)
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Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 4 day of May 16 (year).

SIGNATURE OF PERSON ADMINISTERING OATH
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(b) (6)

CIV USAF AMC 60 SFS/S2

From: (b) (6) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2016 4:49 PM
To: (b) (6) CIV USAF AMC 60 SFS/S2
Subject: Re: Roberson Retirement

I did not talk to anyone about the CD, (b) (6) was in charge of getting everything set up, so he was the one asking around for the other CD, I was not paying attention to him so I do not know to what extent he went to find the other CD, but it was (b) (6) who told us there was not going to be a speech during the music.

On Tue, May 10, 2016 at 3:54 PM, (b) (6) CIV USAF AMC 60 SFS/S2 (b) (6) <mailto:(b) (6)> wrote:

During our first practice in the auditorium we found that the music did not have the speech on it. It seemed like it was the wrong CD and I think someone looked for another CD but one was not found. At that time we were told that there would be no speech during the music so I would have to listen to the music for the ques on when to unfold and fold the flag.

Who did you speak to about the cd?

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Det, USAF
Chief, SF Investigations & Intel
Chief, Intel Fusion Cell
DP: (b) (6) <tel:(b) (6)> CP: (b) (6) <tel:(b) (6)>
DSN: (b) (6)
SIPR: (b) (6) @mail.smil.mil <mailto:(b) (6)> @mail.smil.mil

"It does not take many words to speak the truth." - Chief Joseph

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

From: (b) (6) [mailto:(b) (6)] <mailto:(b) (6)>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2016 3:50 PM
To: (b) (6) CIV USAF AMC 60 SFS/S2 (b) (6) @us.af.mil <mailto:(b) (6)@us.af.mil>
Subject: Roberson Retirement

my name is (b) (6), date of birth is (b) (6)

During the retirement ceremony on 5-Mar-2016 for (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Mr. Rodriguez gave a speech during the flag folding ceremony about the history of the flag. I had heard that the speech was not done by the Air Force any more but the retiree requested it so it was set up. On 3-Apr-2016 before lunch about 10 airmen including myself, who volunteered to help our squadron by learning how do the honor guard duties during retirements, were sent to the honor guard building by (b) (6). I was selected to be the flag folder because the month before I presented the flag for (b) (6) retirement. After lunch we returned to our squadron to practice in the auditorium 1 or 2 times before the ceremony started. When we first got there and were setting up (b) (6) let us know that the CD that has the music for the flag folding ceremony has a voice over speech during it. During our first practice in the auditorium

we found that the music did not have the speech on it. It seemed like it was the wrong CD and I think someone looked for another CD but one was not found. At that time we were told that there would be no speech during the music so I would have to listen to the music for the cues on when to unfold and fold the flag. We practiced one more time than returned back stage where I waited with the other airmen during the retirement ceremony until the end when we needed to present the flag. While unfolding the flag I heard Mr. Rodriguez start his speech, shortly after he started I heard what sounded a couple airmen trying to remove Mr. Rodriguez from the auditorium, and Mr. Rodriguez refusing to leave. I did not see anything that happened because I was facing the other way performing the flag folding ceremony and did not want to brake bearing. I completed the flag folding and returned back stage until the end of the ceremony. I did not see Mr. Rodriguez at all after the ceremony.

If you have any further questions you can email me here or call me at the same number you called earlier today.