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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Rico Palikiko Garcia
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On the afternoon of March 24, 2015, we spoke to **Rico Palikiko Garcia** in a legal visiting room in CJ #4. Garcia is a slender man in his twenties who told us that he is of mixed Filipino and Hawaiian descent. He grew up in South San Francisco and has never previously been to jail, although he said that he also faces serious charges in San Mateo County. He arrived in CJ #4 on January 15, 2015.

Garcia said that he was the only non African American in the kitchen and living in the L dorms and he carefully spent his initial time at the jail in watchful silence. Nonetheless, he came under the scrutiny of **Deputy Neu** who called him "little guy" and started out by making him gamble for two eggs that he noticed Garcia carrying in a bag. Neu "fanned out" a deck of cards on the desk outside L1 and insisted that Garcia pick one in a game of "high-low." Garcia won but Neu took the eggs anyway. Neu has continued to make Garcia gamble with him during his stay. Garcia joked that he mostly beats Neu but the outcome has little to do with whether or not he can keep his items.

Garcia told us that he often watched Neu pressure fellow kitchen worker **Harris**, a large, out-of-shape African American man approximately the same age as Garcia (early twenties). Neu humiliated Harris by making

him do push-ups in front of everyone who watched as Harris grunted and groaned through the exercise, and Neu stood over him exhorting and insulting him. Neu routinely addressed Harris as "Fat Boy" and referred to him as his "fighter" whom he was "training." Neu would remove Harris from the kitchen and "work him out" in a small area past L3.

Harris was consistently unable to complete the number of reps Neu demanded of him. A couple of times, Neu loudly announced that if Harris failed, others in the dorm would lose their canteen items or would be assigned extra work tasks. Garcia recalled that because of Harris, kitchen workers handing out the trays were forced by Neu to change their normal routine and individually pick up and place each tray through the gate tray slot instead of being able to place a stack of trays inside the gate on a table allowing the inmates to get a tray for themselves.

Garcia told us that he was in the kitchen watching Harris submit to Neu's taunts and physical demands when he laughed out loud at Harris' dilemma. Neu turned to Garcia and announced "you're next for training."

Neu one day appeared in the kitchen and ordered Garcia and Harris to walk down the hallway past the L dorms, near the room that contained a dip bar. Garcia thought that he was about to undergo a work out as Harris had been enduring but he was taken aback when Neu insisted that he and Harris fight. Neu instructed them that "anything goes" except for "punches to the face". Garcia refused to fight but Neu angrily threatened to "cuff and fuck (him) up", a threat he believed Neu would carry out. Neu threatened that even if they got hurt and "split their head (open)", they should not report to Medical. "This is Medical!" he cracked. Neu told that they would be "rolled up" and lose their kitchen jobs if the incident was revealed through either man's explanation to medical personnel.

Garcia said that he and Harris started out grappling with Neu and **Deputy Chiba** "egging (them) on" but the fight soon escalated with neither combatant holding back. Garcia said neither threw vicious punches to the head but they did "throw elbows" and tried to win. Garcia said that he was initially losing to the larger Harris, but Harris was soon gasping and spent, ultimately allowing Garcia to grab him in a headlock. Harris "tapped out," ending the fight. Garcia estimated that the match lasted two or three minutes,

after which Neu angrily berated Harris, "Motherfucker, I don't like losing money!"

The following day **Deputy Jones** came by, wanting Garcia to fight again because he had "missed" the first match. Garcia complained that he had gotten hurt and needed time to recover but Jones insisted, adding, "I'm counting on you, are you ready?" Garcia said that, in an attempt to postpone or avoid the rematch, he complained to Jones that Neu had failed to deliver the hamburger he had promised to the winner of the first fight. Garcia said that because Neu was unhappy with Harris losing, he knew they would eventually have to fight again.

Garcia said that he watched as Harris failed to complete two dips on the bar on Neu's orders. Angered, Neu announced "fuck it! Round 2 is now!" Garcia turned and left to go back to the kitchen where he was told by Deputy Jones that "Neu has your hamburger, c'mon." Garcia said that he refused to go back to fight but was then warned by "Chris" (inmate **Jonathan Christopher**) that both Neu and Jones were looking for him. Garcia told Christopher to tell Neu to "go fuck himself." He was determined not to fight again but Neu appeared in the kitchen and screamed "fight or I'll fuck you up!" Garcia was afraid that Neu would carry out his threat and he walked back to the fight area. Deputy Jones and **Deputy Staehly** were present.

Garcia and Harris were again instructed that "anything goes" except for punching in the face. Garcia said that each man fought hard and Harris hit him in the "nuts" and, doubled over in pain, he stopped fighting and asked for a time out. His request was denied and the fight resumed. Harris was on top of him and Garcia was struggling to breathe when he saw that two other Deputies, **Collins** and **Aquino**, had run down the hall, but retreated as Deputy Jones waved them away. Garcia was unsure exactly what they may have witnessed.

The fight was resumed again but then stopped by Neu who "got scared" because he did not know if Collins and Aquino were going to "say something." Garcia said that inmates in the L dorms were aware of the fight and they asked him "who won?" as he made his way back to the kitchen. Garcia said that also present was inmate Christopher as well as inmate **Karwan** (*sp?*), since released.

Garcia told us that he later timed his medical complaint when the Deputies were not on shift. He was visited by someone from Medical who told him to lift his shirt. Garcia complained that he believed he had a cracked rib because he had difficulty moving his right arm and getting out of bed. He was told that because of the symptoms he described, he no longer would be able to work in the kitchen. He withdrew his complaint. He told us that he still has pain when he breathes deeply.

Garcia said that he is afraid of the Deputies, especially Neu, and believes that they can do whatever they want to him without penalty. Neu appears in the jail even when he is not scheduled to work.

Garcia is afraid for his safety. Neu has repeatedly threatened that he would "fuck him up" asking him if he has "ever been handcuffed, maced and had your ass beat"?

He reported an incident on March 25, 2015, during which Neu pushed food from his tray onto the floor. He told us that since his arrival, Neu has forced him to gamble over his personal items four separate times.

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Stanly Harris
SF No. 642350

On the afternoon of March 23, 2015, we met with Stanly Harris in a visiting room at County Jail #4. Harris is a large, but not athletic, quiet spoken twenty-four year old African American. He told us that he has been in and out of County jail since he was eighteen and has known Deputy Neu since his first incarceration. He has worked in the kitchen for the past six months and said that he is scheduled to be released soon into a program where he must stay for a year.

Harris told us that Deputy Neu had been making him do push-ups and gamble to keep his canteen or receive fresh laundry during his several periods of incarceration at the jail over the past two years. He said that Neu embarrasses him in front of others because he is unable to complete the push-ups. He told us that Neu had managed to delay his 2012 release from the jail for several hours until Harris could complete the push-ups Neu had demanded. As well, he once punished him by making him Harris give up his mattress.

Harris said that during his latest stint at the jail, Neu would pull him out of his dorm or from his kitchen work saying "let's get a work out." Neu would take him down to the laundry and force him to do push-ups while making him elevate his feet at varying positions on bars. Neu threatened Harris with being "rolled up" and losing his kitchen job, sent to San Bruno or housed on the "mainline" where the more dangerous inmates lived. On one occasion, Neu threatened to handcuff Harris and take him to a room where three awaiting Deputies would beat him. Neu said that he would tell Harris that he was going to a legal visit.

Harris said that Neu's forced "workouts" happened often and were unannounced: he never knew when Neu would suddenly appear. The sessions were arduous and difficult for the out-of-shape Harris. Neu recently took Harris to the laundry room area and insisted that they "go a round" against each other. Neu removed all his gear and shirt and challenged and threatened Harris, offering that he could "tap out." Harris embarrassingly admitted he believed that Neu's motives may have been sexual, especially because Neu frequently said to Harris that he was going to "take his cheeks." Harris told us that he refused to move and was worried that Neu could turn

around and charge him with assaulting an officer. No physical contact occurred between him and Neu. He told us that the incident was curtailed when **Deputy Meinbress** (*sic*) (badge#1947) accidentally came upon them. Neu, in an attempt to cover up, acted like it was just another push up session with Harris.

Harris told us that the first staged fight orchestrated by Neu occurred in early March, just a short while ago. Neu had been telling Harris that he was Neu's "prize." Harris was at work when Neu told him that he was to fight Garcia, who was then gotten from the pod. They were both taken to an area beyond L3. Neu told them, "Anything goes except no punching to the face." **Deputy Chiba** was present along with Neu.

Harris said that he and Garcia began to wrestle and it appeared that both were trying to avoid hurting each other by not throwing punches and limiting the fight to grappling, although they both were trying to win and ended up fighting hard. He recalled that he at first had the advantage over the smaller Garcia but he became exhausted and Garcia got him in a headlock forcing him to "tap out." Nonetheless, Garcia was hurt during the match, possibly because Harris had managed to throw him into a hard object.

A few days later, both he and Garcia were working in the kitchen at around 3:30 in the afternoon when Neu appeared and told Harris that he had a choice of going "a round with me" or having a rematch with Garcia. They were taken to the same area by Neu and **Deputy Jones** (badge#2094) and he and Garcia began to wrestle. Harris alluded to the fight being more intense this time and, after a couple of minutes of grappling and throwing elbows, the fight was ended due to the sudden appearance of two Bailiffs (one being **Deputy Collins**) who may have seen what was happening. He did not see the second Bailiff. Harris later saw Collins and Neu talking and he assumed Neu was worried that Collins would report the incident.

Harris said that he had heard that Neu has had sex with civilian female jail workers as well as transgender inmates. He told us that approximately two or three months ago, he saw Neu enter the laundry room with a female commissary worker and emerge after an hour or more. The woman no longer works in County Jail #4.

Harris told us that Neu has shown him “850 Mob” tattoos that he has on his right arm and lower leg.

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Keith Richardson

SF No.672520

San Francisco County Jail #4

On the morning of March 21, 2015, we interviewed **Keith Richardson** in an attorney visiting room on the 7th Floor, County Jail #4. Richardson is a slender, African American man in his fifties with a youthful, fit physical presence and a sincere demeanor. He told us that he has served time in prison previously and arrived at the San Francisco County jail in December on a gun charge. He volunteered that he has been off drugs since 1998.

Richardson related an incident that occurred in D block, CJ#4, either in January or early February, while he was housed in G2. Richardson had just finished passing a food tray to a white inmate in Cell #18 whose name he did not know and whom he had never seen before. Richardson described the man as being Caucasian and in his fifties.

The inmate, believing that his tray did not have all the food he was entitled to, began cursing Richardson and directing racial epithets at him and African Americans in general. **Deputy Sheriff Neu** (badge #1823), was sitting at a desk to the side of the cell, approximately seven feet away, and was watching the tension rise. Neu challenged Richardson to fight the man and he offered to let the man out of his cell. Richardson said he declined and cited cameras which could record the incident, possibly resulting in disciplinary action. Neu promised that nothing would happen to Richardson because "(I) got your back." Richardson still refused.

The man soon pushed his food tray back out through the slot of the cell door, spilling it all over the floor and continued his racial tirade. Richardson went down the hall to get a push broom and dust pan to clean up. When he returned, he was surprised to see that the man had been let out of his cell and he was unsure as to what was going to happen next.

Neu had pulled his chair in front of the desk and continued goading Richardson to fight the man ("You gonna let that motherfucker call you those names?"). Richardson refused and Neu, sensing that Richardson was not going to accept his offer, ordered the man to clean up the mess on the floor. Richardson handed him the broom and dust pan. While the man was

cleaning up, Neu gestured to Richardson to attack the man. Richardson told us that the man was decidedly less brave and vocal outside his locked cell and did not appear to want to fight so no stand-off took place.

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In the first days of March, sometime between the 5th and the 9th, Richardson was moved to the L1 dorm for kitchen workers. He recalled that Deputy Neu came to the cell door and called to inmate **Ricardo Palikiko Garcia**, a small man of Asian descent, asking him if he was “in shape to fight.” Garcia was removed from the dorm and brought past L3 to a small exercise area that had a chin up bar. Garcia was to fight inmate **Stanly Harris**, who Neu had been “training” to fight. Richardson said that he had witnessed Neu make Harris do push-ups a couple of times previously and Harris, not in good physical shape, suffered through them and was humiliated. Richardson recalled that **Vincent LNU**, a supervisor for Aramor, had witnessed Neu “training” Harris. (Richardson recalled several times when Neu would make Harris do push-ups so that other inmates be allowed to keep their canteen orders and other food based on his performance).

Richardson said that he and others in the cells could hear the fight between Garcia and Harris but could not see it (He recalled that fellow kitchen worker, **Jonathan Christopher**, may have been able to see the incident by using a CD as a mirror to look down the hallway but at some point, Deputies ordered Christopher “off the bars”. (He told us that L1-L3, composed of kitchen and laundry workers, has a capacity of 26 inmates but is usually populated by approximately 20 with a fair amount of turn-over).

Richardson estimated that Harris, a relatively large and lumbering African American man in his twenties, and Garcia were gone for approximately 20 minutes. When they were returned it was clear that they had been in a fight. Harris, exhausted, was breathing heavily and complained of being choked and having a hurt neck. He soon went to sleep on his bunk. Garcia appeared bruised and hurt. Neu chided Harris that he had lost money on the fight because Harris had “tapped out.” **Deputy Chiba** (badge #2010) could be heard “cheering on” during the fight.

Approximately two days later, **Deputy Jones** (badge # 2094) returned to the cell to get Garcia, announcing, “Round 2!” Richardson told us that

sometime earlier, Garcia and Jones had gotten into a disagreement over Garcia's use of an empty bunk to keep his canteen and personal items on. Jones ended up confiscating some of the items (Richardson believed that Jones, in retribution, may have alerted Neu which lead to Garcia being singled out by Neu to fight Harris).

The second staged match between Garcia and Harris took place in the same exercise area past L3. This time Deputy Jones was present. Richardson said that a Bailiff, **Deputy Collins**, who had just returned from Court, had heard the commotion and ran down the hall area to see what was occurring but left after noticing that officers were present at the scene.

Upon their return to the dorm, both Garcia and Harris again appeared hurt. Garcia thought he had sustained a cracked rib during the fight but when he later requested medical attention, he was told by **Mary** (LNU) that he would lose his coveted kitchen job if he could not report to work. Garcia rescinded the request. Harris, Richardson believed, is too scared to report the incident, having been bullied and harassed by Neu. Other Deputies, aware of Neu's treatment of him proved that they could not be counted on to intervene.

Richardson believed that other Deputies are intimidated by Neu and that he bullies them as well. Richardson learned from a laundry worker named **Quincy Lewis** that Neu had had sex with a young female worker who had been assigned to fixing discrepancies on canteen orders. Quincy told him that he had watched Neu take the young woman, described as a "thick" African American, into a room in the laundry area for approximately an hour. Richardson believed that the woman was removed from her job soon thereafter and he has not seen her since late January or the first week in February. Richardson believed that Lewis was aware of another past incident regarding a sexual encounter Neu had with a woman at the facility. He could not provide details. Lewis told Richardson that he believed the incident came to light but somehow Neu, "got out of it."

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Richardson told us that Neu constantly makes inmates gamble with him in order to keep their canteen or the extra food that civilian staff

members allow inmate kitchen workers to have. Richardson recalled witnessing a confrontation Neu had with a white kitchen worker, **Matthew LNU** (since released), after Neu intercepted him returning to his dorm with food items. Neu demanded to know where he had gotten the food, but Matthew refused to say, asserting that he was “not a snitch.” Neu made him do pushups and confiscated the food anyway. Richardson recalled that the incident took place sometime in December.

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Jonathan Christopher

SF No.385693

On the afternoon of March 23, 2015, we spoke to **Jonathan Christopher** in a legal visiting room at Jail #4. Christopher appeared to be an energetic and intelligent African American man who told us that he has been in and out of San Francisco County jail since he was twenty-one years old and met **Deputy Neu** during one of his early jail stints.

Christopher arrived at County Jail on February 3 and was assigned to the kitchen. He soon witnessed Neu's interaction with **Stanly Harris**, a young, overweight, African American man who Neu was "training." Neu would call Harris out from the kitchen and make him do push-ups to get in shape. Neu threatened Harris with being "rolled up" if he refused to participate in fights or the training.

Christopher told us that Neu staged two fights between Harris and a young, and much smaller, Asian inmate named "Garcia" (**Ricardo Pakiliko Garcia**). He said that Neu came in L1 and took Harris and Garcia to a small area at the back of the hallway past the L dorms. Christopher said he used a CD held through the bars and could see Harris and Garcia begin to fight. Initially, Harris appeared to have the advantage and slammed the smaller Garcia to the ground but then Garcia managed to get an exhausted Harris in a headlock causing him to "tap out." Both Harris and Garcia returned to the dorm clearly hurt. **Deputy Chiba** was present and "cheering on" the combatants.

Back in the kitchen the following day, Neu continued his pressure of Harris and asserted that Harris was "training for his next fight." Neu loudly announced, "Friday Night Fights, pay per view!" Neu told Christopher that he would be fighting next and "got in (his) face" when Christopher shrugged at Neu's threat. Christopher said that Neu had earlier warned him that he was to fight next, addressing him as "Young Jeezy."

Christopher told us that a second fight was staged by Neu soon thereafter. Neu ordered Harris to do two "dips" or fight Garcia again. This time, Neu sent Christopher to get Garcia from the kitchen. Garcia clearly did not want to fight and complained to Neu that he had not paid him the cheeseburger promised to the winner of the last match.. Neu then ordered **Ed**

LNU, an Aramor worker, (described as a tall, heavy built, Latino man in his twenties) to get cheeseburgers from the kitchen.

Christopher stood and watched as Garcia and Harris began the fight by wrestling and grappling. (Christopher believed that Garcia and Harris had earlier arrived at an agreement to “go easy” on each other and he was surprised to watch the fight escalate). Also present were Neu, Deputy Staehly, and Deputy Jones, who “stood watch.” However, Christopher said that everyone in the L dorms knew what was occurring due to the sounds of the combatants and cheering of the on-lookers.

The fight was stopped when, suddenly, two bailiffs, Deputies Collins and Aquino, came running down the hallway to check on the commotion. Christopher was unsure exactly what Collins and Aquino saw but Neu, nervously looking behind, quickly called the fight a “tie”, separated the combatants, and ordered them to act as if they had been working out.

Garcia and Harris stumbled back down the hallway, both clearly hurt. Christopher thought that Garcia may have sustained a cracked rib but Garcia later withdrew a request for medical attention out of fear that he would lose his position as a kitchen worker. Christopher later approached Deputy Jones telling him that both Harris and Garcia were hurt. Soon thereafter, Garcia received back a bag of food that Jones had earlier confiscated from him.

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Christopher told us that the first week of his incarceration he learned from a mainline inmate, named Blackmon, that sometime in the past, Neu had had sex with his “baby mama” (an inmate at the time). The woman was reportedly forced to give Neu fellatio but preserved some of his semen on her sweatshirt and later filed a complaint that resulted in her winning a financial settlement. The inmate complained that she did not share her financial gain with him.

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Christopher explained us that from his very first incarceration, Neu has been picking on him. Neu has forced him to clean and has pushed him against a wall, threatening him with “going to Bruno,” if he balked. Neu

once called Christopher out of G2 and made him clean up human waste and vomit without the proper protective gloves and clothes. Neu threatened Christopher with being “handcuffed and beaten” by Deputies.

Christopher said that Neu had always (“from day one”) made inmates gamble against him for their canteen or to get clean laundry, etc. Just a couple of days before our talk, Neu made Christopher play “21” for some food items he had. He has also recently made Christopher do 50 push-ups for his laundry issue. Neu carries a set of red dice and a deck of cards and is constantly forcing inmates to gamble their canteen or the extra food that the civilian staff routinely allows kitchen workers to have. Even though an inmate would win, Neu often took their items anyway, sometimes giving them to other inmates as pay offs or, as Christopher suspected, to sow resentment among the inmates.

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Quincy Lewis
SF No.560926

On the afternoon of March 24, 2015, we spoke to **Quincy Lewis** in a legal visiting room in CJ #4. Lewis, African American, in his thirties, is a native born San Franciscan currently facing domestic violence charges.

We had heard from others that Lewis, from his position as a laundry worker, was aware of a recent incident wherein **Deputy Neu** took a young female civilian worker employed by 'Keefe' into a room to have sex. Lewis described the woman as African American, under twenty-five years old and, on the day in question, wearing a blue shirt, blue jeans and white shoes with her hair pulled back. Her job was to check on discrepancies in the canteen orders between what was ordered by the inmates and what was actually delivered to them.

Lewis said that he was near the laundry room which is situated near the Deputies' lounge and the room in question. He heard Deputy Neu inviting the woman into "his office." Lewis believed that either Neu or the woman were feinting perusing a clipboard. Lewis was suspicious because he knew that civilian workers were not supposed to be in the laundry area. Lewis told us that he also had learned through rumor, that Neu had been accused of having sex with a woman at the jail previously which resulted in a law suit.

Lewis said that some inmates, aware that Neu and the woman were inside, put their ear to the door and concluded that they were having sex. Lewis said that after an hour or so, **Deputy Mimbress** knocked on the door and Neu emerged. He dropped several jail issued blankets on the floor and instructed Lewis to wash them immediately. A short while later, the woman came out , grabbed her clipboard, and left.

Lewis told us that Deputy Neu had made him gamble by rolling dice or picking the high card on several occasions. He said that "even if you win, you lose." Lewis said that he recently won a bet from Neu based on the number of reps he could complete with a tension bar. Lewis told us that he recently refused to bet with Neu any longer. Neu angry, pulled out a Metro PCS phone without a battery and placed it on the cart Lewis was pushing

demanding to know “what’s this?” and threatening Lewis with “rolling up” and going to the “main (line).



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