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On May 29, 1997, Special Agent TOM MOON ENG LINN reported to [REDACTED] to interview WILLIAM FOSTER GARRETT. Upon arrival, GARRETT invited Special Agent (SA) LINN into his home where the interview was conducted. GARRETT was advised that the purpose of the interview pertains to his contact with RON CHAPMAN, Assistant District Attorney, Oklahoma County District Attorney's Office, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. GARRETT indicated to CHAPMAN that a guard ROBERT GARZA, employed at the FEDERAL TRANSFER CENTER (FTC), Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, indicated that guards had killed the inmate at the FTC.

GARRETT stated that he did contact the Oklahoma County District Attorney's Office and he provided the following information.

In the spring of 1995, ROBERT GARZA and his wife GAIL moved into a home, 202 Northeast 18th Street, Moore, Oklahoma, which is located behind the GARRETT residence. The two backyards are separated by one common fence. ROBERT GARZA and GARRETT developed a friendship. ROBERT GARZA prefers to be called, Chief, due to his Kiowa Indian heritage. On numerous occasions, ROBERT GARZA would call GARRETT and make arrangements for a visit. GARZA would leap the common back fence and visit with GARRETT on their back patio and inside their home. GARZA frequently drank beer at their home. GARZA also stored beer in the refrigerator and often in an ice chest. GARZA explained to GARRETT that his wife, GAIL, would not allow him to drink more than a couple of beers at their residence. GARRETT explained that GARZA, once intoxicated, would become violent.

On a Saturday evening, at approximately 8:30, during the latter part of September or early October 1996, GARZA called GARRETT and mentioned that he wanted to visit. A few minutes later, GARZA leaped over their common fence and joined GARRETT at their patio. GARZA drank beer and smoked filtered Winston cigarettes while GARRETT drank Coca Cola and smoked Cambridge or Maverick cigarettes. During their visit, shortly after sunset, GARZA extracted a "self-rolled" cigarette from the package of filtered Winston cigarettes. GARZA asked GARRETT if he would like to smoke the "joint" with him. WILLIAM GARRETT declined and stated that his children were up and he does not want the "joint"

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smoked on his property. GARRETT recognized the "joint" as a marijuana cigarette.

Approximately 30 minutes later, WILLIAM GARRETT's wife, TERESA, announced that the WALKER show was coming on TV. WILLIAM asked ROBERT GARZA if he would like to watch the show with them. GARZA entered their home and they watched the WALKER program. Following the program, GARRETT changed the television channel to Channel Four. At 10:00 p.m., the news was aired. During the news coverage, the death of the inmate at the FTC was mentioned. Further mentioned were allegations from the deceased brother, indicating that the inmate was killed by guards and that a Grand Jury was investigating the matter.

GARRETT asked GARZA if he worked at the prison. GARZA confirmed that he worked at the FTC located near the Oklahoma City Airport. GARRETT asked GARZA if the inmate really hung himself? GARZA responded, "what do you think?" GARZA displayed a facial expression indicating that the guards may have been involved. GARZA told GARRETT that if there was a fight between a guard and an inmate, that the guards would make sure that another guard is present to serve either as a backup, in case the inmate got the advantage or to serve as a witness to the incident. GARZA bragged, while showing off his large chest, that no inmate could ever get the best of him. GARZA also told GARRETT that drugs are available and easily obtained through the FTC. GARZA explained that was how he got the "joint". GARZA explained that the guards rotate to other assignments and jobs. During the time, GARZA was assigned to the processing area. In that area, the inmates are strip searched and their body orifices are checked. The guards get to keep any drugs that are found, unless they want to file charges against the inmate. GARZA further stated that it depends upon which guards he was working with. GARZA explained that some guards are very strict. GARZA's wife then called the GARRETT residence, and GARZA returned home.

The next Monday morning, GARZA and GARRETT departed at approximately 8:00 a.m. GARZA had made arrangements through one of his friends, who lives near Hinton, Oklahoma, to pick up free firewood for GARRETT. While en route to Hinton, Oklahoma, GARZA stopped at the FTC to conduct business. He parked his pickup in the FTC parking lot and left GARRETT in it. Approximately 15 minutes later, GARZA returned to the pickup and they drove to the

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friend's residence. During the drive, GARRETT asked GARZA "what really is the deal with the inmate's death?" GARZA explained, that during a fight, sometimes the guard's adrenalin takes over and they cannot stop beating: "They can't stop themselves". GARRETT got the impression that GARZA was including himself as one of the guards who fights inmates. GARZA told GARRETT that the guards accidentally killed the inmate and then hung him to cover up their actions. GARZA mentioned that he has been transferred to many prisons and that similar incidents happen frequently, throughout the system. GARZA stated, "this is not the first time and it will not be the last."

From September to the first of December, 1996, GARZA mentioned three separate incidents involving guards beating inmates. He also mentioned several other incidents of inmates fighting other inmates. He mentioned that the guards will allow them to fight to a point to where it becomes out of control, then the guards intercede. On one occasion, GARZA mentioned that a guard had kept a pocket watch that was found on one of the inmates at the FTC.

During the first week of December, 1996, GAIL GARZA called WILLIAM GARRETT to advise that ROBERT GARZA had beat her and she defended herself by stabbing him with a broken beer bottle. GARRETT called the Moore, Oklahoma Police Department. The police responded to the incident.

The next day, GARZA called GARRETT from work, at approximately 4:00 p.m. GARZA talked about his wife, during the first part of the conversation. GARZA asked GARRETT if he had told GAIL about any of the conversations shared by ROBERT GARZA with GARRETT. GARZA specifically mentioned the conversations concerning the incidents at the prison. WILLIAM GARRETT responded, no. GARZA told GARRETT not to tell GAIL, because she would use that against him.

GARZA then told GARRETT that he could not tell the police about the incidents that took place at the prison. GARZA explained, that if he did, the word would get around and their are "Guys at the prison who would be real pissed off, real pissed of." GARZA further stated, "these guys don't give a shit about your family, when it comes between a guard being placed behind bars or burning your house down, when your family is asleep in

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it. Which do you think they would choose?" GARRETT "got mad." GARRETT told GARZA to never contact him or his family again. GARRETT told GARZA that he would write a letter to his attorney, explaining all the details provided by GARZA, and that if anything happened to him or his family, the authorities would hear about it.

Descriptive data based upon observation and interview is as follows:

Name	WILLIAM FOSTER GARRET
Also known as	FOSTER
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	May 28, 1954
Place of birth	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Height	6'4"
Weight	280 pounds
Hair	Red
Eyes	Green
Social Security Account Number	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED] P
Telephone	[REDACTED]
Employment	Assistant Manager GODFATHER'S PIZZA