

On June 10, 2011, at approximately 2:32 pm hours, Criminal Investigators James Striplin and Erik Ortiz conducted a recorded interview with inmate [REDACTED] at Northern Nevada Correctional Center. [REDACTED] was interviewed as a witness for case IN-2011-0199.

- [REDACTED] was able to identify inmate Big Time (Ofeldt, James #81842) as a white inmate with bushy goatee and housed with inmate Bingo (Houser, Erik #73270). [REDACTED] said he would trade magazines with inmate Ofeldt, while housed in unit [REDACTED] at Ely State Prison.
- [REDACTED] stated the wrong guy got, and there was word going around that "Big Time" was no good but waiting on confirmation from unit 1, possibly unit 1A. [REDACTED] read a kite (prison note) couple days prior to May 25, 2011
  1. [REDACTED] sent Cadillac (prison note transport device) to [REDACTED] to send to [REDACTED]. In the process the kite fell off the Cadillac, that's when [REDACTED] retrieved the kite and read it. He rescaled the kite and passed it on to [REDACTED] who then passed it to [REDACTED] in cell [REDACTED] to next Bingo and Bigtime in cell 27.
  2. The same day he read the kite, [REDACTED] submitted a kite to speak with Special Response Team Sergeant Drummond regarding life or death situation. [REDACTED] personally hands the sealed kite to Correctional Officer Fikes to deliver. Fikes leaves, then returns and tells inmate [REDACTED] over the speaker "they are coming to get you". SRT or Sgt. Drummond never came and spoke with Inmate [REDACTED]
- During a return from the hospital [REDACTED] spoke with Senior Correctional Officer Cameron Horsley and told him he can not go back to unit [REDACTED]. Provides information regarding an inmate selling pills and information regarding a jury. [REDACTED] did not speak to Horsley regarding the kite given to C/O Fikes, yet said that he wanted to speak with Sgt. Drummond
- On May 31, 2011 [REDACTED] spoke with Horsley in the infirmary, and told Horsley that he knew something was going to happen and he was trying to get hold of Sgt. Drummond. [REDACTED] then informed Horsley it was rumored by the white inmates unit 7 associated with Aryan Warrior, Ofeldt was no good.
- June 3, 2011 Correctional Officer Fikes - (working overtime infirmary) personally told [REDACTED] that people were going to get fucked for this one referring to 5/29/2011 unit 7. Fikes told [REDACTED] Correctional Assistant Jeffery Signor fed the house twice when the guy was dead. And Correctional Officers were called up to the cell but did not respond. [REDACTED] heard about Bingo from inmate law clerk, by the time he spoke with Fikes.

**Russ Fonoimoana - Re: Ely Trip**

**From:** Pam Del Porto  
**To:** Russ Fonoimoana  
**Date:** 7/28/2011 7:04 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Ely Trip  
**CC:** Rod Moore

Russ  
Obviously we have some research to do, but I also need you and I both to get some case stuff done.  
Let's review and decide how to proceed.

I have a meeting first thing this am w/ DAG so let's get together after

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>>> Harry Churchward 7/27/2011 8:57 PM >>>  
Okay, so here's the synopsis:

[redacted] was a D-Bag and basically didn't say anything - just wanted to see if he could get out of his [redacted] write-up.

Gave [redacted] your number, told him to call you collect. He wants to talk about at least some of the following:

He claims that the first week of May (well before Houser bit the dust) he knew about the planned murder, and that he'd sent a kite to [redacted] and feels the kite was ignored. He does not have a copy of the kite but states that ever since the murder, he's kept copies of everything he's sent.

He does talk about this being set up beforehand as a 'deal' between the skins and the A.W.s as sort of a peace offering, and that when it went wrong (the wrong guy was killed) that [redacted] started claiming there was no such truce, and telling everyone he was going to kill some A.W.'s when he gets out on parole. [redacted] claims [redacted] has been bragging about killing two A.W.'s already on the street, one named [redacted] (not sure on spelling.)

Then, randomly, CERT told me about inmate [redacted] wanting to talk to someone. [redacted] despite being validated as a [redacted] (he claims [redacted] wants to 'debrief.' Claims he has a lot of knowledge he can share as he was A) Best friends with [redacted] (who he says is a 'good guy' and just wants to do his time) and being celled up with [redacted]

He states [redacted] and he have bad blood because he told [redacted] he couldn't live with him anymore due to [redacted] being a f'n psycho. Now, he claims [redacted] is spreading some bad word about [redacted] claims [redacted] and [redacted] are crossing out their own people 'without any paperwork' and it's making him sick.

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I kept asking him what type of information he had and he kept saying, 'I don't know what you want, I don't know what you want...' I think he may have been stalling, but when he started talking, he ALSO talked about 'Bingo's Last Game.'

He states it started as a truce between skins and A.W.'s. He stated the price of the truce was, essentially, the life of Ofeldt. He claims that [redacted] and [redacted] approached several of their people to try to cell up with Ofeldt so that they could get him. Apparently, there was paperwork showing that Ofeldt was a snitch on the streets (and this paperwork still supposedly exists somewhere in the prison.) The paperwork doesn't refer to Ofeldt by his real name, but by his moniker on the streets which was supposedly 'Big Time.'

Apparently, it was known that Ofeldt had a shank in his room. Supposedly, [redacted] actually talked Ofeldt out of the knife (saying he needed it for something) and gave it to Bingo so Ofeldt could get hit with his own shank.

[redacted] stated nobody was surprised to know that someone got killed that day, but EVERYONE was surprised to find out who it was. He states Ofeldt kept getting messages to 'the guys' saying, 'Nice try.'

[redacted] says that [redacted] is likely to be crossed out. As an HRP, [redacted] is the AW message-boy, as he's moved from unit to unit regularly, he's able to pass out messages for the Dubs. However, supposedly, [redacted] and [redacted] are getting the feeling that [redacted] is trying to pit them against each other by purposely muddling the messages, and worked out a way to test him (he failed.) Supposedly, [redacted] is undergoing a 'legal process' to be removed from HRP and as soon as anyone can get to him, he's done.

Also, supposedly, someone going by [redacted] is also crossed out, due to possible information that the work he put in to get his position with the dubs was bogus. [redacted] is apparently saying he's done the research and the guy [redacted] hit to get in good with them was actually a stand-up guy. No idea bout that.

[redacted] wants transfer up north. If that can't happen, he'd like to be single-cell, because he's worried about what [redacted] might be saying about him and possible fall-out from it. Promised him nothing, told him not to be surprised if he doesn't hear from us.

I'm outta here!

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*"Respect for the truth comes close to being the basis for all morality." -- Frank Herbert*

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**From:** Russ Fonoimoana  
**To:** J Swetich  
**CC:** Erik Ortiz  
**Date:** 6/16/2011 3:59 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Houser moniker information  
**Attachments:** 1.1 Houser chrono entry.pdf

Our records show on 5/12/2011 Correctional Case Work Specialist-CCW Kay Weiss made a chronological entry update on 5/26/11 at 16:18:22 that Houser was "Clear to live with Ofedlt 81842". Inv. Ortiz and myself found written documents from both Houser and Ofedlt, prior to the event, requesting to live with each other. I will get them scanned and sent to you.

I suggest contacting Warden Baker (cell-775-293-3831) or Warden Brookes to point you in the right direction of how to get an interview of her.

Was the rumor you referred to coming from staff or inmates?

*who? JVC  
COSP. FC  
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E-11-11*

>>> J Swetich <swetich.wpcso@gmail.com> 6/16/2011 3:17 PM >>>

Thanks. I interviewed (attempted) [REDACTED] this morning. He didn't really want to talk to me, and then said he didn't know anything. Not a huge surprise. I did hear a rumor that Houser was moved into that cell with Ofedlt to "take care" of Ofedlt. Who would I talk with to see who made the decision to move Houser and why?

On Thu, Jun 16, 2011 at 2:32 PM, Russ Fonoimoana <rfonoimoana@doc.nv.gov> wrote:

Per your request earlier this week.

I have attached a PDF copy of Erik Houser's booking report which lists "Bingo" as one of his known monikers/aka's.

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## Russ Fonoimoana - intel

**From:** Cameron Horsley  
**To:** Russ Fonoimoana  
**Date:** 6/6/2011 7:44 AM  
**Subject:** intel

Russ,

Just wanted to get further info to you gathered last week. You may have most of it already but thought I'd shoot it your way just in case. I have gathered the following from different inmates all wanting to talk "off the record" I have their names but will refer to them as a CI for lack of a better description.

CI #1 - I told you about last week.

-Heard rumor that Ofeldt was no good...bad paperwork somewhere.

-Something big is coming down

-Waiting for word from Unit 1A from a HRP and runs with AW's. (My first thought here was [REDACTED] because he was there...but he's not HRP and he was on B wing. I was figuring they had there info wrong.) Later I got info from a C/O working U1 that talked with Pratt who is HRP on the 1A tier.

CI #2

Rumor their was paperwork on Ofeldt.

CI #3

Just an inmate I was escorting back from visiting later in the week. Was pumping me for info said he heard "Bingo" killed his celly.

As to the Officer in unit 1. He was approached by inmate [REDACTED] on the 1A tier. [REDACTED] began questioning him about what happened in unit 7. Officer offered no information but [REDACTED] asked if it was Ofeldt that went out in a body bag. Officer responded "No Ofedit is fine." At that response the officer reported that [REDACTED] was shocked.

My opinion? Ofeldt got word a hit was coming so he got his in first. Nothing court worthy or anything... but I haven't seen or heard anything that indicates Houser should have been a target.

**SC/O Cameron Horsley**  
**Ely State Prison**

**From:** Cameron Horsley  
**To:** Russ Fonoimoana  
**Date:** 5/31/2011 2:06 PM  
**Subject:** Intel

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Russ,

Just went back and talked to Inmate <sup>Russ</sup> [redacted] in the infirmary (the inmate that had intel on the [redacted] last week). He was housed on 7A until [redacted]. He says there was a buz all around the tier about something big coming down on the tier. Said the white boys were waiting on word from Unit One. (Inmate [redacted] was just moved from unit one to unit four last week) [redacted] claims that [redacted] and [redacted] ultimately made the call. (Don't know if I buy that.) But he also said he believes the order was a hit on inmate Ofeldt and things just went south for Houser during the attempt. Anyway, I wish I'd stopped to talk to him while he was hollering at me while you guys were here but I had no clue he was gonna throw that at me. If he was brought out and interviewed we might get a better picture. I was only able to talk to him briefly at the door. Talk to you later.

*Russ Fonoimoana*

**SC/O Cameron Horsley**  
**Ely State Prison**

█████ states that he was not surprised by the news, because he already knew something was going to happen due the kite.

- █████ said that in unit 7 the assigned Officers do not do there duties and inmates do not get supplies unless unit 7 is over staffed.
- C/O Mullins made comments to █████ about the incident, but was joking about it saying "its prison shit happens", Officer Mullins was not aware to inmate █████ had attempted to notify SRT.
- █████ believes Bingo had been dead since the night before because what Fikes told him and from what he heard from inmate █████ on the bus ride from Ely State Prison to █████ Correctional Center on June █████ 2011.
- On the bus transfer from ESP to █████ told him inmates were trying to send letters to a guy the street, to let him know to get a hold of Bingo's people , mom and tell her how long Bingo had been dead in the cell and what the circumstances were. So she could file laws against the State.
- █████ also said that "Big Time" called Correctional Assistant Teresa Ciciliano up to the cell door, and saw her panic to the point she needed to take her inhaler. Afterwards Ofeldt was escorted to the shower and was giggling and laughing about it.
- █████ said he heard "Big Time" yell to █████ "it's done, I already got him, it was either him or me and it wasn't going to be me".

█████ states that in unit 7 inmates use the vents in the cells as another way to communicate with each other by yelling into the vent, you can hear what people yell into the cell vents. And this would be how █████ would have heard what Ofeldt yelled out to █████

- █████ further said the Correctional Officers fed the cell couple times, that all the white boys in the unit knew of Houser, and that they (inmates) had been trying to get a hold of staff to go up to the cell.

Inmate █████ additional stated during this interview that inmate █████ and himself had come to an agreement to look out for each other, due to similar STG status (drop outs). █████ said that he had debriefed from █████ in California and while housed in unit 7 ESP, he received information regarding █████ attempt to debrief from █████ █████ said that some of the white inmates did not care for █████ especially inmate █████ due to █████ trying to debrief. White inmates would still Cadillac kites to him to pass from bottom to top tier in order to communicate with █████ Bingo, and Big Time.

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