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- There's two suicide incidences, I think that took place while I was down there. I didn't necessarily see them while I was on the block when it happened but you hear it over the radio. You hear everybody respond, there wasn't a successful suicide nor do I ever think there will be a successful suicide. When I was there, we were walking up and down the block every five minutes. You know, there's always somebody within 10 to 30 feet of a cell, you know and other detainees obviously aren't going to stand by and let their brother and, you know, commit suicide. If they see somebody trying to commit suicide they're gonna start screaming and shouting and yelling as soon as they do, we're going to respond. So I don't think a suicide can take place in Guantanamo. I know it's happened. I don't think it can be a suicide.

- You're saying that the five suicides of the government

- Claims to be suicides. I do not believe it would be suicides. I simply just can't fathom the possibility of a suicide taking place. There's entirely too many individuals. There's entirely too much monitoring going on. There's too much hands-on viewing of detainees all the time. They don't have privacy, even when they're in the shower, they're still being watched. So how, how could a suicide take place

- Didn't they put something over the windows so that the guard couldn't look in and give them enough time

- In a shower?

- No, in their cell.

- Negative, they would have nothing to put over their window. The biggest object they would have would be their towel. And at that, we would probably yell at them for putting that over their window. If we didn't have a clear view of them, then that would be something we'd obviously have to eradicate immediately.

- And do guards walk by the cells very frequently so that there's not enough time for.

- Diligent guards doing their job do and that was a good population of the guards. Sadly, unfortunately, the same individuals who were causing a lot of the trouble with the, within my unit were the individuals who wouldn't be doing that. But there still enough of us that, you know we were just either there because it was our job or if that was the attitude that we felt about it that was the attitude we had. There was those that were there who wanted to be there, there were those that were there who wanted to learn, you know, there's a number of different reasons and feelings that we had. But nonetheless, there was plenty of us that were always walking up and down the block. Sometimes there'd be two or three guards walking up and down the block. So there's simply no way that that could happen.