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CALLED AND TOLD MRS SABOW SHE 'HAD JUST HEARD SOMETHING ON THE NEWS ABOUT MRS SABOW SAID SHE DID NOT AND SHE REMEMBERED LOOKING AT HER WATCH TO SEE WANT TO BE RUDE TO THAT IT WAS ALREADY 0830, THE TIME WHEN MASS WAS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN. MRS. SABOW SAID SHE WANTED JIMMY TO GO TO MASS WITH HER, BUT HE TOLD HER NO, AND INSISTED SHE GO ANYWAY. MRS. SABOW SAID SHE REMEMBERED BEING IN A BIG HURRY WHEN SHE LEFT THE HOUSE, TRYING TO GET TO MASS. MRS. SABOW SAID JUST PRIOR TO GOING OUT THE DOOR, SHE HEARD JIMMY ANSWER THE TELEPHONE IN SOMEWHAT OF AN OFFICIAL VOICE. MRS. SABOW SAID SHE DID NOT KNOW WHO IT WAS THAT CALLED, BECAUSE SHE LEFT. MRS. SABOW SAID SHE DID NOT EVEN REALLY RECALL TELLING JIMMY GOODBYE. SABOW SAID SHE THOUGHT JIMMY MIGHT HAVE BELIEVED HE WAS GOING TO RECEIVE A CALL FROM WASHINGTON, DC, REGARDING HIS RELIEF, AND THAT IS WHY ME ANSWERED THE PHONE IN MORE OF AN OFFICIAL VOICE, BUT SHE REALLY HAD NO IDEA WHO MIGHT HAVE CALLED. MRS. SABOW SAID AFTER CHURCH, SHE STOPPED AND PICKED UP LAMB CHOPS FOR DINNER, AND MAILED SHOES TO HER SON IN ONE OF THOSE SHOPS WHERE YOU CAN MAIL LETTERS, SEND FAXES, ETC. MRS. SABOW SAID SHE CAME RIGHT BACK HOME, AND SHE THOUGHT IT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN MUCH LATER THAN 0930. MRS. SABOW SAID THE FRONT DOOR WAS NOT LOCKED (WHICH WAS GENERALLY THE WAY IT WAS KEPT), AND AS SHE CAME INTO THE HOUSE SHE HAD A FEELING OF TERROR. MRS. SABOW SAID AS SHE CAME THROUGH THE LIVING ROOM THE TELEVISION WAS ON MUTE (WHICH IS WHAT MY WOULD DO WITH THE TV IF HE WERE ONLY GOING TO BE GONE TO ANSWER DOOR, FEED THE DOGS, OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT). MRS. SABOW SAID SHE THREW THE LAMB CHOPS IN THE ICEBOX. SHE SAID SHE WAS CALLING OUT JIMMY'S NAME, AND AS SHE WALKED OUT TO THE BACK PATIO. SHE SAW THAT THE GARAGE DOOR WAS CLOSED. THE DOGS WERE LOCKED IN THE GARAGE, AND MRS. SABOW SAID AT FIRST SHE DID NOT LOOK IN THE DIRECTION WHERE SHE FOUND JIMMY'S BODY. MRS. SABOW SAID SHE COULD NOT RECALL EVERYTHING SHE DID AFTER SEEING JIMMY'S BODY, BUT SHE SAID SHE KNEW WHEN SHE SAW HIM, THAT HE WAS DEAD. MRS. SABOW-SAID SHE COULD NOT REMEMBER IF THE GUN WAS STILL IN JIMMY'S MOUTH OR NOT, BUT SHE SAID SHE DID NOT MOVE HIM. MRS. SABOW SAID SHE TOUCHED JIMMY'S FACE, KISSED HIM, AND FELT A LUMP ON THE BACK OF HIS HEAD. MRS. SABOW SAID THE BACK OF JIMMY'S HEAD WAS WARM. SHE SAID HIS HEAD WAS SWOLLEN AND HIS HANDS WERE SWOLLEN. MRS SABOW SAID SHE SAW BLOOD RUNNING FROM JIMMY'S EAR. AND THOUGHT OF CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR). BUT KNEW HE WAS ALREADY GONE. MRS. SABOW DALL SHE HALL LITTO THE HOUSE, KNOCKING OFF A SHELF NEAR THE BACK DOOR AS SHE ENTERED. SHE SAID SHE RAN SCREAMING NEXT DOOR TO THE HOUSE AND TOLD THEM WHAT HAPPENED. MRS. SABOW SAID GRABBED HIS HEAD AND ALSO STARTED SCREAMING. HE THEN WENT THROUGH HIS BACK DOOR AND THE GATE BETWEEN THE TWO BACKYARDS TO LOOK AT JIMMY FOR HIMSELF. MRS. SABOW WAITED WITH RETURNED AND CALLED FOR HELP.

MRS. SABOW SAID SHE NEVER THOUGHT WHEN SHE CONSIDERED GOING OFF EWHERE, THAT JIMMY WOULD CONSIDER COMMITTING SUICIDE. SHE SAID SHE

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WORRIED THAT HE WOULD BE LONELY, BUT THE THOUGHT OF SUICIDE NEVER ENTERED HER MIND. MRS. SABOW SAID HAD SHE KNOWN, SUICIDE MIGHT HAVE EVEN BEEN A REMOTE POSSIBILITY, SHE WOULD HAVE NEVER LEFT HIM ALONE TO ATTEND CHURCH THAT MORNING. MRS. SABOW SAID SHE DID NOT FIND A NOTE FROM JIMMY. SHE SAID SHE DID NOT BELIEVE SHE WOULD EVER FIND A NOTE, BECAUSE ANYTHING THAT NEEDED TO BE SAID BETWEEN THEM, HAD BEEN SAID. MRS. SABOW SAID THEY EACH KNEW HOW MUCH THEY WERE LOVED BY THE OTHER. SHE SAID THEY HAD "EVERYTHING" AND THEY OFTEN TOLD EACH OTHER HOW LUCKY THEY WERE. MRS. SABOW SAID SHE THINKS JIMMY JUST SNAPPED. SHE SAID SHE DID NOT BELIEVE HE WAS IN THE FRAME OF MIND TO WRITE A NOTE, AND IF HE HAD, HE WOULD HAVE JUST BEEN IN MORE AGONY. MRS. SABOW SAID JIMMY DIED FOR THEM (MEANING THEIR FAMILY). HE DID NOT WANT TO PLACE ANY SHAME ON HIS FAMILY, AND MAYBE SOMEHOW BELIEVED THIS WAS HIS ONLY WAY OUT.

MRS SABOW WAS VERY DISTURBED OVER THE WAY HER HUSBAND HAD BEEN TREATED BY THE U.S. MARINE CORPS. MRS SABOW FELT BGEN HAD DONE WRONG BY RELIEVING HER HUSBAND OF DUTY, BASED ON THE ALLEGATIONS OF MISUSE OF AIRCRAFT. FURTHERMORE, MRS SABOW SAID SHE KNEW OF OTHER CASES WHERE MARINE PILOTS HAD ALSO MISUSED THEIR POWER AND THE GOVERNMENT AIRCRAFT, AND SHE WANTED TO SEE THOSE MARINES ALSO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS. MRS SABOW SAID EVEN

MRS SABOW ALSO CALLED ATTENTION

MRS SABOW ADDED, DURING THE TIME WAS LIVING WITH HAD GONE IN TO THE LOCAL ETHAN ALLEN STORE AND ORDERED SOME FURNITURE. MRS SABOW SAID SHE KNEW THIS BECAUSE A SALESPERSON IN THE ETHAN ALLEN STORE FOLD HER

HAD BEEN IN AND PLACED AN ORDER FOR FURNITURE. MRS SABOW SAID SHE DID NOT BOTHER TO CORRECT THE SALESPERSON TO TELL HIM THAT __ BUT MRS SABOW WAS DISDAINED THAT . HAD PRESENTED HERSELF AS PRIOR TO BEING MARRIED TO.

MRS SABOW SAID THE BASE HAD DECLINED SINCE TOOK CONTROL, AS OPPOSED TO WHEN

MRS SABOW SAID WAS AN HONORABLE, MORAL MAN. AND SHE BELIEVED IF HE HAD STILL BEEN IN CHARGE OF MCAS EL TORO, NONE OF THIS WOULD HAVE EVER HAPPENED.

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