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INVESTIGATION FIELD REPORT

LOCATION INFORMATION

Location Name	Address
Eastern State Penitentiary	2124 Fairmount Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19130
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# Sub-Locations: _____ 7 _____ (Rooms, Floors, External) Complete 1 Activities and Reports Section per Sub Location	Investigators Mark Bylancik _____ John Bylancik _____ Brian Sandt – NJGSH _____ Jason Cummings _____ Jesse Sarnoff – ESP Guide _____ _____ _____

DATE
<u>Nov 10-11 2007</u>
TIME
<u>10:00 pm – 2:00 am</u>
<u>Arrived</u>
<u>9:45 pm</u>
<u>Begin Investigation:</u>
<u>10:20 pm</u>
<u>Ended Investigation:</u>
<u>2:15 am</u>
<u>Departed:</u>
<u>2:45 am</u>

ENVIROMENTAL INFORMATION

Weather Conditions

General: Partly Cloudy at sunset, external temp. 47 degrees F. at 9:30 pm. Source: KYW-AM 1060 Radio

Wind Speed/Direction _____ SE 2-10mph_ Cloud Cover ___High Scattered_____ Temp ___47 F___ 24 hr. Precip

Lunar Cycle _____ 4 % Waxing : Source: www.calculatorcat.com/moon_phases/phasenow.php KYW-AM 1060

Environmental Conditions: (Internal and External – incl. grounds or bldg condition, unusual construction, variances between sub-locations, etc. Note *ANYTHING* that seems unusual or out of place and anything that could relate to the claims of paranormal activity.

Bldg condition well published as a “preserved ruin”. Gravel and debris underfoot on interior spaces. Many walls open to the outside or up to the sky. Urban setting with moderate traffic directly on all 4 sides of the grounds. Largely empty spaces, prone to echo. Property available consists of spaces both established for public access and those generally restricted.

**Reported Paranormal Activity:**

The belief that ESP is haunted began with one major paranormal episode reported occurred to a locksmith doing restoration work in Cell Block #4. According to the report, locksmith Gary Johnson was changing the locks on the exterior of CB 4 when the prison was being converted into a tourist attraction. While working with one of the old locks, he saw several ghosts and felt a cold hand reaching into his body. Johnson said he was almost certain that the ghosts were going to kill him. (source: ESP).

Visitors have also seen the ghost of Joseph Taylor. Taylor bludgeoned an overseer named Michael Duran to death in 1884. After the horrific crime, Taylor calmly reentered his cell and went to sleep. Some people believe Taylor's ghost still roams the prison's dilapidated hallowed halls. (source: public accounts - retold by Discovery Channel 2004)

Troy Taylor of PrarieGhosts.com retells the stories as follows:

Over the years, volunteers and visitors alike have had some pretty strange experiences in the prison. In Cell Block 12, several independent witnesses have reported the hollow and distant sound of laughter echoing in certain cells. No source can ever be discovered for the noises. Others have reported the presence of shadowy apparitions in the cells and the hallways, as though prisoners from the past can find no escape from this inhuman place. Several volunteers believe that they have seen these ghostly figures in the "six block", while others have seen them darting across corridors and vanishing into rooms. Eastern State's Death Row has also been the scene of strange encounters and chilling visitations by the same shadowy figures encountered by others.

A locksmith named Gary Johnson was performing some routine restoration work one day when he had his own odd encounter. "I had this feeling that I was being watched," he recalled, "but I turned and I'm looking down the block and there's nobody there. A couple of seconds later and I get the same feeling... I'm really being watched! I turn around and I look down the block and shooom.... this black shadow just leaped across the block!" Johnson still refers to the prison as a "giant haunted house."

Angel Riugra, who has also worked in the prison, agrees. "You feel kinda jittery walking around because you feel something there, but when you turn around, you don't see anything," he said. "It's kinda weird, it's spooky"



Equipment Employed:

X	SONY DIGITAL HANDICAM MODEL ZR500
X	SHARP ANALOG VIEWCAM MODEL VL H80
X	FLIP WEB VIDEO CAMERA
X	OLYMPUS DIGITAL AUDIO RECORDER MODEL WS100 Unit 1
X	OLYMPUS DIGITAL AUDIO RECORDER MODEL WS100 Unit 2
	ZOOM MIC SIMA MZM-1 FOR OLYMPUS
X	DIGITAL CAMERA NIKON COOLPIX 4200
X	LUTRON IR THERMOMETER TM939
X	LUTRON FIELD TESTER W/ PROBE EMF-827
	CEM DT-805 AUDIOMETER
	OPTIVIEW H264 4-CHANNEL REAL-TIME DVR
	OPTIVIEW-ELITE COLOR WPROOF IR VARIFOCAL 4-9MM BULLET CAMERA SONY 550LNS 18 IR LED 12V CAMERA 1 START TIME _____ END TIME _____
	OPTIVIEW-ELITE COLOR WPROOF IR VARIFOCAL 4-9MM BULLET CAMERA SONY 550LNS 18 IR LED 12V CAMERA 2 START TIME _____ END TIME _____
	OPTIVIEW-ELITE COLOR WPROOF IR VARIFOCAL 4-9MM BULLET CAMERA SONY 550LNS 18 IR LED 12V CAMERA 3 START TIME _____ END TIME _____
	OPTIVIEW-ELITE COLOR WPROOF IR VARIFOCAL 4-9MM BULLET CAMERA SONY 550LNS 18 IR LED 12V CAMERA 4 START TIME _____ END TIME _____
	GEMINI UF2064L PROFESSIONAL UHF PLL DUEL WIRELESS 64 CHANNEL AUDIO SYSTEM
	GEMINI LAVALIER HI GAIN CONDENSER MIC UNIT 1 START TIME _____ END TIME _____
	GEMINI LAVALIER HI GAIN CONDENSER MIC UNIT 2 START TIME _____ END TIME _____
X	APPLE POWERBOOK G4 OS/X 10.3.9 RUNNING AUDACITY 1.2.6



SUB LOCATION Research Observations
Use one page per Sub-Location

SUB Location Name
All Toured Cellblocks 1,2,4,7,12,13,15

Investigation Time Start / Stop
10:00 pm – 2:30 AM

Investigators Entire Party

Sensations – Observations – Personal Experiences Note the TIME:
Noise (Crash) in CB 4 heard by all trainees ~11:00 PM
Banging heard in CB 2, determined to be museum sign rocking 2:15 AM

EMF levels were taken at various points throughout the tour. EMF levels never registered above background. Due to teams' constant movement, no steady, longer readings were possible.

Temperature anomalies: Background temperature readings were taken in several cellblocks and outside CB 4 where the locksmith experience occurred. Nothing above / below base levels between 44 and 47 degrees F.

EVP and Video Recording: Duration & Notes

Digital voice recorders were placed in the shower room on CB 12 3rd fl. And in CD 7, last cell on the left (tunnel cell). These recorded a total of 3.45 hours of audio. Nothing anomalous was revealed in analysis.

DV: Several anomalous sounds were recorded by the Sony DV and are attached to this report in the NJGHS submission. A single EVP was captured by the FLIP in CB 12, center cell, right side, 3rd floor. This is attached in the report to NJGHS.

Explanation - Debunking Notes

The noise observed in CB 4 was attempted to be debunked by comparing it to a banging cell door. While these noises were similar, review of the tapes revealed that the recorded noise was most like the museum sign's metal base rocking on the cement floor. This test was captured on video. Since there was no one near the sign, it could not have been bumped, although the cellblock is open to the outside through open windows on the end of the block, and wind could have been responsible, although none was observed by any of the party.

Nothing similar to the CB 12 EVP was heard or visible during audio analysis of that FLIP video clip.