

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of entry 04/23/2021

On April 15, 2021, [redacted] date of birth (DOB) [redacted] [redacted] cellular telephone number [redacted] home address [redacted] [redacted] was interviewed by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) Special Agents (SA) [redacted] and [redacted] at [redacted] home address. Also present for the interview was [redacted] After being advised of the identities of the interviewers, and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] met ASHLI BABBITT in [redacted] [redacted] and BABBITT [redacted] BABBITT and [redacted] In 2008, BABBITT transitioned to the Air Force Reserve at SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE but continued to serve on active duty orders. In 2009, [redacted] and BABBITT [redacted] where BABBITT continued to serve out the remainder of her career in either the Reserves of Air National Guard at ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE. At one point BABBITT transitioned Military Occupational Specialties to serve as a mechanic, but ultimately returned to Security Forces. According to [redacted] BABBITT was excellent at her job and [redacted]

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BABBITT deployed several times throughout her service. In 2005, BABBITT deployed to MANAS AIR BASE in Kyrgyzstan. In 2006, BABBITT was deployed to CAMP BUCCA in southern Iraq which served as a Theater Internment Facility. In approximately 2012-2014, BABBITT deployed to the United Arab Emirates. BABBITT did not suffer any physical or mental injuries stemming from her deployments and [redacted] [redacted] While stationed in Alaska, BABBITT did suffer from a torn meniscus which had occurred while she was previously stationed in Texas. While deployed to CAMP BUCCA, BABBITT did fly to CAMP ARIFJAN in Kuwait [redacted]

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[redacted] characterized BABBITT as very outgoing, opinionated, loud, very intelligent, loyal, sweet, very loving and caring. At times, BABBITT was not a fan of her chain of command and made her views known. BABBITT was a leader rather than a follower and liked being her own boss. Consequently, she was happy running her pool company in California. BABBITT loved her family and loved her country.

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[redacted] remained in communication with BABBITT [redacted]

[redacted] was unaware of BABBITT's plans to attend the "Stop the Steal" rally in Washington D.C. [redacted] had sent her a text message on January 6th, unaware of her presence at the rally, [redacted]

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[redacted] was in [redacted] that day and heard that a woman had been shot, unaware that it was BABBITT.

[redacted] judged that BABBITT likely recognized that entering the Capitol was unauthorized and knew the risk. In that situation, [redacted] assessed that BABBITT followed the crowd and felt secure being amongst like-minded individuals. [redacted] judged that her leadership nature may have taken hold when she attempted to enter a new room within the Capitol where she was shot. [redacted] judged that she likely did not know the risk of passing through the window. BABBITT would never "go after someone physically" according to [redacted]

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[redacted] was not aware of BABBITT's political views as she was not political [redacted] did know that BABBITT had voted for President Obama. [redacted] did not know if BABBITT belonged to any political groups or organizations. [redacted] was frustrated by media portrayals of BABBITT as being associated with white nationalists, which was not accurate. While [redacted] was not familiar with BABBITT's recent political views, he judged that [redacted] telephone number [redacted] who had known BABBITT since [redacted]

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[redacted] might have better knowledge of her views or frame of mind at the time.