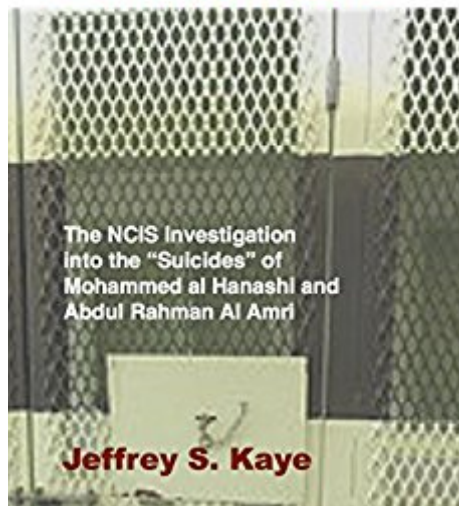


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# Cover-up At Guantanamo: The NCIS Investigation Into The "Suicides" Of Mohammed Al Hanashi And Abdul Rahman Al Amri

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## Synopsis

Guantanamo has forged a place in the world's consciousness as synonymous with torture. The world's largest military force exerted its power over hundreds of prisoners held for years without rights or hope. Deep within the prison's secretive recesses, over the years some of its prisoners met with death, most supposedly via suicide. But the circumstances of these deaths were shrouded in mystery and government censorship. Based upon newly released Freedom of Information Act documents, psychologist Jeffrey Kaye's new book shows that earlier reports of cover-up in the case of three so-called suicides in 2006 extends to subsequent deaths in the Cuba-based U.S. interrogation and detention camp. "Cover-up at Guantanamo" is a riveting, in-depth examination of the deaths of two detainees, Mohammed Al Hanashi and Abdul Rahman Al Amri, who died in 2007 and 2009, respectively. Using never-before-seen reports from government investigators, eyewitness testimony, and medical and autopsy records, including documents recently released by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS), the formal investigation into the deaths of these Guantanamo prisoners is revealed as rife with problems. Revealed also for the first time is the suicide note and "last testament" of Mohammed Al Hanashi, who tells us he wanted to end his life because of the treatment he received at Guantanamo, including in its special Behavioral Health Unit for mentally ill prisoners. Among the explosive details revealed in this book is the fact government agents themselves, most likely from NCIS, the very agency charged with investigating the deaths, interfered with the gathering of evidence, ordering the shutdown of Guantanamo's computer database of prison activities within minutes of one detainee's death. Even worse, after the FOIA for this material was filed, the computer logs suddenly went missing! That is only the beginning of the story, as Kaye's investigation shows material evidence was thrown out in the trash, prisoners who were intensely mentally ill were provided with material to kill themselves, and medical personnel turned their backs on detainee complaints of torture. The book also expands on the mysterious use of the antimalarial drug mefloquine for possible reasons of interrogation. In addition, the book reviews details of the death of another detainee, Adnan Latif, and adds new revelations concerning the deaths of the three detainees who died in 2006. As we can see from other government documents, we likely do not know how many prisoners have even died at Guantanamo. What we learn from the stories in this book is that its contents are not about only one or two government cover-ups, but about the secretive way the Pentagon and intelligence agencies go about their business. Covering-up is not just a term describing an instance of government malfeasance or crime, but the main operational mode of a military and intelligence apparatus that is out of control. This is a story that the mainstream press would not touch. Jeffrey Kaye spent over

four years gathering the material for this book. It is a crucial document in the history of our times, a period when our country lost its way in the so-called "war on terror" and engaged in torture and the evils of indefinite detention. This is the story of how a few individuals were crushed under the coercive regime at Guantanamo, but the humanity of these individuals is rescued in the telling of the tragic but real stories of their deaths.

## **Book Information**

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A must-read. Author Jeff Kaye is one of a small number of investigative journalists who continue to document " and make discoveries about " the torture of " war on terror " detainees. Despite the massive secrecy that renders FOIA documents black with redactions and gaps in the narrative, he uncovers evidence of the severe abuse of detainees alleged to have committed suicide in 2009 (Mohammed Saleh Al Hanashi) and in 2015 (Abdul Rahman Al Amri). Dr. Kaye's experience as a psychologist who has treated torture survivors proves invaluable for uncovering the signs of medical malpractice that appear to have contributed to the deaths of Al Hanashi and Al Amri. He also documents compelling parallels between the violations of procedure and forensic investigation

associated with the deaths of these men and the highly-contested "suicides" of other detainees. An extraordinary amount of damning information, including eye-witness testimony, wasn't enough to start a credible government investigation into the "suicides" of three detainees one night in 2006. In 2012 Dr. Kaye reported on his Al Hanashi/Al Amri investigation to the UN Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, but so far nothing has come of this or his communications with the Department of Defense. With Cover-up at Guantanamo, the evidence of abuse-gone-lethal mounts. Will it be enough to spur credible investigations into these alleged suicides and bury the official story that detainee torture ended years ago? Martha Davis, Ph.D. Director, Doctors of the Dark Side and Expert Witness: Health Professionals on the Frontline Against Torture

Jeff Kaye has borne witness to a sad chapter in our military's medical history. Painstakingly and tenaciously researched, his book provides a forensic accounting of the unethical care provided to Guantánamo detainees. This research must be considered a definitive reference for scholars in the field.

Dr. Kaye does a marvelous job of conveying his experience of interviewing victims in terms that are both psychologically sophisticated and warmly human. People we prefer not to think about are brought to life and their suffering is made real. With this and a wide collection of data, Kaye makes the case compellingly that our government tortured people who had never been convicted or even tried and that this savage practice continues. A must read for people who believe in their country when right and seek to make it right when wrong.

Vague "details" abound in this Political hatchet job. The far left folks will love it as it GooseSteps to the DrumBeat of Political Correctness from page 1 to the grand finale'.

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