

ESCAPE LOG #1 - THE DRAVEN INQUIRY

This is Charles Draven, Operations Analyst at Site-17. I've been tasked by site administration, as per protocol pursuant to ongoing Ethics Committee's investigations, to do an inquiry as to nature, cause, and procedural faultlines associated with SCP-953's recent containment breach. This report, upon its completion, will be sent to the United Front Ethics Review Board for follow-up.

The following is an excerpt of the inquiry, detailing the initial recovery attempt of SCP-953 and failure of said attempt by the assembled initial response team.

31 Approximately 10 minutes after the containment breach alert and reports of Assistant Director Elliot Goode's proximity to the breached anomaly, a response team consisting of 14 security officers and 4 medical personnel were dispatched to assist the assistant director and subdue SCP-953.

32 Due to standing orders for a non-lethal recovery, the 14 agents had limited access to lethal arms. Their equipment consisted mainly of specialty riot control equipment and stun weaponry designed to momentarily incapacitate targets so they may be surrounded and further restrained, reminiscent of snatch squad riot control tactics. As such, the majority of the agents had at most a sidearm pistol, and those who did were not actively carrying it in favor of non-lethal equipment.

33 The four adequately-armed members of the team carried FN P90s and were placed at the rear of the attack formation. Sergeant Dawson, the most senior member of the team, was equipped with a RTRS-50 rig and launcher. This weapon is designed to launch reinforced steel harpoons attached via steel wire cable into the body of a target, forcing them to surrender or become further restrained. Sergeant Dawson was to catch SCP-953 and reel the wire back into the response team, who would secure it.

34 At 1:30 AM, the response team arrived at the cell. It is important to note that the team did not know the contents of SCP-953's cell before going inside. The cameras inside the cell were inoperative, destroyed by SCP-953. Additionally, due to the ongoing breach condition, the emergency shutter had descended over the observation room which blocked further camera access.

35 Bodycam footage recovered from the team as they open the cell door shows Goode's corpse in the center of the room, alongside another version of Goode sitting against the wall with heavy injuries in his legs and abdomen. It can be assumed that SCP-953 had unknowingly already begun psionically affecting the team at this point, as they did not notice the corpse in the room.

36 The team began interacting with the version of Goode against the wall, unaware that this version was truly a polymorphed SCP-953. Using Director Goode's voice, SCP-953 began admonishing the team for not coming sooner, claiming that shortly after his arrival in its cell, SCP-953 had incapacitated him so he couldn't move, shifted into his shape, and left the room -- effectively replacing him in the site.

37 The response team lead told SCP-953 they hadn't received any reports of Goode outside the cell following the containment breach alert. SCP-953 insisted that the anomaly must have morphed into a different form upon leaving, and requested medical assistance. Two security officers approached SCP-953 and assisted it to leave the room, despite protocol calling for thorough treatment by medical staff before moving an injured individual. This breach in protocol may also be attributed to SCP-953's psionic interference, or else assumed uncharacteristic negligence.

38 Outside the cell, response team leaders called into the dispatch garrison, asking if they had seen Assistant Director Goode leave the cell. Supervisor Brummett responded, telling team leaders that Section J2V3's security footage has a Level 4 clearance requirement only accessible to the Chief of Security. Investigations post-incident revealed this is part of the new United Front procedure, and security staff were not effectively briefed on how it would be implemented in the occurrence of a containment breach.

39 Simultaneously, medical staff were attempting to move SCP-953 onto a stretcher when a security officer suddenly became agitated and started demanding proof that the individual they were assisting was indeed Goode, and not the breached anomaly.

40 SCP-953 then grabbed the necks of the two nearby officers. SCP-953 began to glow a bright white color and proceeded to violently explode into a blinding flash of light, smoke, and psionic energy as the previous disguise of Goode disappeared. All 18 members of the response team became disoriented and severely blinded by the blast.

41 SCP-953, in a humanoid form, ripped out the necks of the two agents as it sent out the blast, resulting in asphyxiation. Immediately after, while the response team was still stunned, SCP-953 ran through the unit towards its rear agents. While running, SCP-953 clawed out the neck of Sergeant Dawson, incapacitating her. Both Dawson and the two nearby agents died of their injuries before medical staff could assist them.

42 It is obvious to me that SCP-953 chose to kill Sergeant Dawson first because it knew of the RTRS-50's capability to restrain it more than any other of the squad's equipment. I recommend a full reassessment of the uniform and armor deployed with RTRS-50 units in the future to avoid such weak points, as they are such high value targets.

43 Upon reaching the backline of the response team, SCP-953 lunged forward onto Officer Fredrickson, knocking him to the ground. SCP-953 dug its claw into his upper stomach and raked upwards, terminating him. SCP-953 then grabbed the officer's FN P90 and stood up.

44 SCP-953 held down the trigger, firing at the response team in wide sweeps. Seven response team members are hit and incapacitated by the gunfire. Analysis of combined footage concludes roughly 3/4 of the ten remaining security staff were still dazed by the psionic blast, particularly those concentrated near the cell door.

45 By the time SCP-953 began to fire, three members of the response team had reoriented themselves and attempted to take cover inside of the cell. One other officer, having pulled out her sidearm, managed to shoot SCP-953 once in the shoulder to negligible effect other than skewing its aim before she succumbed to returning fire from SCP-953. When comparing the personnel files of all team members, these four officers had the highest CRV ratings among the response team.

46 SCP-953 dropped its weapon, identifying the three officers in the cell doorway. One officer on its left side and two on the right. It rushed the door, fully impaling the officer with its claw and arm, resulting in death by hemorrhaging. One of the remaining two officers rushed SCP-953 and stuck an active cattle prod at max voltage into its back.

47 SCP-953 howled and turned around, striking and incapacitating the agent. The final response team security member shot SCP-953 two times with his sidearm, again to negligible effect. SCP-953 lunged at the final team member, grabbing and pushing his weapon hand to the side before disemboweling him. SCP-953 took possession of the fallen final agent's sidearm.

48 SCP-953 exited the cell with the sidearm. It identified two members of the response team's medical staff, who had not been killed in the earlier gunfire, attempting to flee despite one having an injured leg. SCP-953 shot each staff member in the back once. They both collapsed.

49 SCP-953 briefly examined the injured response team on the ground. It then began to systematically dead-check each fallen agent and shoot any survivors in the head. SCP-953 continued to fire until the magazine was empty, specifically targeting those with direct communication to the dispatch garrison.

50 Had the team leads remained alive after SCP-953 left the scene, they could have informed site security as to its whereabouts. Presuming the speed and accuracy at which SCP-953 targeted these people proves this an intentional act, further analysis on SCP-953's latent telepathic abilities should be considered to circumvent this outcome in

any future breach of containment.

51 SCP-953 dropped the sidearm and walked towards one of the dead officers at the edge of the group. It crouched down and touched it, emanating some psionic energy. Later anecdotes by security personnel confirm that in this moment, SCP-953 was disguising the corpse of the officer as a corpse of itself instead. SCP-953 then morphed into the form of a medical staffer from the response team, and departed.

52 The act of disguising one of the bodies as its corpse lulled further recovery teams into a false sense of security, as they believed that SCP-953 had been killed. Several minutes later, as a security officer was doing a headcount of the response team, he noticed the absence of the 18th member.

53 The realization of the missing member broke the illusion, and the SCP-953 corpse was discovered to be fake. However, this took five minutes to occur, leaving SCP-953 to roam the Humanoid Containment Wing unabated for that period of time. This, alongside further actions taken by SCP-953 to cause confusion among site security, allowed it to eventually gain access to [REDACTED].

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