



**FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
DIVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT**



SWORN WRITTEN STATEMENT

Date and time statement received: 1/14/18 @ 6:15pm Case number: SWFW18OFF000614
 Location where statement was given: 4348 Harbor Pointe Dr., Port Richey, FL
 Name of person giving statement: Matthew J. Anton
 DL#: [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED]
 Address of person giving statement: [REDACTED]
 Home Phone #: — Work Phone #: — Cell Phone #: —

STATEMENT

I was located mid-ship on the bottom deck. I was sitting near my brother (John J. Anton) and Austin Decker and Johnny Anton. My brother and Johnny, Austin, and myself went up to second deck. We noticed smoke exiting the rear of the boat. Other customers were yelling toward the crew at the front of the boat that there was smoke. The crew instructed all customers to move to the second deck. Smoke began to engulf the ship. Smoke changed from a greyish color to a darker brownish-black and I began hearing popping sounds from the engine area. Smoke rose from starboard side, then flames rose above the second deck from starboard side. A crewmember

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I have read this statement and initialed all corrections. I fully understand its entire contents and solemnly swear (or affirm) that it is true and correct.

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]

Signature of Person Giving Statement

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to (or affirmed) before me, a law enforcement officer authorized to administer oaths pursuant to Florida Statute 117.10.

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]

Signature of Officer

[REDACTED NAME]

Name of Officer (Print)

Statement:

told customers to move to the bow of the boat. By this time it was approximately 4:10pm or so. The crew began telling people to get off the boat. I was stuck further back, people were hanging off side/bow entering water. It was complete chaos, flames were completely engulfing the ship. I jumped off the port side between the flames. I made it to shore. People were helping get everyone out of the water. There was a lot of mud and muck trying to get to shore.

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SWORN WRITTEN STATEMENT

Date and time statement received: 01/14/18 18:00 Case number: 0614

Location where statement was given: Michael Loren Bratten

Name of person giving statement: Michael Loren Bratten

DL#: [REDACTED] DOB: 2/10/80

Address of person giving statement: [REDACTED]

Home Phone #: [REDACTED] Work Phone #: [REDACTED] Cell Phone #: [REDACTED]

STATEMENT

Departing the catter River I noticed my Port Motor starting to get warm - approx 200^{of}. I shifted Motor to neutral for it to cool down. The Engine Room quickly filled with smoke, (I could see on my cameras) I instructed a deckhand to check it out. He informed me of fire. I quickly ran the boat aground & Abandon ship.

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[REDACTED]
Signature of Officer

[REDACTED]
Name of Officer (Print)



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SWORN WRITTEN STATEMENT

Date and time statement received: 14 JAN 2017 / 1800L Case number: FWSW140FF000614

Location where statement was given: 4348 HARBORPOINT DR PORT RICKEY, FL 34668

Name of person giving statement: DAVID H SCROGGINS

DL#: [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED]

Address of person giving statement: [REDACTED]

Home Phone #: [REDACTED] Work Phone #: [REDACTED] Cell Phone #: [REDACTED]

STATEMENT

~~SHORTLY AFTER~~ THE BOAT DEPARTED THE DOCK, THE BOAT TURNED ABOUT 10 MINUTES AFTER AROUND AND HEADED BACK TO ~~STATE~~ THE DOCK. SHORTLY AFTER, SMOKE STARTED AT THE BACK OF THE BOAT. A DECK HAND TOLD EVERYONE TO GET TO THE TOP DECK. AS ~~THE~~ SEVERAL MINUTES LATER THE SMOKE INTENSIFIED. A DECK HAND DIRECTED EVERYONE TO THE FRONT OF THE BOAT AS THE BOAT HEADED TO THE HARBOR SMOKE. WHEN THE BOAT RAN AROUND, PASSENGERS JUMPED INTO THE WATER. ~~AND~~ LOCAL RESIDENTS WERE HELPING US OUT OF THE WATER. AS MOST PAX MADE IT OUT OF THE WATER, EMERGENCY PERSONAL SHOWED UP AND DIRECTED THE RESCUE

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[REDACTED SIGNATURE]

Signature of Person Giving Statement

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]

Signature of Officer

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[REDACTED NAME]

Name of Officer (Print)