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THE CARIBBEAN FANTASY THAT : DCA16FM052
  
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INTERVIEW OF: FRANKLIN VICIOSO

Monday,
  
August 22, 2016

Engineering Building
  
Sector San Juan

BEFORE

MICHAEL KARR, NTSC
  
CARRIE BELL, NTSC
  
[REDACTED] USCG
  
LT [REDACTED] [REDACTED] USCG
  
ANDRES PICO RAMIREZ, PI Club
  
ALFREDO RODRIGUEZ, USCG
  
JOUGE F. BLASINI, P&I Club

APPEARANCES :

On Behalf of American Cruise:

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(9:27 a.m.)

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3 MR. KARR: This is Mike Karr of the National  
4 Transportation Safety Board. It's August 22nd, 2016,  
5 at 0927. We are in the engineering conference room at  
6 Sector San Juan to conduct interviews in the matter of  
7 the Caribbean Fantasy fire.

8 And what I'd like is everyone at the table  
9 to introduce themselves. And we'll start to my left.

10 MS. BELL: Carrie Bell, NTSC.

11 MR. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] United States Coast  
12 Guard.

13 MR. VICIOSO: Franklin Vicioso, (foreign  
14 language spoken) Caribbean Fantasy and (foreign  
15 language spoken) housekeeping.

16 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Alfredo Rodriguez, Prevention  
17 Marine Inspector.

18 MR. KARR: All right, thank you. Franklin,  
19 is it okay if we record our interview today?

20 MR. VICIOSO: Yes, sir. No problem.

21 MR. KARR: Thank you very much. All right.  
22 And I'd like to begin by asking [REDACTED] if you would.

23 MR. [REDACTED] What I would like for you to  
24 explain to me is your experience beginning with when  
25 you took command of your life raft.

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1 MR. VICIOSO: He was saying that the only  
2 thing he had was the radio to ask any questions, to see  
3 when he had orders to release the life rafts.

4 MR. [REDACTED] So his -- all right, let me go  
5 back. I need to know exactly what are his duties when  
6 the general emergency alarm rings?

7 MR. VICIOSO: He is saying that before the  
8 alarm went off, he had no type of communication  
9 (phonetic). But when the alarm goes off, he went to  
10 his station. And from there, he was in command of that  
11 life raft.

12 MR. [REDACTED] So where is his station?

13 MR. VICIOSO: On the port side, he said.

14 MR. [REDACTED] So when the general emergency  
15 alarm rings, and I need him to clarify this, he said  
16 port side. So he goes to the port side MES, goes down  
17 the slide, onto the platform, and then into a raft?  
18 That's all a question.

19 MR. VICIOSO: Okay. He said no to what is  
20 your question.

21 MR. [REDACTED] Okay. You know what I --  
22 (Simultaneous speaking)

23 MR. KARR: This is Mike Karr. Let's ask him  
24 to tell his story, ask him when would you --

25 MR. [REDACTED] Here's what I'm going to do. And

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1 I apologize for interrupting. I'm going to pass to  
2 you. I need to know what your safety number is on the  
3 station bill, emergency number, safety number.

4 MR. VICIOSO: He's looking for his card to  
5 see which one it is. **Eighty-eight.**

6 MR. [REDACTED] Eighty-eight?

7 MR. VICIOSO: He thinks it's 88.

8 MR. [REDACTED] He think's it 88?

9 MR. VICIOSO: He says he's not really sure,  
10 but he thinks it's 88. How do you want this to be?

11 MR. KARR: What I'd like to do is describe,  
12 I'd like him to tell a story beginning at when he  
13 understood that people were to go to muster station, so  
14 how he learned about it. And I'd like him to tell a  
15 story. And if it's best, you know, maybe after every  
16 one or two sentences, you translate. That'd be good.

17 MR. VICIOSO: So every morning from 7:00 to  
18 7:30 they meet at the boat, to the stevedore workload  
19 for the ship. So right after the meeting, they went  
20 down to take down the pets.

21 He said 15 minutes before the pilot comes  
22 into port, they come down and to bring down the pets.  
23 At that particular point, when they were bringing down  
24 the pets, that's when Mr. Schyler (phonetic) came on.

25 He's saying that when him and his buddy were

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1 bringing down the pets, that he was in Garage B at the  
2 particular point. So when they left the pets, and they  
3 went up in the elevator, that's when they noticed the  
4 smoke. It was coming from the port side.

5 So when he saw the smoke he told his co-  
6 worker to get the CO2 fire extinguishers to see if they  
7 can go ahead and start working on the fire. At that  
8 particular time, the staff came down. And some other  
9 person that was down in Garage B, some other person  
10 came up.

11 So at that particular time, him and his  
12 buddy went around and gathered four fire extinguishers.  
13 So when they got close to where the fire was, they  
14 didn't see fire, but they see the smoke.

15 When they noticed that the fire was in  
16 Garage A, so at that particular time when Schyler goes  
17 off, that was not his position to go, his job to do.  
18 So he's saying that when Schyler went off, it was not  
19 his job. It was the jobs of the firemen to start doing  
20 their job, and him went up to the fifth floor. He went  
21 up to the fifth floor.

22 So when he got to the fifth floor, he  
23 remembered the two dogs that they had taken down. So  
24 they went down using the stairs, because they knew they  
25 couldn't take the elevator. So when they get down, the

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1 smoke was intense. But they got to get the two dogs.

2           So they took the two pets from Garage B to  
3 inside -- so they took them from Garage B -- they  
4 stayed in Garage B, but they closed the doors next to  
5 the elevators. So at that particular time, the smoke  
6 was hurting his eyes and his breathing. So at that  
7 particular time, he locked the two pets, and then he  
8 went up running to the fifth floor.

9           So because they couldn't combat the fire,  
10 they decided to sound the alarm, the general alarm.  
11 And that's when they gave the order abandon ship. So  
12 at that particular time, that's when he has to go to  
13 his position. That is where the life rafts are, where  
14 the 20P life rafts are. That's his position. He's on  
15 the port side.

16           At that particular time, they launched the  
17 first life raft. So he's saying that from the port  
18 side they couldn't bring the people out because of the  
19 waves were hitting the vessel. They decided to move it  
20 somewhere else. And they decided to go to the  
21 starboard side to release the life rafts.

22           So because, even though the starboard side  
23 was not his position, there was nobody else, only the  
24 staff captain was there. So he decided to go and help  
25 on the starboard side.

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1           The first life raft didn't open. So when  
2 they start pulling on the line to release the life  
3 raft, it didn't do nothing. But the line snapped. The  
4 second one didn't open either.

5           Then the next life raft, he has to manually  
6 release them, because the automatic system that they  
7 had didn't work. After they released eight or nine  
8 life rafts, all of were down in the bottom, and none of  
9 them were open.

10           So once they were down, they started pulling  
11 on the line to open them, but two others, the line  
12 snapped. I'm sorry, he said that one of them opened.  
13 So all of the life rafts that were already down, only  
14 four did open. So once those four life boats were  
15 open, some of the passengers were already in panic.  
16 Because the smoke was very thick.

17           So as he looks down, that he saw the four  
18 life rafts open, so in the bottom were the life rafts  
19 were there was nobody to assist. So he goes around  
20 where they've got the MES. And there, there was the  
21 staff captain and the safety officer.

22           So the safety officer asked him, he can go  
23 down to the MES to assist, because the person that was  
24 supposed to be there wasn't there. Because there was  
25 nobody down there. He said he agreed to that, and they

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1 gave him the okay. So he got some burn skids  
2 (phonetic) when he went down.

3 So once he reached the bottom, he started  
4 bringing in the life rafts. He was alone. Then  
5 another friend or co-worker came down. His name was  
6 Marcos (phonetic). They were pulling the life raft.  
7 So they were pulling the life raft, the staff was  
8 telling people -- wanted the people to go down the  
9 chute, MES.

10 When they sent the first person, so when  
11 they sent the first person, it was big heavy guy. So  
12 when he goes down he hits, he broke his ankle. So he  
13 says that he left his co-worker pulling the life rafts.  
14 So he first went to post, so he went to assist the  
15 gentleman that has the broken ankle. And he's saying  
16 that his ankle was, like, dangling. So he stood there  
17 giving encouragement him that he's going to be okay.

18 He's saying that the gentleman was about 300  
19 pounds. So he started to see he can move the person,  
20 because he was half -- So as he was coming down, the  
21 gentleman didn't quite get all the way down. So he  
22 went up to bring -- because the ship wasn't all the way  
23 inflated. So it was, like, what do you call the word?

24 MS. BELL: Bent?

25 MR. VICIOSO: Yes, bent. So when the man

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1 came down, he hit his ankle and broke his ankle. Then  
2 he brought him all the way down, and they continue  
3 sending people down.

4 So because the shoe was twisted, as people  
5 were coming down, they had, like, a curve. And people,  
6 as soon as they hit that curve they started stumbling  
7 and hurting themselves. Because he, when he went down,  
8 that happened to him. So there were, like, 23 people  
9 already down.

10 So at that particular point, when he saw the  
11 23 people, he decided to start putting people in the  
12 life rafts. So he had 41 people in there for a 50  
13 person life raft. So because the people, the 41 people  
14 that were onboard the life rafts, started panicking, he  
15 decided not to -- because they were panicking because  
16 they thought they were going to, the life raft was  
17 going to sink because of the amount of people. So he  
18 decided not to put any more passengers inside that life  
19 raft.

20 He was going to send the life raft with his  
21 co-worker, Marcos. So he is going to send Marcos to  
22 the life raft, but since Marcos was already tired by  
23 pulling the life raft, and because Marcos is a big  
24 fellow, about 300 pound fellow, plus he got hurt coming  
25 down the chute too, so another co-worker, Jose Luis

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1 (phonetic), came down to help.

2           Once they had all the persons onboard, 41  
3 people, so he's saying that when they had the 41 people  
4 onboard, he took a look at Marcos. And he noticed that  
5 Marcos had, his lips were like yellowish and dry. And  
6 he was feeling weak. And he was throwing up.

7           So at that particular time, when the other  
8 person was there, and they had the other life raft  
9 near, he decided to join the 41 people on the life  
10 raft. So he decided to get in the life raft with 41  
11 people. But he saw Marcos being sick, plus he saw  
12 children and a pregnant woman in that life raft.

13           So he spoke to his co-worker. He decided  
14 that he's going to -- he told his co-worker that he was  
15 going to get into the life raft with the 41 people. He  
16 mentioned to the other person that he has to stay to  
17 help with the other life raft, plus the man that was,  
18 ankle was broken, he was not onboard.

19           MR. KARR: Alfredo, tell him he's doing a  
20 great job of telling the story.

21           MR. VICIOSO: Okay.

22           MS. BELL: Sorry, one question. You said  
23 the heavy guy with the broken ankle was not on the life  
24 raft?

25           MR. VICIOSO: So the person that had the

1 broken ankle, they decide to put him in that first,  
2 where the 41 people were, because they had children and  
3 pregnant woman. And he decided, the Coast Guard, he  
4 asked the Coast Guard for help, he said the Coast Guard  
5 boat, in order to help that gentleman to get into the  
6 life raft. And the Coast Guard said they couldn't do  
7 it, because there was a lot of weight. Because when  
8 they got close, they banged into the ship.

9           So once that happened, he got into the life  
10 raft. At that particular point, he left his co-worker,  
11 Jose Luis, so they put the injured man into the --

12           (Simultaneous speaking)

13           MR. VICIOSO: -- because the passengers  
14 helped them put the gentleman in the life raft. So he  
15 left with the 41 people, with Marcos. So once they got  
16 in, the waves were taking the raft out. So at that  
17 particular point, when the life raft was being taken by  
18 the wave, he believed that Coast Guard was the one that  
19 rescued them from the life raft.

20           So inside the life raft, he's saying that  
21 there was a lot of people seasick. His co-worker,  
22 Marcos, was also sick. And he was the only person  
23 rendering help.

24           So he went and distributed water to all the  
25 people onboard, because they were asking for water,

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1 because they were thirsty. Once he gave them water, so  
2 they started thanking him, because they were saying  
3 that they thought they were going to die.

4 So once they get rescued onto the boat,  
5 that's when he started getting seasick and started  
6 throwing up.

7 So from there, on that boat or ship, they  
8 started taking people, six by six, to smaller vessels.  
9 So from there they got transferred to another boat, to  
10 a tug boat. And then they're going to the pier. And  
11 that's the story.

12 MR. KARR: Very good.

13 MR. VICIOSO: So he was the last one coming  
14 out of the life raft. And his co-worker said to him  
15 good job. Marcos.

16 MR. KARR: Marcos. Good. What I'm going to  
17 do is I'm going to ask follow-up questions from the  
18 story we've heard. And then I'd like you guys to come  
19 in with any follow-up questions. And then separately,  
20 we'll go into any other areas you want to do. But  
21 let's focus on filling in any blanks from the story  
22 that we just heard.

23 Where were you when you said that the smoke  
24 was hurting your eyes, and it was difficult to breathe?

25 MR. VICIOSO: In Garage B.

1 MR. KARR: Pardon me?

2 MR. VICIOSO: Garage B.

3 MR. KARR: Can he give a better -- port,  
4 starboard, forward, aft, midship?

5 MR. VICIOSO: Forward three, where he went  
6 to take the pets. So he said that he was in Garage B,  
7 third floor. So he was on the right side, and the  
8 smoke was coming from the left side. And the smoke was  
9 just taking over.

10 MR. KARR: You mentioned passengers  
11 panicking when the smoke was thick. So describe the  
12 behavior of the passengers.

13 MR. VICIOSO: So he was saying the passenger  
14 was asking questions, what's happening, what's  
15 happening? Some of them was asking what's happening,  
16 what's happening? Take me out of here. And then some  
17 others were just nice and calm. There was people with  
18 handicaps that were very desperate. So he's saying  
19 that those handicapped people were brought first to the  
20 boats.

21 MR. KARR: And who brought the handicapped  
22 people to the boats?

23 MR. VICIOSO: He said that he doesn't know  
24 who brought them down. But he knows that they got  
25 assisted by the medical when they were up waiting. But

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1 he doesn't know who brought them down.

2 MR. KARR: And how many handicapped people  
3 were in wheelchairs?

4 MR. VICIOSO: He doesn't know. But he's  
5 saying that he did not see anyone in wheelchairs. What  
6 he saw was people, because of the smoke they were,  
7 like, dizzy and big, heavy size people.

8 MR. KARR: How many people were in that  
9 handicapped group that he saw, estimate?

10 MR. VICIOSO: He said that, well, he saw, he  
11 thinks not exactly, but three.

12 MR. KARR: How far up the slide did you have  
13 to go to retrieve the guy that broke his ankle?

14 MR. VICIOSO: He said he was looking at  
15 images.

16 MR. KARR: Oh, my goodness. You got images?

17 MR. VICIOSO: He's looking at --

18 MR. KARR: I didn't even think about that.

19 MR. VICIOSO: He's saying right here, you  
20 say where this --

21 MR. KARR: Oh, my gosh.

22 MR. VICIOSO: So that's where he went to  
23 pick up the guy that broke his ankle.

24 MR. KARR: Franklin, tell Franklin, we'd  
25 like to borrow his cell phone. You know, say that in a

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1 nice way. Franklin, may I have copies of those  
2 photographs?

3 MR. VICIOSO: It's okay.

4 MR. KARR: Thanks. Thank you, Franklin.  
5 That's great. Just the ship.

6 (Laughter)

7 MR. VICIOSO: Okay, no problem.

8 MR. KARR: Pause the recorder at 10:08.

9 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went  
10 off the record at 10:08 a.m. and resumed at 10:35 p.m.)

11 MR. KARR: And it's 10:35. We're back on  
12 the recorder.

13 MR. [REDACTED] This is [REDACTED] [REDACTED] with the  
14 United States Coast Guard. I just want to put on the  
15 record that I have received seven photos and two videos  
16 from our current interview with the Housekeeper,  
17 correct?

18 MR. VICIOSO: Yes.

19 MR. [REDACTED] Do we have your permission to use  
20 those pictures and videos in our official reports and  
21 in the investigation?

22 MR. VICIOSO: Okay. No problem. Yes.

23 MR. [REDACTED] Thank you.

24 MR. KARR: And does he mind if we give him  
25 photo credit? You know, it'll say picture. And it'll

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1 have his name.

2 MR. VICIOSO: Okay. Yes, and where?

3 MR. KARR: Yes, and where? The NTSC will  
4 publish a report that describes the accident. And we  
5 may use your photos.

6 MR. VICIOSO: Okay.

7 MR. KARR: And if we use your photos, we'll  
8 give you credit for it.

9 MR. VICIOSO: Okay.

10 MR. KARR: Just like in a newspaper.

11 MR. [REDACTED] And the same would also apply for  
12 the Coast Guard as well.

13 MR. VICIOSO: Okay.

14 MR. KARR: How many children do you think  
15 were in your life raft?

16 MR. VICIOSO: Like, 15.

17 MR. KARR: And how many pregnant women do  
18 you think were in your life raft?

19 MR. VICIOSO: One.

20 MR. KARR: Describe in detail how you were  
21 able to pull the rafts to the platform.

22 MR. VICIOSO: With his co-worker, Marcos,  
23 between the two they were pulling. And once they got  
24 close, when they were pulling, and the life raft was  
25 closed and not there yet, they sent the first

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1 gentleman, the one that broke his ankle, down the  
2 chute.

3 MR. KARR: When you pulled in the life  
4 rafts, was the life raft inflated or still in the  
5 canister?

6 MR. VICIOSO: It was inflated. So he's  
7 saying that the life boat was inflated, but one of the  
8 Coast Guard boats did push, because it was very hard to  
9 pull it in by himself.

10 MR. KARR: The line that you pulled, was it  
11 attached to the platform?

12 MR. VICIOSO: The tied it up. Like, the  
13 first and the second one, to the first and second life  
14 raft. They were the ones that tied it to the platform.

15 MR. KARR: How did you get the line? How  
16 did you put your hands on the line? For instance --  
17 Alfredo?

18 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes?

19 MR. KARR: You know, like, I'm imagining.  
20 Where was the line, and what did they have to do to get  
21 the line?

22 MR. VICIOSO: He's saying that they were  
23 attached to the platform. And what he did, he reached  
24 and pulled. So he's saying that once they got in close  
25 to the platform, that's when they tied it up so it

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1 wouldn't move away.

2 MR. KARR: So they weren't tied up to the  
3 platform?

4 MR. VICIOSO: They were tied into the  
5 platform, he's saying. But once they got closer, in  
6 order to not give him slack, for the life raft to go  
7 away from the boat, he did decide to tie it up.

8 MR. KARR: All right. Did anyone try to fix  
9 the slide?

10 MR. VICIOSO: No one.

11 MR. KARR: So when you left, when you got  
12 into the raft, the slide was still in the same shape  
13 that it was.

14 MR. VICIOSO: He said when he was there,  
15 nobody fixed it. When he got into the boat, he doesn't  
16 know.

17 MR. KARR: Were you talking with anyone on  
18 the ship when you were down on the platform?

19 MR. VICIOSO: He said that he had a radio,  
20 he was communicating with the staff and the safety  
21 officer.

22 MR. KARR: On what channel?

23 MR. VICIOSO: 06.

24 MR. KARR: So can you tell --

25 MR. VICIOSO: He said once he got down the

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1 chute, got to the platform, he didn't have a lot of  
2 communications. Because he was busy pulling the life  
3 raft. He said that he communicated to the people  
4 upstairs to please not to send people down until he got  
5 the life raft ready.

6 MR. KARR: Did they comply?

7 MR. VICIOSO: No, they didn't comply. They  
8 were sending people.

9 MR. KARR: And how many people were on the  
10 slide at the same time?

11 MR. VICIOSO: One by one.

12 MR. KARR: One by one. One on each side?

13 MR. VICIOSO: No. He says that just one by  
14 one.

15 MR. KARR: Okay. Describe the radio  
16 communications you had as you were leaving? Describe  
17 your radio communications you had when you decided to  
18 leave the platform and get into the raft?

19 MR. VICIOSO: So he's saying that he was  
20 helping the guy that had broke his foot. He was  
21 pulling, and his antennae got caught and broke.

22 MR. KARR: His what got broke?

23 MR. VICIOSO: His antennae, the radio  
24 antennae.

25 MR. KARR: Okay.

1 MR. VICIOSO: So from there he didn't have  
2 no more communication.

3 MR. KARR: Did anyone else on the platform  
4 have a radio?

5 MR. VICIOSO: Just him. He's saying that he  
6 thinks that he's the only one, because Marcos had  
7 borrowed his radio to communicate that to please not  
8 send no more people in the urgency matter.

9 MR. KARR: How many people were left on the  
10 platform after you got in the life raft? Excuse me,  
11 how many people that were helping the passengers were  
12 left on the platform when you left?

13 MR. VICIOSO: Just one, from the crew. So  
14 he's saying that once he got into the life raft that he  
15 looked. It was one, Jose Luis, that's the name he  
16 mentioned, and another crew member. That was two.

17 MR. KARR: Okay. So while he's on -- did  
18 anyone talk to him about sending down a raft commander  
19 for the rafts that were there?

20 MR. VICIOSO: He doesn't understand the  
21 question.

22 MR. KARR: Oh. What raft were you  
23 designated to command?

24 MR. VICIOSO: He doesn't remember.

25 MR. KARR: Pardon?

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1 MR. VICIOSO: He doesn't remember.

2 MR. KARR: Doesn't remember. Okay. So  
3 that's what -- so the question is someone was assigned  
4 to that raft. Someone was assigned to command the raft  
5 that you got into.

6 MR. VICIOSO: He said he doesn't know who  
7 was -- he said that he doesn't know who was in charge  
8 of the life raft. So he's saying that the only thing  
9 he did was follow instructions either from the safety  
10 officer or staff captain when they told him the number  
11 of the life raft he was supposed to release. But there  
12 was nobody down there. So he's saying they only can  
13 open four from the top.

14 MR. KARR: Say that again?

15 MR. VICIOSO: They only can open four from  
16 the top.

17 MR. KARR: What other instructions does he  
18 recall getting once he was on the platform? What other  
19 instructions did he receive from the staff captain or  
20 the safety officer?

21 MR. VICIOSO: The only thing that they were  
22 sending people down.

23 MR. KARR: Did anyone advise you, did anyone  
24 tell you when it was time for you to get into the life  
25 raft and leave?

1 MR. VICIOSO: So, no, he didn't get no  
2 instructions. So he's saying that the other person  
3 that came down, they wanted to leave Marcos and the  
4 children that were in the life raft.

5 MR. KARR: I will now pass it -- who would  
6 like to go next?

7 MS. BELL: You can go.

8 MR. [REDACTED] If you don't mind, I'll go next.

9 MR. KARR: All right.

10 MR. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] with the United States  
11 Coast Guard. Excuse me one moment. So just to  
12 clarify, you and Marcos, Marco -

13 MR. VICIOSO: Marcos.

14 MR. [REDACTED] Marcos. -- you and Marcos  
15 boarded the raft with the 41 passengers.

16 MR. VICIOSO: Yes.

17 MR. [REDACTED] And were you and Marcos the only  
18 two members of the crew from the Caribbean Fantasy in  
19 the life raft?

20 MR. VICIOSO: He's saying there was another  
21 crew member, but he doesn't know his name. And he was  
22 wearing a jacket. He said he was one of the new crew  
23 members. He was one of the first to go down, one of  
24 the first to get in. And he said he didn't notice that  
25 he did something to help.

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1           MR. [REDACTED] When you and Marcos boarded the  
2 life raft, did you guys have a conversation about who  
3 was going to be the commander of that raft, who was  
4 going to assume responsibility as the leader of that  
5 raft?

6           MR. VICIOSO: He said that Marcos asked him  
7 to take control, because Marcos didn't have no energy.

8           MR. [REDACTED] Okay.

9           MR. VICIOSO: He was just laying down.

10          MR. [REDACTED] Okay. So at that point, you  
11 assumed command of that life raft?

12          MR. VICIOSO: Yes. So he says that once  
13 they got to the port, to the pier, that Marcos came and  
14 hugged him and said that he did a good job doing that.

15          MR. [REDACTED] I agree. And I wasn't even  
16 there. I just want to clarify something. You had told  
17 the safety officer, or the staff captain, or both, via  
18 radio, don't send any more people while you were  
19 preparing the raft to board?

20          MR. VICIOSO: He's saying that they got  
21 tired of telling them not to send people, because they  
22 were trying to help the person that got his ankle  
23 broken, they were sending people through the other  
24 side.

25          MR. [REDACTED] How many times do you think you

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1 told the staff captain or the safety officer don't send  
2 any more people, before you just said I'm not going to  
3 ask anymore, because they're not complying?

4 MR. VICIOSO: He said too many times, the  
5 radio, the signals, and yelling. And then Marcos had  
6 taken his radio, and also in a mad fashion, saying that  
7 to stop sending people down.

8 MR. [REDACTED] How did the antennae break on the  
9 radio?

10 MR. VICIOSO: He said that when he was  
11 helping the gentleman, that he was kneeling, apparently  
12 got caught. And the guy was too heavy. So apparently  
13 he, you know, the antennae got caught, and it snapped.

14 He said at one point his radio got loose,  
15 and he was looking, and he saw it dangling down there.  
16 And he was looking, he wondered if that was his radio.  
17 And that's the way, you know, at that particular time,  
18 he could bring the men down.

19 MR. [REDACTED] And the radio, that was the means  
20 of communication that the ship used to communicate  
21 between the platform and the ship? Was that how they  
22 were trained to communicate between the two?

23 MR. VICIOSO: Yes.

24 MR. [REDACTED] Okay, thank you.

25 MR. [REDACTED] If he doesn't mind, I'd like to

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1 go back to the fire now.

2 MR. VICIOSO: Okay.

3 MR. [REDACTED] When you were in Garage B on the  
4 third floor, and you said smoke was coming from the  
5 port side to the starboard, could you see where the  
6 smoke was coming from?

7 MR. VICIOSO: He's saying yes, he saw it.

8 MR. [REDACTED] Was it coming from a fire screen  
9 door, a weather-tight door, a water-tight door?

10 MR. RODRIGUEZ: That's a hard one to  
11 translate.

12 MR. [REDACTED] That's okay.

13 (Off the record comments)

14 MR. VICIOSO: He's saying from one of the  
15 doors.

16 MR. [REDACTED] So it was coming from a door?

17 MR. VICIOSO: From a door.

18 MR. [REDACTED] How many doors are there in that  
19 vicinity that the smoke could have possibly been coming  
20 from?

21 MR. VICIOSO: Just one.

22 MR. [REDACTED] Just one, okay. That was the  
23 only question I had about the fire. But I wanted to  
24 get that out of the way.

25 Now I'd like to go back to the beginning

1 when you reported to the rafts before they were  
2 released off the ship. Where was it that you initially  
3 reported to release the -- I'm sorry, after you left  
4 the port side and you went to the starboard side, where  
5 were those rafts released from, what deck?

6 MR. VICIOSO: Seventh floor.

7 MR. [REDACTED] Deck 7. And how many rafts total  
8 did you release from the ship into the water?

9 MR. VICIOSO: He let loose two.

10 MR. [REDACTED] He lowers two, with the pumps?

11 MR. VICIOSO: Manually.

12 MR. [REDACTED] Can he explain what manually  
13 means?

14 MR. VICIOSO: It has a pin, and it has a  
15 little, a rope.

16 MR. [REDACTED] So the pumps failed, they did not  
17 work?

18 MR. VICIOSO: No, they didn't work.

19 MR. [REDACTED] Okay. So he released two rafts.  
20 How many other rafts were at that station? More than  
21 five, more than ten?

22 Actually, I have a better question. Is  
23 there more than one location on the ship where rafts  
24 are stored? Or are the rafts only stored on Deck 7?

25 MR. VICIOSO: He's saying that on that side,

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1 only was 12.

2 MR. [REDACTED] Okay. So he released two. And  
3 then the staff kept and released the other, the  
4 remaining rafts?

5 MR. VICIOSO: Is not what happened. One  
6 moment, please. Okay, okay, okay, okay, okay, okay.  
7 He's saying that he let loose two. And the staff  
8 captain was trying to manually release the others. So  
9 he went to help. But he didn't let loose none of them.

10 MR. [REDACTED] Does he know who released the  
11 other rafts?

12 MR. VICIOSO: He said that he saw that the  
13 staff captain did release some.

14 MR. [REDACTED] Okay. Was he able to release  
15 them with the pumps, or did he have to do them manually  
16 like you did?

17 MR. VICIOSO: With the system. So only the  
18 two that he released was the ones that they did  
19 manually. He's saying two or three.

20 MR. [REDACTED] Two or three, okay. When you  
21 tried to inflate the first two rafts, and when you  
22 pulled, and you said the painter broke, the rope  
23 snapped, it broke, were you on Deck 7 when you were  
24 making that attempt to inflate the rafts?

25 MR. VICIOSO: Yes.

1 MR. [REDACTED] Do you remember what color the  
2 rope was that you were pulling on that broke?

3 MR. VICIOSO: Red. So at the time when they  
4 pulled out the red line, they noticed that that opened  
5 the life rafts. That's when they knew that they can  
6 open the rest of them by pulling on the red line.

7 MR. [REDACTED] I guess I'm confused. So the  
8 first two rafts, when they were pulling, and they  
9 broke, were they not pulling on the red line? Were  
10 they pulling on a different colored line? And then  
11 later they realized they were pulling on the wrong  
12 line?

13 MR. VICIOSO: So when they were pulling on  
14 the first one, they were pulling, and it broke. But it  
15 wasn't a red line.

16 MR. [REDACTED] Okay. And that was on the first  
17 raft and the second, or only the first?

18 MR. VICIOSO: The first one.

19 MR. [REDACTED] Just the first one. And then  
20 after the first one, they realized they were pulling  
21 the wrong line?

22 MR. VICIOSO: So that's when they -- in the  
23 second one they were pulling on the red.

24 MR. [REDACTED] Does he remember, the first raft  
25 that he pulled, what color that line was? It would

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1 have been white and what other color, white and yellow,  
2 white and blue, white and red?

3 MR. VICIOSO: The first one?

4 MR. [REDACTED] Yes, the first one that broke?

5 MR. VICIOSO: White, just white. He's  
6 saying if you be able to go to the ship, you're going  
7 to see the white broken lines.

8 MR. [REDACTED] Okay.

9 MR. VICIOSO: He said that they are there in  
10 the boat, because when he, you know, he brought the  
11 lines up and just put them right there. So he said  
12 that when he was at the platform, another one broke.  
13 And they just pulled it out.

14 MR. [REDACTED] The line that he was pulling on  
15 the platform that broke, was that also red? Or was  
16 that white?

17 MR. VICIOSO: When Marcos and him was  
18 pulling, they thought they were pulling the life raft  
19 that was already inflated. So they thought they were  
20 pulling the life raft that was inflated, but when they  
21 saw, they were pulling the life raft that was in a  
22 canister. And when they were pulling, the line  
23 snapped.

24 MR. [REDACTED] And was that line red or white?

25 MR. VICIOSO: White.

1 MR. [REDACTED] So when the raft was fully  
2 inflated, it was very difficult to pull in. But the  
3 rafts that were in the container were very easy to pull  
4 in. Is that correct?

5 (Off the record comments)

6 MR. [REDACTED] You need to say it the other way?

7 MALE PARTICIPANT: Yes.

8 MR. [REDACTED] Okay.

9 MR. RODRIGUEZ: No, go ahead. Say the  
10 question again. So --

11 MR. [REDACTED] No, no, no, that's okay. The  
12 raft that was already inflated was very, very  
13 difficult. Was the raft that was inflated very  
14 difficult to pull in compared to the raft that was not  
15 inflated?

16 MR. VICIOSO: So he's saying that the one  
17 that was not inflated was not difficult, because the  
18 line broke.

19 MR. [REDACTED] Okay.

20 MR. VICIOSO: The inflated one, it did cause  
21 them to -- a lot of energy pulling.

22 MR. [REDACTED] And that was him and Marcos?

23 MR. VICIOSO: So he doesn't remember quite  
24 well if he got assisted from one of the Coast Guard.

25 MR. [REDACTED] Do you understand the difference

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1 between a child and an infant?

2 MR. VICIOSO: He's saying that the infant is  
3 a baby.

4 MR. [REDACTED] Baby, that's correct. You had 15  
5 children in your life raft, a guesstimate, or a guess.

6 MR. VICIOSO: So maybe it's 12 to 14 guess.

7 MR. [REDACTED] Okay. But no infants and no  
8 small children?

9 MR. VICIOSO: He's saying that all those  
10 were in Boat Number 3. He's saying three or two.  
11 That's where the infants were. He's saying that where  
12 other babies were, they were in the life raft with a  
13 70-person capacity.

14 MR. KARR: Life raft?

15 MR. [REDACTED] The life boats?

16 MR. VICIOSO: The life boat.

17 MR. [REDACTED] That's a boat. Okay, that's all  
18 I have. Thank you.

19 MS. BELL: I just have a few questions.

20 MR. VICIOSO: Okay.

21 MS. BELL: When did you first, oh, I'm  
22 sorry, Carrie Bell, NTSC. How long have you worked on  
23 Caribbean Fantasy?

24 MR. VICIOSO: About three years, from 2013,  
25 July 16th. He's saying July 16th.

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1 MS. BELL: 2013?

2 MR. VICIOSO: Yes.

3 MS. BELL: Okay. And do you remember  
4 getting familiarization training?

5 MR. VICIOSO: Yes, we did.

6 MS. BELL: Do you have to get it every time  
7 you sign on with a new contract?

8 MR. VICIOSO: Yes, every time he signs a new  
9 contract, he had to go around the boat, they would ask  
10 questions, and he knew the answer to the questions they  
11 asked maybe okay.

12 MS. BELL: Okay. Have you had the same job  
13 duties for emergency for awhile?

14 MR. VICIOSO: For the past contracts.

15 MS. BELL: Okay.

16 MR. VICIOSO: So his job for the first  
17 couple of contracts was to, he had 20 cabins that he,  
18 in case an emergency, we lead the people out.

19 MS. BELL: Okay. Before, not this time?

20 MR. VICIOSO: Before. Not on this contract.

21 MS. BELL: You're a life raft commander now.

22 MR. VICIOSO: Yes.

23 MS. BELL: Would you say you're comfortable  
24 with the duties that you are to perform in an  
25 emergency?

1 MR. VICIOSO: He says yes. And whatever  
2 they assign him, he knows how to do.

3 MS. BELL: Okay. So did you have to  
4 complete proficiency training in survival craft.

5 MR. VICIOSO: Days before, they took the  
6 crew up on the main deck, Deck 7, they got the crew,  
7 and they gave training on life raft.

8 MS. BELL: Can you describe that training?

9 MR. VICIOSO: So once they all were  
10 gathered, they showed them how to open a life raft.

11 MS. BELL: So they -- go ahead. Is that it?

12 (No audible response)

13 MS. BELL: So you physically opened a life  
14 raft two days before on the seventh deck?

15 MR. VICIOSO: So they did open a 25 person  
16 manually, on the seven deck.

17 MS. BELL: Was that different from the life  
18 raft you opened on the day of the emergency?

19 MR. VICIOSO: It was different because it  
20 was less capacity with a smaller life raft. And they  
21 opened it just to show them what the life raft is like.

22 MS. BELL: Who did the training?

23 MR. VICIOSO: The staff captain. The staff  
24 captain, safety officer, just them.

25 MS. BELL: Okay. Did they explain that the

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1 51 capacity life rafts were different to open?

2 MR. VICIOSO: Yes. He's saying that -- he  
3 said there was not different. He said it was not  
4 different, the only thing, the capacity. But it was  
5 the same manner of releasing the life raft.

6 MS. BELL: So why was there --

7 MR. KARR: That's correct.

8 MS. BELL: So why was there confusion on  
9 opening the life rafts on the day of the emergency if  
10 it was the same?

11 MR. VICIOSO: They wouldn't open.

12 MS. BELL: Okay. It was just difficult to  
13 open.

14 MR. VICIOSO: He said they tried, but they  
15 didn't want to open.

16 MR. KARR: Push pause a second.

17 MS. BELL: Okay. So what I'm trying to  
18 understand is you said that you weren't sure which line  
19 to pull. Originally, you said you were pulling the  
20 wrong color line at first.

21 MR. VICIOSO: So he's saying that the way  
22 that it's set, you've got life rafts, one right next to  
23 each other. So he's saying that the first ones, you  
24 know, they were white, the line was white. And then as  
25 he continued in the back, there were in red color.

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1 MS. BELL: So they were the same as the one  
2 that you were trained on two days before though, in  
3 terms of which line to pull?

4 MR. VICIOSO: I'm not sure.

5 MS. BELL: Okay. What else did you train on  
6 the day that you trained on how to open the raft?

7 MR. VICIOSO: He said that the training they  
8 got, how to open the life raft, where's the food, and  
9 where was the knife to cut the line. Okay, they opened  
10 the bag where they have the flares. So we, you know,  
11 we saw the water, the food.

12 MS. BELL: Was that helpful on the day of  
13 the fire?

14 MR. VICIOSO: Yes.

15 MS. BELL: Is this the first time you've had  
16 that training?

17 MR. VICIOSO: Yes.

18 MS. BELL: Good timing.

19 MR. VICIOSO: Yes.

20 MS. BELL: Have you had training in crisis  
21 management?

22 MR. VICIOSO: Yes, he has.

23 MS. BELL: Do you remember when?

24 MR. VICIOSO: So when he started working he  
25 had to sign certificates. But once he started working,

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1 they gave him training in crowd control, first aid. I  
2 remember there's four.

3 MS. BELL: Crisis management?

4 MR. VICIOSO: Yes.

5 MS. BELL: No? Yes?

6 MR. [REDACTED] Fire fighting, and personal  
7 safety, and social responsibilities.

8 MR. VICIOSO: Yes. He said that he doesn't  
9 understand social responsibility.

10 MS. BELL: Thank you. That's all I have.

11 MR. KARR: How many other injuries did you  
12 observe?

13 MR. VICIOSO: He says a few. As they were  
14 going down, they were -- I guess he's saying they would  
15 burn, because it was too thick, too heavy.

16 MR. KARR: The people?

17 MR. VICIOSO: He said the material.

18 MR. KARR: The material?

19 MR. VICIOSO: He said they were getting  
20 burned, like rubber burned.

21 MR. KARR: Any other, besides that one  
22 fracture and the burns, any other injuries?

23 MR. VICIOSO: No. That's it.

24 MR. KARR: And what was the worst burn  
25 anyone had?

1 MR. VICIOSO: There was a lady, a dark-  
2 colored woman that her side was all white.

3 MR. KARR: Was it bleeding?

4 MR. VICIOSO: No.

5 MR. KARR: But was skin missing? Oh, yes, I  
6 guess if it was -

7 MR. VICIOSO: Yes, he's saying yes, because  
8 she was dark colored, and that was all white.

9 MR. KARR: All right, yes. Thanks. About  
10 how much skin was missing?

11 MR. VICIOSO: He said about, around like  
12 this and back here.

13 MR. KARR: All right. So he's describing an  
14 oval shape around the elbow of about maybe five or six  
15 inches, you know, four to six inches and then also  
16 towards the shoulder area, the same thing.

17 MR. VICIOSO: Not so much that amount.

18 MR. KARR: Oh, okay.

19 MR. VICIOSO: And on both sides. And on her  
20 right, like, I mean by the knee.

21 MR. KARR: And by the knee. The same lady?

22 MR. VICIOSO: Yes. He said that a lot of  
23 people suffered the same thing.

24 MR. KARR: All right. Any other questions?

25 MR. [REDACTED] I just want to confirm for the

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1 record, you are a life raft commander for the Caribbean  
2 Fantasy?

3 MR. VICIOSO: Yes.

4 MR. [REDACTED] Who on the vessel told you or  
5 designated you and said you are a life raft commander  
6 on this ship?

7 MR. VICIOSO: The safety officer.

8 MR. [REDACTED] All right. I'm going to show you  
9 a picture of the station bill or crew muster for the  
10 Caribbean Fantasy. This picture is a picture of the  
11 name, emergency assignment, and instructions for Safety  
12 Number 88 which is what you informed me you thought  
13 your number was at the beginning of this interview.

14 I just want you to look at this picture and  
15 confirm that this is your safety number, your position,  
16 and these are your responsibilities. For the record on  
17 the recorder, I'm pointing to the fact this is Number  
18 88, housekeeper. Is that you?

19 MR. VICIOSO: No, no, no.

20 MR. [REDACTED] That is not you?

21 MR. VICIOSO: No.

22 MR. [REDACTED] Okay. But you are the  
23 housekeeper for the ship.

24 MR. VICIOSO: You see there, look for the  
25 85.

1 MR. [REDACTED] Look for 85?

2 MR. VICIOSO: Yes.

3 MR. [REDACTED] Okay. So for the record on the  
4 recorder, 88 is not the safety number for this  
5 interview.

6 MR. VICIOSO: He's saying that -- he said  
7 that he doesn't remember what -- it's in the 80s, but  
8 he doesn't remember if it's 85, 88?

9 MR. [REDACTED] Okay.

10 MR. VICIOSO: He's saying he can find it,  
11 and he can tell you.

12 MR. [REDACTED] Okay. Let's pause the recorder.  
13 It's, well, my clock's five minutes fast. It's 11 -

14 MR. KARR: 11:38.

15 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went  
16 off the record at 11:38 a.m. and resumed at 11:50 a.m.)

17 MR. KARR: So it's 11:50. We are getting  
18 ready to look at the watch corner station bill for the  
19 Caribbean Fantasy.

20 MR. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] United States Coast  
21 Guard. So at this point, I'd just like to ask the  
22 Witness, as he's looking at the station bill, or crew  
23 muster, to just identify what number he is assigned on  
24 the station bill.

25 MR. VICIOSO: Okay.



1 MR. [REDACTED] All right. So the Witness is  
2 identifying that he is Safety Number 45. Is that  
3 correct?

4 MR. VICIOSO: Yes.

5 MR. [REDACTED] Okay. Thank you very much.  
6 That's all I need.

7 MR. KARR: All right.

8 MR. [REDACTED] All right. So we are going to  
9 pause the recording. And we are going to head back  
10 into the conference room.

11 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went  
12 off the record and resumed at 11:48 a.m.)

13 MR. KARR: It is now 11:48, and we are back  
14 in the conference room. I'm going to push pause.

15 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went  
16 off the record at 11:48 a.m. and resumed at 11:55 a.m.)

17 MR. KARR: It is 11:55, and we're back  
18 recording. My last question is did you ever use an  
19 evacuation slide before?

20 MR. VICIOSO: Yes.

21 MR. KARR: Okay.

22 MS. BELL: Just one more question, Carrie  
23 Bell, NTSB. Can you just tell us how you applied what  
24 you've learned in training on the day of the emergency?

25 MR. [REDACTED] And if I can elaborate on that, a

1 little bit more specifically the training you received  
2 in survival craft and how you applied that to being a  
3 raft commander in the raft?

4 MR. VICIOSO: He says that training helped  
5 him a lot. Because before the training he didn't know  
6 where was all the water, all the food. Automatically  
7 he knew where to go to find the water. He started  
8 giving people water.

9 So in order to meet the needs of the life  
10 raft, he knew where to find the knife. Without that  
11 knife, he couldn't have let loose.

12 MR. [REDACTED] Okay. It's [REDACTED] [REDACTED] United  
13 States Coast Guard.

14 MR. KARR: I have one more question.

15 MR. [REDACTED] Okay.

16 MR. KARR: Had you ever seen an inflated  
17 life raft before as part of your training?

18 MR. VICIOSO: We have received video  
19 training, training on video.

20 MR. KARR: Thanks.

21 MR. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] United States Coast  
22 Guard. So when you said that the training that you  
23 received helped you, because you knew where to find the  
24 knife, you knew where the water was, are you referring  
25 to the training you received onboard, or are you

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1 referring to training that you received shoreside when  
2 you received a certificate?

3 MR. VICIOSO: The one onboard.

4 MR. [REDACTED] Okay. What shoreside training  
5 did you receive on how to be a life boat commander, a  
6 life raft commander? Did you receive any training  
7 other than the training onboard that would have  
8 prepared you to be a commander for a life raft or to be  
9 a commander in a life boat?

10 MR. VICIOSO: He didn't receive any training  
11 for that, just onboard.

12 MR. [REDACTED] And I will extend that to all of  
13 his time in the maritime industry, not just with  
14 Caribbean Fantasy, at any point in his career, did he  
15 receive training on life boats, life rafts, et cetera?

16 MR. VICIOSO: No training with life raft  
17 before, only onboard.

18 MR. [REDACTED] Okay. Thank you very much.

19 MR. KARR: I have a last question before, I  
20 mean, you go next. Just remind me I've got one.

21 (Off the record comments)

22 MS. BELL: I just wanted to clarify the  
23 survival craft training. You've said that you'd had  
24 survival craft training as part of your STCW, correct?

25 MR. VICIOSO: Onboard?

1 MS. BELL: Survival? No, just general  
2 training, basic safety training, and then in addition,  
3 right, it's an STCW certificate?

4 MR. [REDACTED] It's an additional training.

5 MS. BELL: It's an additional training.

6 MR. VICIOSO: Physically, no. But he said  
7 the testing, the two testing method.

8 MS. BELL: Okay. Thank you.

9 MR. KARR: And, [REDACTED] help me phrase this  
10 question. There's two roles he would have filled. The  
11 first one is their --

12 MR. [REDACTED] Yes.

13 MR. KARR: -- evacuation, and then the one  
14 during the abandon ship.

15 MR. [REDACTED] Yes, so --

16 MR. KARR: Because I'd like to get him to  
17 say which ones were his.

18 MR. [REDACTED] So he's going to have duties for  
19 the general emergency alarm.

20 MR. VICIOSO: He's saying that he received  
21 first aid training onboard.

22 MR. KARR: Onboard.

23 MR. [REDACTED] Okay. Thank you. So the  
24 question you want to ask is you want to know --

25 MR. KARR: Well, why don't you ask it for

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1 me.

2 MR. [REDACTED] Okay. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] United States  
3 Coast Guard. What are your emergency duties, as  
4 assigned to you and as you were trained, for the  
5 general emergency alarm? And then describe your  
6 duties, as you were assigned and trained, for the  
7 abandon ship alarm?

8 MR. VICIOSO: So before he goes to Deck  
9 Number 7, he's assigned ladder or stairs, 11. So when  
10 they give the command abandon ship, he leaves the  
11 stairs and goes up to where the life rafts are to take  
12 his role as the commander of the life boat.

13 MR. [REDACTED] Okay. So then what I would like  
14 him to do, for the record, and this is Mike's question,  
15 is explain what that job is for that staircase before  
16 the abandon ship. That's the part that I want him to  
17 explain.

18 MR. VICIOSO: He's receiving all the persons  
19 that come from Station 6.

20 MALE PARTICIPANT: C.

21 MR. RODRIGUEZ: C. Oh, I'm sorry, C. Not  
22 six, C.

23 MR. [REDACTED] All right. Can you repeat that  
24 one more time? He --

25 MR. VICIOSO: He receives all the people

1 coming from Section C. He says receive all the people  
2 coming from C, there's two --

3 (Simultaneous speaking)

4 MR. VICIOSO: -- there's two doors, and we  
5 put them in the -- waiting for instructions to put them  
6 in the MES position.

7 MR. [REDACTED] Okay. So what I'd like him to  
8 explain is the job he does before that. He had  
9 mentioned he's in charge of evacuating a staircase, or  
10 he's in charge of evacuating a part of the ship.  
11 That's the part I want him to explain?

12 So let me ask it -- I'm going to ask it one  
13 other way. And maybe this will clarify. And if it  
14 doesn't, then that'll be our answer. When you hear the  
15 seven short and one long blast on the ship's siren,  
16 seven short and one long, what do you do?

17 MR. VICIOSO: He goes to the -- once the  
18 captain gives the order of abandon ship, so he waits  
19 for, and once the command is given, abandon ship, he  
20 waits for all the people that's coming from Section C  
21 to go into MES.

22 MR. [REDACTED] Yes. Hold on a second. So the  
23 abandon ship is just one long blast. I want to know  
24 what you do when you hear seven short, boop, boop,  
25 boop, boop, boop, followed by one long blast?

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1 MR. VICIOSO: He goes to the cabin and gets  
2 his PFD.

3 MR. [REDACTED] And then what?

4 MR. VICIOSO: And then he goes to his  
5 station.

6 MR. [REDACTED] Okay.

7 MR. KARR: And what is his station?

8 MR. VICIOSO: It's in Stair 11.

9 MR. KARR: And what does he do when he's at  
10 Stair 11?

11 MR. VICIOSO: Receive the people who are  
12 coming from C.

13 MR. KARR: Is that Muster Station C?

14 MR. VICIOSO: No, no, no. Formation, Muster  
15 C.

16 MR. KARR: And where did he send them?

17 MR. VICIOSO: To the MES port side. When  
18 everybody's there, and once everybody's there, he goes  
19 to 7 Deck, port side. So then he gets the instruction  
20 to go down to the life rafts.

21 MR. KARR: Any other questions? Yes.

22 MR. [REDACTED] Okay, so I just want to clarify  
23 this for the record.

24 MR. VICIOSO: Okay.

25 MR. [REDACTED] When you hear the seven short and

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1 one long blast, the general emergency alarm, you're  
2 going to go put on your life jacket, go to Stair 11,  
3 collect or muster all the Station C personnel --

4 MR. VICIOSO: No, no, no, no. So when he's  
5 at his Station Number 11, he waits for the captain to  
6 give the order, waiting for the long blast to abandon  
7 ship.

8 MR. [REDACTED] Thank you. That's all I have.

9 MR. KARR: Your last question?

10 MR. [REDACTED] My last question, my closing  
11 question, no other questions. Is there anything else  
12 that you can think of from when you heard -- anything  
13 else that you can think of when Mr. Schyler, when you  
14 got on land that you want to tell us? Nothing that he  
15 thinks that would -- anything, any information that he  
16 feels that it would be helpful for the investigation?

17 MR. VICIOSO: The only thing he remembers is  
18 that when they gave the instruction to all the  
19 passengers to go to Deck 7 and wait for other  
20 instructions.

21 MR. [REDACTED] Okay. Thank you very much.

22 MR. KARR: Thanks. It is now 12:11. I will  
23 cease the recording.

24 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went  
25 off the record at 12:11 p.m.)



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