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THE FIRE THAT OCCURRED ON : NTSB Accident No.

THE CARIBBEAN FANTASY THAT : DCA16FM052

OCCURRED ON AUGUST 17, 2016 :

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INTERVIEW OF: KESTER DENNY

Monday,

August 17, 2016

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Sector San Juan

Engineering Building

Sector San Juan

BEFORE

JORGE F. BLASINI, P&I Club

ANDRES PICO RAMIREZ, P&I Club

CHIEF [REDACTED], USCG

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MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah, my name is [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. I am an investigator from Sector San Juan. We are, this is for the interview of, of Mr. Kester Denny. Today's date is the 17th of August, 2016. The matter of investigation is the fire on the Caribbean Factory, Fantasy, I'm sorry.

There are several people in this room. If you could state your name and your title before we begin.

CHIEF [REDACTED]: I'm Chief [REDACTED]. I'm from Sector San Juan. I'm an investigating officer.

MR. DENNY: I'm Kester Denny, motorman of the Caribbean Fantasy.

MR. PICO: Andres Pico, P & I correspondent for the vessel.

MR. BLASINI: Jorge Blasini, P & I correspondent.

MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. And the current time is 21:12, is the start time.

Thank you for your consent as far as us recording this interview.

MR. DENNY: Okay.

MR. [REDACTED]: So how long have you been with the company?

1 MR. DENNY: This is my third contract with
2 the company.

3 MR. [REDACTED]: Third contract?

4 MR. DENNY: Yes.

5 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. And how long are the
6 contracts?

7 MR. DENNY: My contracts are usually being
8 like eight, nine months. Like usually come in eight
9 months but it's plus or minus one.

10 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

11 MR. DENNY: So it could either do nine
12 months or seven months.

13 MR. [REDACTED]: All right.

14 MR. DENNY: It depends.

15 MR. [REDACTED]: So roughly about two years you've
16 been with the company?

17 MR. DENNY: Yes.

18 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

19 MR. DENNY: Yes.

20 MR. [REDACTED]: And what is your position?

21 MR. DENNY: My position is a motorman.

22 MR. [REDACTED]: A motorman?

23 MR. DENNY: Yes.

24 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. And what exactly does that
25 entail?

1 MR. DENNY: Okay. A motorman entails that I
2 take temperatures. I'll take some things, I would go
3 along the engine room and make checks, periodical
4 checks. I would do some things around the engine room.
5 You know, observe any abnormalities, you know, any rise
6 or decrease in temperatures and stuff.

7 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

8 MR. DENNY: And pressures.

9 MR. [REDACTED]: And how long have you been a
10 motorman?

11 MR. DENNY: Well, I've been working at sea
12 for the past 20 years?

13 MR. [REDACTED]: Twenty years?

14 MR. DENNY: Yes, since 1992.

15 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. Through this 20 years is
16 --

17 MR. DENNY: No, 2005, actually 2000, 16
18 years.

19 MR. [REDACTED]: Sixteen years?

20 MR. DENNY: Sixteen years. Yes.

21 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. And you have always been a
22 motorman?

23 MR. DENNY: No, well I start from
24 (unintelligible), Wiper.

25 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

1 MR. DENNY: Then I move up to
2 (unintelligible) then motorman.

3 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. And your experience as a
4 motorman, how long has that been?

5 MR. DENNY: That has been like for the past
6 eight years.

7 MR. [REDACTED]: Eight years?

8 MR. DENNY: Okay.

9 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. And previous to this
10 company, where did you used to work at?

11 MR. DENNY: I used to work with Tradewind
12 Tankers.

13 MR. [REDACTED]: I'm sorry.

14 MR. DENNY: Tradewind Tankers.

15 MR. [REDACTED]: Tradewind --

16 MR. DENNY: Tankers.

17 MR. [REDACTED]: -- Tankers.

18 MR. DENNY: Yes.

19 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. Perfect. Thank you. If
20 you can, just go ahead and tell me in your own words
21 what happened earlier today. Just start from the time
22 you got on watch all the way until you got off the
23 vessel. Okay. Take your time. Just any, any details
24 that you remember.

25 MR. DENNY: Okay. Well, I'm, I'm usually

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1 the motorman on the 4 to 8 watch. I resume work at 4
2 in the morning to 8 in the morning. Well, this morning
3 start off like just any other morning. Report for
4 watch. There was the Third Engineer. Took over from
5 the other motorman, two motormen.

6 Well, I went around and make my periodical
7 checks, usually when I take over. Or when a motorman
8 takes over, he goes around and makes sure that
9 everything is okay. And then if you find any
10 abnormalities or stuff and thing you would report it to
11 engineer on watch. So when I went around everything
12 was okay. But then at approximately, around just 7 to
13 quarter past 7, I think, they had call for stand by.
14 Okay.

15 So, when they call for stand by, usually
16 there are a group of people who comes off of stand by
17 when the vessel is going to maneuver it. So the Chief
18 Engineer came down, myself was on watch, there was a
19 Wiper, and Third Engineer.

20 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

21 MR. DENNY: Okay. Well, what happens at, at
22 the around, I tell you, around 7, 7 to around 7:15, as
23 I was going around making my checks, I saw fuel, which,
24 I assumed to be fuel coming from the main engine.
25 Number 8 cylinders area, port side to be exact.

1 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

2 MR. DENNY: I eventually after noticing it,
3 I went to the control room to report because usually
4 that's the process.

5 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

6 MR. DENNY: You find anything abnormal or
7 anything, you know, you report it.

8 At the time when I report, when I went to
9 report it to control room the Chief Engineer was there
10 in the control room for maneuvering. So I call him and
11 I told him, Chief, there's a situation outside here,
12 come quick and see what's going on here. Anyway, he
13 went straight away. He had a look at the situation.
14 Went flush (unintelligible). The first thing that he
15 saw that went back right away back into the control
16 room. And then he came on back.

17 I don't know what he went in -- whatever he
18 tried to do or what, but he went in the control room
19 and he came back and he went to check to see actually
20 where the leak is coming from.

21 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

22 MR. DENNY: Well, I left and I went
23 downstairs on the bottom platform also with my
24 flashlight to check to see, you know, where exactly to
25 be precise. Wise, in the time wise doing that, all I

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1 saw was (makes sound) fire. I saw a big ball of fire
2 and thick black smoke. Upon seeing that, I ran
3 upstairs. The chief engineer wasn't too far, was
4 actually not too far from the incident because I think
5 he was at the same time going to check to see what, you
6 know, actually maybe what he could do as well.

7 Anyway, after seeing that, I run to the
8 control room. The Chief came in and the smoke started,
9 the place started getting dense with smoke and the
10 fire. So he was asking me where was the Wiper because
11 the Wiper was on the other side of the engine. So I
12 tell him I didn't, I don't know where he is, where,
13 where, where he went to run to, which exit
14 (unintelligible) he run to.

15 So he was like, okay, call the bridge. I
16 don't know what the conversation actually with himself
17 and the bridge. But after that, after that I tried to
18 go out to see if I could have signal (unintelligible)
19 the Wiper in any to get out of the area but I could not
20 pass the door because the smoke was too much. I was
21 kind of suffocating and my burn eyes and stuff and so
22 forth. So after that, the Chief and the Third, Third
23 Engineer, when I went back, the Chief and the Third
24 Engineer was in the control room. Then, well, we tried
25 to activate the (unintelligible) mist system for the

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1 port side main engine. The staff kept making up the
2 control room.

3 CHIEF [REDACTED]: The what?

4 MR. [REDACTED]: I'm sorry.

5 CHIEF [REDACTED]: The staff kept, came to the
6 control room?

7 MR. DENNY: Yeah.

8 CHIEF [REDACTED]: Okay.

9 MR. DENNY: Yeah. The staff came to the
10 control room.

11 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

12 MR. DENNY: I was finding out, you know,
13 what the situation actually really was. At the time he
14 said everybody shutting everything and let's get out.
15 You know. Shutting everything and let's get out of the
16 area because of the smoke and the fire. So Chief
17 Engineer just decide to tell everybody to exit the
18 engine room at the time. Because I think the plan was
19 to activate the, the CO2. So he asked everybody to get
20 out of the engine room.

21 Upon receiving orders to exit the engine
22 room, I left, I left and I went up to the deck number 5
23 because there was an announcement on the PA system for
24 all crew to go to their emergency stations. And so I
25 went. Then after that I decide to go to life boat

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1 number two.

2 CHIEF [REDACTED]: Life boat number two?

3 MR. DENNY: Yeah. Where I am a part of the
4 crew there. And I was just assisting to get the boat,
5 the life boats ready in case the captain is like to,
6 abandon the ship or whatever the case may be.

7 So eventually they called for abandon the
8 ship.

9 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

10 MR. DENNY: So after if I get
11 (unintelligible), they call for abandon the ship, we
12 have to get the passengers into the life boat. We
13 lowered the life boat and we were like not too far from
14 the ship until we get instructions to bring the
15 passengers to shore. Yeah. And that is what we did.

16 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. Thank you for that. I
17 have a few follow-up questions on some of the things
18 that you were saying.

19 Let me start, I'll try to keep it in order
20 instead of jumping around. That way you can focus on
21 that one space. So when they called for stand by, you
22 said that that's normally done when they're going to do
23 some type of maneuvering operations and that's when --

24 MR. DENNY: Yes --

25 MR. [REDACTED]: -- a Chief comes down.

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1 MR. DENNY: -- a stand by is usually called
2 like an hour prior to the pilot.

3 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

4 MR. DENNY: All right. So they would call a
5 stand by prior to, call the pilot an hour before by the
6 station. And that is when the Chief Engineer and
7 everybody would come down and stand by and wait for the
8 pilot to get on board, come to the, after the pilot get
9 on board, they would come to the pilot station and get
10 to the moor and through the jetty.

11 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. So inside the engine room
12 at the time during stand by you had the Chief, the
13 Wiper --

14 MR. DENNY: Yes.

15 MR. [REDACTED]: -- the Third --

16 MR. DENNY: Yes.

17 MR. [REDACTED]: -- and yourself?

18 MR. DENNY: Yes.

19 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. Is that, is that the
20 normal complement, is typically four people that come
21 down?

22 MR. DENNY: Well, afterwards, well, you, you
23 have the Chief Electrician usually come down and the
24 Chief of A/C, he also comes. In case there's an
25 electrical problem or a, you know, a A/C problem, they

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1 are, they are on hand.

2 MR. [REDACTED]: Do you know any reason why they
3 did not come down this time?

4 MR. DENNY: Well as I -- they just got stand
5 by so they have a --

6 CHIEF [REDACTED]: Certain amount of time --

7 MR. [REDACTED]: There's a time --

8 MR. DENNY: Yeah.

9 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

10 MR. DENNY: They would get a time that they
11 would come down.

12 MR. [REDACTED]: You said --

13 MR. DENNY: Before the pilot would get on
14 board.

15 MR. [REDACTED]: They just didn't make it at,
16 because everything happened so fast?

17 MR. DENNY: Yeah.

18 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

19 CHIEF [REDACTED]: And you say you stand the 4
20 to 8 watch in the morning so you get off at 8? Or is
21 --

22 MR. DENNY: Yes, I usually get off at 8.

23 CHIEF [REDACTED]: So what time do you report
24 for watch?

25 MR. DENNY: 4 in the morning.

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1 CHIEF [REDACTED]: 4? And then you get off at
2 8?

3 MR. DENNY: Yes.

4 CHIEF [REDACTED]: So you don't have to do it
5 before -- so like you don't have to be there at 3:30 to
6 relieve from before?

7 MR. DENNY: Well, I have to be there like
8 fifteen minutes before.

9 CHIEF [REDACTED]: Oh, okay.

10 MR. DENNY: Quarter to three.

11 CHIEF [REDACTED]: So you were supposed to get
12 off watch at 8, 8?

13 MR. DENNY: 8:00.

14 CHIEF [REDACTED]: It would have been 7:45?

15 MR. DENNY: Because my relief would come
16 like seventeen minutes before 8.

17 CHIEF [REDACTED]: Okay.

18 MR. DENNY: So --

19 CHIEF [REDACTED]: All right.

20 MR. DENNY: I would tell him, okay, this is
21 so, this is so. This is what we observed during our
22 watch or this is what we did, and, you know. I would
23 hand over what happened on my watch so in the event it
24 should happen on his watch he get ideas as to what
25 happened --

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1 CHIEF [REDACTED]: Okay.

2 MR. DENNY: -- because (unintelligible)
3 stuff.

4 MR. [REDACTED]: Do you know who your relief was,
5 who was supposed to come down at 7:45?

6 MR. DENNY: Yes. There is the two motorman,
7 Gino and Luis, Luis.

8 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. Gino and Luis?

9 MR. DENNY: Yes. It was a two man --

10 MR. [REDACTED]: But they never made it down to
11 the engine room, correct?

12 MR. DENNY: Yeah, because it, it wasn't, it
13 wasn't --

14 MR. [REDACTED]: This happened before --

15 CHIEF [REDACTED]: This was the --

16 MR. [REDACTED]: -- the relief --

17 MR. DENNY: Yeah.

18 CHIEF [REDACTED]: Yeah.

19 MR. DENNY: It happened before.

20 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

21 MR. DENNY: Because it was around 7:00,
22 between 7:00 to 7:15 time.

23 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

24 MR. DENNY: All right. So they would go
25 around about a quarter to 8.

1 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

2 MR. DENNY: So it wasn't their time yet to
3 come down.

4 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. That's fine. So when you
5 were making your round, you said you saw fuel coming
6 from the number 8 cylinder?

7 MR. DENNY: Around the area.

8 MR. [REDACTED]: Around -- okay.

9 MR. DENNY: The area. Around the part of
10 the engine.

11 MR. [REDACTED]: It was around cylinder number 8?

12 MR. DENNY: Yes, around the area.

13 MR. [REDACTED]: Now, was there fuel on deck or
14 was there fuel spray on the machinery?

15 MR. DENNY: Well --

16 MR. [REDACTED]: What exactly did you notice as
17 far as fuel?

18 CHIEF [REDACTED]: Was it a spray or was it
19 dripping or --

20 MR. DENNY: It was like a spraying,
21 spraying.

22 CHIEF [REDACTED]: It was spraying?

23 MR. DENNY: Yeah.

24 CHIEF [REDACTED]: A steady stream?

25 MR. DENNY: Yes. Constant, constant spray.

1 CHIEF [REDACTED]: High, high pressure, kind of
2 or was it --

3 MR. DENNY: Yeah, it was kind of, there was
4 pressure.

5 CHIEF [REDACTED]: Okay.

6 MR. DENNY: And this number 8 cylinder is
7 close to the turbo charger.

8 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

9 MR. DENNY: After the number 8 cylinder, you
10 got the turbo charger.

11 MR. [REDACTED]: After the number 8, okay.

12 MR. DENNY: It's an 8 cylinder engine.

13 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. So you're talking about on
14 the aft part?

15 MR. DENNY: Yes, the aft part.

16 MR. [REDACTED]: Port side?

17 MR. DENNY: Yes.

18 MR. [REDACTED]: And it was spraying out on or
19 about --

20 MR. DENNY: No, no, no. It was spraying
21 down --

22 MR. [REDACTED]: Down.

23 MR. DENNY: -- down onto the side of the --

24 MR. [REDACTED]: Like between decks that you have?

25 MR. DENNY: No. The fuel was coming like

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1 from a pipe that was just at the side of number 8
2 cylinder and it was spraying down --

3 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

4 MR. DENNY: -- onto the head of the, the
5 head of the number 8 cylinder.

6 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. Do you know where that
7 pipe connects to? Because it wasn't attached to the
8 number 8, right?

9 MR. DENNY: No, no, no.

10 MR. [REDACTED]: It was just spraying on top of
11 the 8?

12 MR. DENNY: Yeah. It is, okay the fuel line
13 actually, there's a fuel line around the area.

14 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

15 MR. DENNY: So I assume it's a fuel line
16 that went ruptured.

17 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. And that's, you then
18 proceeded to tell the chief engineer --

19 MR. DENNY: Yes.

20 MR. [REDACTED]: -- and to further investigate
21 where exactly it was coming from?

22 MR. DENNY: Yes.

23 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. It was just around that
24 area.

25 MR. DENNY: Yeah.

1 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

2 CHIEF [REDACTED]: Okay, is this a hard one or
3 are there hoses, like rubber hoses or --

4 MR. DENNY: No, it's a hard steel.

5 CHIEF [REDACTED]: Hard steel line.

6 MR. [REDACTED]: A pipe?

7 MR. DENNY: Yeah.

8 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

9 MR. DENNY: Steel pipe. There are no hoses
10 along it.

11 MR. [REDACTED]: Did you make a round before that
12 area, did you make a round -- when was the last round
13 that you made before you saw that?

14 MR. DENNY: Okay. I made a round like 20
15 minutes before that.

16 MR. [REDACTED]: Twenty minutes before?

17 MR. DENNY: Yes.

18 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. I didn't get a time when
19 you saw it. What time would you say you first noticed
20 it?

21 MR. DENNY: I noticed it around about --

22 MR. [REDACTED]: Was it --

23 MR. DENNY: -- about just after 7 or ten
24 past, fifteen, so --

25 MR. [REDACTED]: Ten past seven? And this was

1 after the stand by was called so everybody was already
2 down in the space?

3 MR. DENNY: Yeah. That was after the call
4 for (unintelligible) tell the agent that they one
5 notice, so --

6 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. Okay. So about ten
7 minutes after 7? So you saw, you had a round, you made
8 around --

9 MR. DENNY: Yes.

10 MR. [REDACTED]: -- around 6:50, like a little bit
11 before 7 --

12 MR. DENNY: Yes.

13 MR. [REDACTED]: -- you made a round?

14 MR. DENNY: Yes.

15 MR. [REDACTED]: And there was no --

16 MR. DENNY: No leaks, no nothing.

17 MR. [REDACTED]: -- no leaks?

18 MR. DENNY: Nothing.

19 MR. [REDACTED]: No smell?

20 MR. DENNY: No smell, nothing.

21 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. So you grabbed the
22 flashlight, Chief grabbed the flashlight?

23 MR. DENNY: No, I have my personal
24 flashlight that I usually use that is always on, on me.

25

1 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. Was there a problem with
2 the lighting in the engine space or you guys just
3 wanted to get a better view of --

4 MR. DENNY: Yes. That is what happened. We
5 wanted to get a better view of, to actually see where
6 actually this --

7 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

8 MR. DENNY: -- stuff was coming from.

9 MR. [REDACTED]: Were you able to, were you able
10 to see that before it went up in flames?

11 MR. DENNY: No.

12 MR. [REDACTED]: No? Okay. You said you saw the
13 fire, right?

14 MR. DENNY: Yeah.

15 MR. [REDACTED]: So Chief was up probably by
16 number 8 looking with the flashlight --

17 MR. DENNY: Yes, he was not too far, looking
18 to see actually where --

19 MR. [REDACTED]: You went, you went to the lower
20 deck --

21 MR. DENNY: I was (unintelligible) --

22 MR. [REDACTED]: -- to look up?

23 MR. DENNY: Yes, to look up to see.

24 MR. [REDACTED]: And then --

25 MR. DENNY: And he was, he was on the

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1 catwalk on the, on the scavenger area there's a catwalk
2 there.

3 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

4 MR. DENNY: Where the fuel racks, you can go
5 and clean the fuel racks and stuff and thing and check
6 the fuel pumps and stuff like that. So he was on that
7 deck.

8 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

9 MR. DENNY: It's a catwalk actually, he was
10 on the catwalk there.

11 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. And then when you saw the
12 fire, what part of the engine do you remember caught on
13 fire?

14 MR. DENNY: I, I can remember actually the
15 (unintelligible) I saw caught was the turbo charger
16 area.

17 MR. [REDACTED]: Turbo charge --

18 MR. DENNY: The metal part.

19 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

20 MR. DENNY: This is where I see the (makes
21 sound), you know.

22 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. And then from there you
23 ran into the engine control room?

24 MR. DENNY: Yeah.

25 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. Was, was the Third inside

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1 the engine control room the whole time?

2 MR. DENNY: No, he wasn't inside the engine
3 control room. He was making rounds as --

4 MR. [REDACTED]: He was also making a round?

5 MR. DENNY: Yes.

6 MR. [REDACTED]: So when you got up to the engine
7 control room, did everybody else make it there
8 initially?

9 MR. DENNY: No.

10 MR. [REDACTED]: I understand that you were
11 looking for the Wiper?

12 MR. DENNY: Yes. After I went into the
13 engine room, control room and the chief came in after
14 me. So he was asking where's the Wiper? So I decide
15 to like go back outside to see if I could see the
16 Wiper, but it was too much of smoke. I couldn't make
17 it back outside to, to call him or anything.

18 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. And then that's when the
19 Staff Captain came down --

20 MR. DENNY: (Unintelligible).

21 MR. [REDACTED]: -- into the control room?

22 MR. DENNY: (Unintelligible) six, seven
23 minutes after.

24 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

25 CHIEF [REDACTED]: Six, seven minutes after it

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1 caught on fire, he came down?

2 MR. DENNY: Yes. He came down to, to see
3 what the situation really was.

4 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. You said that you tried to
5 operate the water mist. Who tried to operate the water
6 mist?

7 MR. DENNY: The Chief.

8 MR. [REDACTED]: The Chief?

9 MR. DENNY: Yeah.

10 MR. [REDACTED]: And do you know how to operate
11 the water mist?

12 MR. DENNY: Yeah, the water mist, actually
13 it's been divided into zones. Each area has a zone.

14 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

15 MR. DENNY: You have the port side main
16 engine is one zone, starboard side generators,
17 (unintelligible) and stuff have zone. So you, the
18 zones are marked on the press button.

19 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

20 MR. DENNY: So you can know that.

21 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. So the Chief was the one
22 that pushed the button for the port side engine?

23 MR. DENNY: Really, yes. He was there. He
24 was there.

25 MR. [REDACTED]: Did you see him attempt?

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1 MR. DENNY: No, I didn't see him attempt.

2 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

3 MR. DENNY: But, he, I heard him tell him to
4 activate the mist, the water mist.

5 MR. [REDACTED]: So he gave the command, but you
6 didn't see him --

7 MR. DENNY: No, I didn't see him.

8 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. Did you see anybody try to
9 operate it?

10 MR. DENNY: No.

11 MR. [REDACTED]: Did you see any water --

12 MR. DENNY: Yeah, I think --

13 MR. [REDACTED]: -- in the engine room?

14 MR. DENNY: -- I saw after I put a, I heard
15 water hitting the, the main engine.

16 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. But --

17 CHIEF [REDACTED]: Was it hitting the port --

18 MR. DENNY: The port --

19 CHIEF [REDACTED]: -- the engine --

20 MR. DENNY: -- the port --

21 CHIEF [REDACTED]: -- where it was supposed to
22 hit it?

23 MR. DENNY: -- the port -- yeah.

24 CHIEF [REDACTED]: Okay. So it functioned?

25 MR. DENNY: Yeah.

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1 MR. [REDACTED]: So to your knowledge it --

2 MR. DENNY: Yeah.

3 MR. [REDACTED]: -- it was --

4 MR. DENNY: It activated.

5 MR. [REDACTED]: -- successfully --

6 MR. DENNY: Yeah.

7 MR. [REDACTED]: -- it did operate?

8 MR. DENNY: Yeah.

9 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. So, so after they operated
10 the water mist and you saw that the smoke was still
11 there, did you, the fire, was it still -- do you know
12 if the fire was out? Or --

13 MR. DENNY: No, I don't think so.

14 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. So there was just smoke,
15 the water mist possibly failed?

16 MR. DENNY: Yes, I would say that.

17 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. And then --

18 MR. DENNY: In terms of to getting the fire
19 out.

20 CHIEF [REDACTED]: It failed getting the fire
21 out, but did it break in the middle of it or did -- of
22 trying to get it out or --

23 MR. DENNY: Well, the water mist is
24 (unintelligible) on top of the ceiling --

25 CHIEF [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

1 MR. DENNY: -- so that has to come straight
2 down to that area.

3 CHIEF [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

4 MR. DENNY: So I don't know if it actually
5 was direct to number 8 or what but I know it was (makes
6 sound) --

7 MR. [REDACTED]: It was spraying?

8 MR. DENNY: -- spraying, yeah.

9 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. Have you ever seen that
10 system activate before?

11 MR. DENNY: Yeah, but usually before
12 (unintelligible) and stuff and thing we activate, not
13 in the engine room, but outside in the garages and
14 stuff and thing.

15 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

16 MR. DENNY: (Unintelligible)

17 MR. [REDACTED]: So it is your opinion that do you
18 feel that seeing -- did you see the water? You said
19 you saw --

20 MR. DENNY: Yeah. I got --

21 MR. [REDACTED]: Or you could hear it?

22 MR. DENNY: -- I could hear.

23 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

24 MR. DENNY: Because I was in the control
25 room. I could hear. When I looked through the glass,

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1 there's a glass there, I think I saw something --

2 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

3 MR. DENNY: -- some like waters coming out
4 from it.

5 MR. [REDACTED]: Is there any gauges inside the
6 engine control room that could tell you how much
7 pressure is in that line for the water mist system?

8 MR. DENNY: No, there's no gauge.

9 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

10 MR. DENNY: There's no gauge. What, what,
11 there's just the ampere meter on the, on the cabinet.

12 MR. [REDACTED]: There's a meter, you said?

13 MR. DENNY: Ampere, ampere meter.

14 CHIEF [REDACTED]: Ampere meter.

15 MR. DENNY: Tells you where (unintelligible)
16 pump is running or something. That's all.

17 MR. [REDACTED]: Was the pump running?

18 MR. DENNY: Yeah, because actually it had to
19 be run because the water was --

20 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

21 MR. DENNY: -- doing the thing.

22 MR. [REDACTED]: Do you remember looking at that
23 amperage meter --

24 MR. DENNY: No.

25 MR. [REDACTED]: -- to see if it was running as --

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1 MR. DENNY: Normal, no.

2 MR. [REDACTED]: -- its normal or not.

3 MR. DENNY: I didn't look at that. Because
4 at the same time I was a bit worried for my --

5 MR. [REDACTED]: Yes.

6 MR. DENNY: -- Wiper.

7 MR. [REDACTED]: The Wiper.

8 MR. DENNY: And the Chief keep asking,
9 where's the Wiper, where's the Wiper, where's the
10 Wiper? You know, and everything was kind of like,
11 happened so quick and it's so confusing.

12 CHIEF [REDACTED]: And did you find the Wiper?

13 MR. DENNY: No, I didn't find the Wiper
14 until I passed the room by the garage. I saw him in the
15 garage area.

16 CHIEF [REDACTED]: You saw him --

17 MR. DENNY: Yeah.

18 CHIEF [REDACTED]: -- you saw -- that you know
19 that he got out?

20 MR. DENNY: Yes, I know that he got out.

21 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

22 CHIEF [REDACTED]: So before you used the CO2,
23 you didn't know if he had gotten out though?

24 MR. DENNY: No, I didn't know. I didn't
25 know.

1 MR. [REDACTED]: Have you participated in fire
2 drills with this vessel?

3 MR. DENNY: Yes.

4 MR. [REDACTED]: Have you done fire drills inside
5 the engine space?

6 MR. DENNY: Yes. We've done. And the
7 recent (unintelligible) was based on fire in the engine
8 room.

9 MR. [REDACTED]: Fire in the engine room?

10 MR. DENNY: Yes.

11 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. So to your knowledge, what
12 would be the first means of attack for a fire? So I
13 understand that you guys went straight for the water
14 mist system and then once that failed, the decision to
15 energize the CO2 --

16 MR. DENNY: Yeah.

17 MR. [REDACTED]: -- came up?

18 MR. DENNY: Yes. For me, honestly speaking,
19 in my capacity, I would have decide to activate the --
20 get everybody out and activate the gas. It's, it's,
21 it's a fuel fire. I assume it's a fuel fire. And I
22 would have go for the CO2 --

23 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

24 MR. DENNY: -- first, first, first case
25 scenario.

1 MR. [REDACTED]: You wouldn't attempt to get a
2 fire team out there to try to put it out with the fire
3 hose and a team?

4 MR. DENNY: It would have been impossible.
5 Because the smoke was, the fire was too much. It was
6 too much. The smoke was too much. Yet, I could not
7 see more than past the phone that you have there. That
8 was black smoke. And --

9 MR. [REDACTED]: So past two to three feet, you
10 couldn't see?

11 MR. DENNY: Yes.

12 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

13 MR. DENNY: Because it happened so quick and
14 the smoke was getting way over in the engine room. All
15 over in the engine room.

16 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. Do you know if there was
17 an attempt to shut off the fuel pump or secure any fuel
18 valves?

19 MR. DENNY: No. I have no idea if the Chief
20 Engineer decided to shut off the fuel or anything.

21 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

22 MR. DENNY: Because he's the guy that would
23 make, that would make a decision.

24 MR. [REDACTED]: Yes.

25 MR. DENNY: (Unintelligible) according to

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1 his knowledge and stuff and thing, he would have made
2 the decisions.

3 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. Are you aware of how the
4 dampeners inside the engine space and the ventilation
5 work in that space?

6 MR. DENNY: Yeah.

7 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

8 MR. DENNY: I got an idea.

9 MR. [REDACTED]: Are they mechanical? Do you have
10 to physically go to secure ventilation or can you push
11 a button to secure ventilation?

12 MR. DENNY: Well, you have to go and do it
13 manually.

14 MR. [REDACTED]: So it's manually securing the --

15 MR. DENNY: Yeah.

16 MR. [REDACTED]: -- ventilation?

17 MR. DENNY: Yeah.

18 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. Who's job, if anyone is
19 assigned to -- is it WQSV --

20 CHIEF [REDACTED]: Watch Quarter Station.

21 MR. [REDACTED]: -- your Watch Quarter Station
22 Bill, who's assigned to --

23 MR. DENNY: Well --

24 MR. [REDACTED]: -- do that?

25 MR. DENNY: -- actually --

1 MR. [REDACTED]: To secure ventilation?

2 MR. DENNY: -- actually, nobody is assigned
3 to do that.

4 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

5 MR. DENNY: The, the Chief would make, make,
6 make, you know, he would say, okay, do this, do that,
7 or, you know.

8 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. About the ventilation
9 would be for the air conditioning, correct?

10 MR. DENNY: Yes.

11 MR. [REDACTED]: And then the dampeners would be
12 like for the stacks to kind of secure the engine space,
13 right? Not letting air in and out?

14 MR. DENNY: Yes.

15 MR. [REDACTED]: So both ventilation and dampeners
16 were on a manual operation to your understanding?

17 MR. DENNY: Well, the ventilation they are
18 basically fans. Like (unintelligible) fans.

19 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

20 MR. DENNY: (Unintelligible). So they are
21 being activated electrically through a switch. So you
22 just press start and stop.

23 MR. [REDACTED]: Now the fans will --

24 MR. DENNY: (Unintelligible)

25 MR. [REDACTED]: -- secure, but there's no like

1 flap or nothing --

2 MR. DENNY: No, no.

3 MR. [REDACTED]: -- that would secure oxygen or
4 whatever?

5 MR. DENNY: No.

6 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. So those are the ones that
7 you would have to manually close --

8 MR. DENNY: Yes, I think --

9 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

10 MR. DENNY: -- you have to go close them.

11 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. And where are those
12 located?

13 MR. DENNY: I think they are located around
14 the smoke stack area.

15 MR. [REDACTED]: Around the smoke stack?

16 MR. DENNY: Yeah.

17 MR. [REDACTED]: Now this is the dampener or this
18 is the ventilation?

19 MR. DENNY: The ventilation, they also
20 ventilation on top of the smoke stack. The extractor
21 fan I think. That is to blow the hot air from the
22 engine room and stuff and so forth. And I think two on
23 a post and (unintelligible). And the dampers also that
24 you close manually I think they're up on the top deck.

25 MR. [REDACTED]: Top deck?

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1 MR. DENNY: Yeah.

2 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. Are there any dampeners or
3 ventilation that go into where the cars -- the loading,
4 where the cars, the two levels of where the vehicles
5 are at?

6 MR. DENNY: Yeah, they're, I think there are
7 some ducts there that --

8 MR. [REDACTED]: Those are ducts?

9 MR. DENNY: Yeah.

10 MR. [REDACTED]: Are those ducts from the engine
11 room?

12 MR. DENNY: From the fans. From fans. I
13 can't really say to be honest.

14 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

15 MR. DENNY: I can't really say.

16 MR. [REDACTED]: That's fine.

17 MR. DENNY: I can't really say if they're
18 from the engine room or -- but usually --

19 MR. [REDACTED]: When you guys train for a fire in
20 the engine space, do you train with simulating or even
21 closing down, shutting down ventilation or dampeners as
22 part of your training?

23 MR. DENNY: Yes. We train to close the
24 dampeners, get the, a/c shut on the a/c, shut down the
25 dampeners and stuff and so forth.

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1 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

2 MR. DENNY: Stop all ventilation.

3 CHIEF GODIWN: Do you know if either of
4 those things happened today? Do you know if the
5 dampener --

6 MR. DENNY: No.

7 CHIEF [REDACTED]: Can you say for sure if the
8 dampeners were closed --

9 MR. DENNY: No. Because --

10 CHIEF [REDACTED]: -- or the ventilation was
11 secured?

12 MR. DENNY: -- everything was coming in
13 through the radio, I had no, I had no access to radio
14 or anything.

15 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

16 CHIEF [REDACTED]: All right.

17 MR. DENNY: No (unintelligible).

18 CHIEF [REDACTED]: So you wouldn't have --

19 MR. DENNY: Because the communication was
20 between the bridge and the engine room with the Chief
21 Engineer and other of course, (unintelligible) ship,
22 through radio. And I'm not -- I did not have a radio
23 or stuff to know what's the communication about.

24 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. At the time that you left
25 the engine space, did you notice if the fire had

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1 spreaded (sic) outside of the engine space?

2 MR. DENNY: No.

3 MR. [REDACTED]: How did you leave?

4 MR. DENNY: Okay. I leave through the main
5 stair.

6 MR. [REDACTED]: The main stair?

7 MR. DENNY: Yes. The main stair.

8 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

9 MR. DENNY: I went after, after the Chief
10 Engineer say, okay, let's everybody get out, I think I
11 was the first person to get out. I know I leave the
12 Chief Engineer and the Third Engineer behind. And I
13 went running, went straight upstairs to deck number 5.

14 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. When you left, you said
15 after that you went to number 5 deck?

16 MR. DENNY: Yes.

17 MR. [REDACTED]: Did you go through the stairway?

18 MR. DENNY: Yeah, through the stairway.

19 Yeah.

20 MR. [REDACTED]: Did you notice if the doors were
21 open or closed?

22 MR. DENNY: Yeah, well the doors, the door,
23 the door down stairs was closed.

24 MR. [REDACTED]: In the engine room?

25 MR. DENNY: If it was closed -- yeah. The

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1 door down stairs that come out from the engine room is
2 a big fire door.

3 MR. [REDACTED]: Fire door?

4 MR. DENNY: Yeah. That was closed, but it
5 wasn't locked (unintelligible) you know, so I could
6 have just push it and went out. The door on top is a
7 fire screen door too, that usually close. All the time
8 closed. When you push it, it closed. It spring, yeah,
9 it's spring tension door so it always close behind you.

10 MR. [REDACTED]: In the engine space? When you
11 leave the engine space, you're talking about those
12 doors?

13 MR. DENNY: There's one downstairs.

14 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

15 MR. DENNY: That's a metal door.

16 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

17 MR. DENNY: Okay. That (unintelligible)
18 locks.

19 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah.

20 MR. DENNY: You have the dog locks. Okay.
21 That was just pulled in, right, but it wasn't locked
22 with the locks.

23 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

24 MR. DENNY: So I could have easily --

25 MR. [REDACTED]: It was shut --

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1 CHIEF [REDACTED]: (Unintelligible)

2 MR. [REDACTED]: -- but it didn't have the dogs --

3 MR. DENNY: Yes.

4 MR. [REDACTED]: -- out --

5 MR. DENNY: Yes.

6 MR. [REDACTED]: -- to secure the door?

7 MR. DENNY: Yes.

8 MR. [REDACTED]: But you still had people inside

9 the engine room?

10 MR. DENNY: Yeah, because I -- after Chief

11 Engineer says let's go, everybody evacuate, I didn't

12 wait for anything. I just --

13 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. Now as you're making your

14 way up through --

15 MR. DENNY: Yeah.

16 MR. [REDACTED]: -- the stairwell --

17 MR. DENNY: Yeah.

18 MR. [REDACTED]: -- on the very next deck, was

19 there open doors --

20 MR. DENNY: No, no. they was not open.

21 MR. [REDACTED]: -- that would go towards any of

22 the rooms?

23 MR. DENNY: Yeah, well, the next door you

24 meet after this door I told about would be the door for

25 the garages. Garage A, B and C.

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1 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

2 MR. DENNY: I, Garage B and C, in fact.
3 Because E is the same deck with the engine room
4 actually. So those doors were closed. Those doors
5 were closed because they, they usually closed.

6 MR. [REDACTED]: They're usually closed?

7 MR. DENNY: Yeah. All the time.

8 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. So you didn't notice any
9 open doors?

10 MR. DENNY: No.

11 MR. [REDACTED]: All the way until you got to deck
12 number 5?

13 MR. DENNY: Yes.

14 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

15 MR. DENNY: From the engine room.

16 MR. [REDACTED]: Did you see any smoke in any one
17 of the decks. Like was there -- I understand the door
18 wasn't dogged down and there was possibly smoke coming
19 out when you left --

20 MR. DENNY: Yes --

21 MR. [REDACTED]: -- the space?

22 MR. DENNY: -- yes, smoke was coming out,
23 smoke was coming.

24 MR. [REDACTED]: Was there still smoke coming out

25 --

1 MR. DENNY: Yes.

2 MR. [REDACTED]: -- even though the door was
3 closed?

4 MR. DENNY: Well --

5 MR. [REDACTED]: Because it wasn't dogged down?

6 MR. DENNY: Yeah, but after I came out,
7 right, it was open so, because I know the Chief
8 Engineer and the Third Engineer is behind me. But I,
9 to be honest, I didn't look to see how far they were
10 away before --

11 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

12 MR. DENNY: -- I just head out.

13 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

14 MR. DENNY: Because of the smoke I was
15 feeling like, you know, feeling very bad. My eyes were
16 burn, start burning, running water.

17 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. Do you have any more
18 questions as far as engine room related? Because I
19 want to try to keep this in order so before I move onto
20 the next thing I want to make sure that I captured most
21 of the stuff that I had wanted to as far as the engine
22 room.

23 CHIEF [REDACTED]: Okay. You said, you said
24 that you saw the oiler in the garage?

25 MR. DENNY: Yeah. The Wiper.

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1 CHIEF [REDACTED]: The Wiper --

2 MR. DENNY: Yeah.

3 CHIEF [REDACTED]: -- I'm sorry, not the oiler.

4 I'm sorry.

5 MR. DENNY: Yeah.

6 CHIEF [REDACTED]: You saw the Wiper?

7 MR. DENNY: Yes.

8 CHIEF [REDACTED]: Did you run through the
9 garage? When did you -- what -- so --

10 MR. [REDACTED]: How did you end up in the garage?

11 CHIEF [REDACTED]: Yeah.

12 MR. DENNY: Well, while as I going up, I
13 just pull the door and I saw him there and I went up.

14 CHIEF [REDACTED]: You opened one of the garage
15 doors --

16 MR. DENNY: Yes.

17 CHIEF [REDACTED]: -- and saw him there?

18 MR. DENNY: Just pulled to see what's going
19 on and I went up and I saw him there. Actually we
20 went, because he came up through the back.

21 CHIEF [REDACTED]: He went up through the back?

22 MR. DENNY: Yes.

23 CHIEF [REDACTED]: So there's a back staircase?

24 MR. DENNY: There's -- he went, he went
25 through the generator room through there's an emergency

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1 exit --

2 CHIEF [REDACTED]: Okay.

3 MR. DENNY: -- that brings you up to Garage

4 B.

5 CHIEF [REDACTED]: Garage B?

6 MR. DENNY: Yes.

7 CHIEF [REDACTED]: And you stopped to look at B

8 to see if maybe he was out there?

9 MR. DENNY: Yeah.

10 CHIEF [REDACTED]: You stopped --

11 MR. DENNY: (Unintelligible)

12 CHIEF [REDACTED]: I mean you didn't stop on

13 every floor because you thought he was there?

14 MR. DENNY: No, no, no.

15 CHIEF [REDACTED]: You knew that that --

16 MR. DENNY: Yeah.

17 CHIEF [REDACTED]: -- the exit went there so you

18 stopped to look --

19 MR. DENNY: Well, the emergency exit is more

20 way to the aft.

21 CHIEF [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm.

22 MR. DENNY: So after you get around there

23 you come maybe to exit engine room, one of these doors

24 (unintelligible).

25 CHIEF [REDACTED]: Okay.

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1 MR. [REDACTED]: I have a few more questions. Do
2 you know where the fuel shut off valves are located?

3 MR. DENNY: Yeah. They are located on the
4 step when you are going down the engine room. They are
5 shut off.

6 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. Did you hear any command
7 from the Chief or did anybody discuss about securing
8 those valves?

9 MR. DENNY: No, I didn't hear anything.

10 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

11 CHIEF [REDACTED]: And you didn't secure them on
12 your way out?

13 MR. DENNY: No. Because (unintelligible) I
14 would have to get permission to do that.

15 CHIEF [REDACTED]: You'd have to get permission?

16 MR. DENNY: Yeah. I can't --

17 CHIEF [REDACTED]: So there's no like --

18 MR. DENNY: I can't just like, I can't just
19 like go and --

20 CHIEF [REDACTED]: So when --

21 MR. DENNY: -- do something that --

22 CHIEF [REDACTED]: -- there's a fire like that,
23 there's no --

24 MR. DENNY: The Chief, the Chief, the Chief
25 -- any --

1 CHIEF [REDACTED]: -- any assignment for
2 somebody to go do that? So like --

3 MR. DENNY: But the Chief, the Chief, he
4 would, as I tell you, he is the person in charge in
5 general.

6 CHIEF [REDACTED]: Mm-hmm.

7 MR. DENNY: He gives the order.

8 CHIEF [REDACTED]: Okay. So when you're doing
9 an abandon ship drill, everybody's assigned to bring
10 something to the boat, right?

11 MR. DENNY: Yes.

12 CHIEF [REDACTED]: Are people assigned different
13 things during fires like --

14 MR. DENNY: Yes.

15 CHIEF [REDACTED]: -- like closing dampeners and
16 ventilation --

17 MR. DENNY: Yes.

18 CHIEF [REDACTED]: -- and things like that?

19 MR. DENNY: Yes, because (unintelligible).

20 CHIEF [REDACTED]: They are assigned to do that?

21 MR. DENNY: Yes. Yes.

22 CHIEF [REDACTED]: Okay. All right.

23 MR. [REDACTED]: Other than manual, is there
24 another way of securing those valves?

25 MR. DENNY: Manual would be actually going

1 and close the valves.

2 MR. [REDACTED]: Correct.

3 MR. DENNY: Right.

4 MR. [REDACTED]: Right.

5 MR. DENNY: Yes.

6 MR. [REDACTED]: So is there a button that they
7 could also push?

8 MR. DENNY: Well, there's a, there's a
9 lever, as I tell you when you go up the step, that
10 closes the fuel valves.

11 MR. [REDACTED]: So that's -- okay, so the manual
12 --

13 MR. DENNY: That's --

14 MR. [REDACTED]: -- that you're talking about is
15 actually inside the engine space --

16 MR. DENNY: Yes.

17 MR. [REDACTED]: -- and then there's a lever
18 outside of the space --

19 MR. DENNY: Yeah, the emergency shut off.

20 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

21 CHIEF [REDACTED]: And which deck is that on?

22 Is that --

23 MR. DENNY: That's on the Garage B stairway
24 going up.

25 CHIEF [REDACTED]: Okay.

1 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

2 MR. DENNY: Yes.

3 MR. [REDACTED]: When Chief gave the command to
4 abandon the engine space --

5 MR. DENNY: Yeah.

6 MR. [REDACTED]: -- did he give any other further
7 tasking for the people that were there?

8 MR. DENNY: No.

9 CHIEF [REDACTED]: He said get out?

10 MR. DENNY: Just to get out and I didn't
11 wait for anything else. Because, to be honest, if I
12 been down there maybe I wouldn't make it out, made it
13 out.

14 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. Did the Staff Captain give
15 any commands or he was just there as an observer?

16 MR. DENNY: He just came down to see what's
17 the situation, I think.

18 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

19 MR. DENNY: So us too.

20 CHIEF [REDACTED]: Did he leave the same time
21 you did?

22 MR. DENNY: He leave, he leave before.

23 CHIEF [REDACTED]: He left before you?

24 MR. DENNY: Yeah. He left just before me.
25 But to be honest, I didn't know which part he really

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1 walk or he exited.

2 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

3 MR. DENNY: But during the situation while
4 it was going on they were getting the fire teams and
5 everything ready, you know, to go into get the fire --

6 MR. [REDACTED]: To the space?

7 MR. DENNY: -- in the space.

8 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. And where do they muster
9 the fire team?

10 MR. DENNY: Well, they would muster in one
11 of the garages. Either, mostly, they're mostly for
12 engine room fire, mostly Garage E.

13 MR. [REDACTED]: B?

14 MR. DENNY: E.

15 MR. [REDACTED]: E.

16 MR. DENNY: But I think this, today it was
17 at garage B, I think. So --

18 MR. [REDACTED]: Did you recall seeing them when
19 you saw the Wiper?

20 MR. DENNY: Yes.

21 MR. [REDACTED]: You saw the fire team getting
22 ready?

23 MR. DENNY: Yeah, they was there.

24 CHIEF [REDACTED]: They were all on the same
25 deck?

1 MR. DENNY: Yeah.

2 CHIEF [REDACTED]: So the Wiper and the --

3 MR. DENNY: Yes.

4 CHIEF [REDACTED]: -- and the fire team were on
5 the same deck?

6 MR. DENNY: Yes.

7 CHIEF [REDACTED]: Okay.

8 MR. [REDACTED]: What's your job for a fire?

9 MR. DENNY: My job for fire is that I would
10 back up fire fighter.

11 MR. [REDACTED]: Back up fire fighter?

12 MR. DENNY: Yeah, for fire team number two.

13 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

14 MR. DENNY: And I would just bring the B
15 waters, backup (unintelligible) water with the knife,
16 fire knife.

17 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

18 CHIEF [REDACTED]: And was team number two
19 getting ready or was it team number one? Or like --
20 was it your team that was getting ready to go in the
21 engine room space? Or do you know?

22 MR. DENNY: No, it wasn't my team.

23 CHIEF [REDACTED]: It wasn't your team?

24 MR. DENNY: It wasn't my team.

25 MR. [REDACTED]: So you said you left the space

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1 and you went to number 5 deck to the master station?

2 MR. DENNY: Yeah, but number 5 deck is not a
3 master station. It's where they, it's the deck that we
4 usually leave.

5 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

6 MR. DENNY: Okay. The deck that we leave.
7 So by coming up there and then with the smoke
8 inhalation thing I was feeling very bad and thing, I
9 was, like, you know, trying to catch my breath and
10 stuff and so forth and thing. And then I left and went
11 to the number 2 life boat, my emergency station.

12 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. So at no time, you started
13 to get ready as the fire team two or grab the extra
14 bottles?

15 MR. DENNY: No, because they -- as I tell
16 you, when I was coming up and I push the door and the
17 Wiper was there, with the team, they was already kind
18 of backing up, I think.

19 MR. [REDACTED]: So you saw the fire team getting
20 ready but then you saw them standing down as in like
21 they weren't going to fight the fire anymore?

22 MR. DENNY: Yes. They were fighting fire
23 but they, they wasn't like, what do I want to say, they
24 was all, already dressed, everything -- what do I want
25 to say -- they kind of like, (unintelligible) just

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1 waiting for the instructions.

2 MR. [REDACTED]: So why didn't you also get ready?

3 MR. DENNY: I was tell you, when I came
4 upstairs I was kind of, I was, the smoke was so much
5 that I was feeling so bad, I had to came upstairs to
6 get some air.

7 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. And then what made you
8 decide to go to life boat 2?

9 MR. DENNY: Because that's my --

10 CHIEF [REDACTED]: Your station?

11 MR. DENNY: -- my station.

12 MR. [REDACTED]: For abandon ship?

13 MR. DENNY: Abandon -- yeah.

14 MR. [REDACTED]: So was the order for abandon ship
15 already given?

16 MR. DENNY: Yeah, it said, it said go to
17 abandon ship area. So I went. And I was helping the
18 guys to --

19 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. The order for abandon
20 ship, did that come through the PA system or did other
21 --

22 MR. DENNY: They just --

23 MR. [REDACTED]: -- officers, crew members --

24 MR. DENNY: What happened, they just asked
25 for crew members to go to the abandon ship area,

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1 stations.

2 MR. [REDACTED]: How did they do that?

3 MR. DENNY: They would, they would ask the
4 crew members through the PA system, you know.

5 MR. [REDACTED]: PA --

6 MR. DENNY: Because okay, while they have,
7 while they get fire fighters fighting the fire, they
8 would normally get the abandon ship people to start
9 making preparations in case to abandon ship and stuff
10 and so forth.

11 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. So as part of your guys'
12 training you trained to fight fire and abandon ship.

13 MR. DENNY: Yeah, in the event you have to
14 abandon ship.

15 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. The PA system, all
16 passengers could hear that?

17 MR. DENNY: Yes, I think so.

18 (Unintelligible).

19 MR. [REDACTED]: So they could hear the captain
20 saying now crew go to your abandon station?

21 MR. DENNY: Yeah, I think so, yeah. I
22 think so.

23 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. And that's what you heard?

24 MR. DENNY: Well, I think I heard that.

25 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

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1 MR. DENNY: I think I heard that.

2 MR. [REDACTED]: That's fine. Okay. Do you know
3 who activated the CO2 system?

4 MR. DENNY: No, I have no idea.

5 MR. [REDACTED]: No? So you were in engine
6 control room, Chief said, everybody leave --

7 MR. DENNY: Yeah.

8 MR. [REDACTED]: -- you're assuming that he was
9 going to activate the CO2?

10 MR. DENNY: Yeah.

11 MR. [REDACTED]: After that did you see the Chief
12 again? Or when was the next time you saw Chief?

13 MR. DENNY: I haven't seen my Chief yet.

14 MR. [REDACTED]: Oh, you haven't seen Chief?
15 Okay. Okay. In your statement you had stated that the
16 water mist was unsuccessful over the port engine and
17 that --

18 MR. DENNY: Yeah, I'm assuming that because
19 if it was successful I think it would have
20 (unintelligible) the fire but it was --

21 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah.

22 MR. DENNY: -- that's why I say, that's why
23 I say, I don't know. That's why I say it was
24 unsuccessful.

25 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. The decision to activate

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1 the CO2, is that -- if you know, if you don't know,
2 that's fine too -- but is that something that the Chief
3 will make that decision or would that decision --

4 MR. DENNY: No, that's --

5 MR. [REDACTED]: -- come from the --

6 MR. DENNY: -- from the Captain.

7 MR. [REDACTED]: From the Captain?

8 MR. DENNY: Yeah. I think so, yeah.

9 MR. [REDACTED]: Could the Captain --

10 MR. DENNY: Because he would tell the
11 Captain the situation of the fire and stuff and then
12 they would come to the decision as to activate it.

13 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. Could you, could you,
14 could you activate the CO2 from the bridge?

15 MR. DENNY: I don't have any idea.

16 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. Do you know where you can
17 activate the CO2 from?

18 MR. DENNY: The CO2, they have a CO2 room,
19 (unintelligible) that. And then there are zones there
20 that each cylinder has goes to a different part of the
21 ship.

22 MR. [REDACTED]: So you could manually operate it
23 --

24 MR. DENNY: Yes.

25 MR. [REDACTED]: -- at the CO2 space?

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1 MR. DENNY: Yes. That station there.

2 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. Anything else for the
3 engine room? Okay. Thank you for that. I'm going to
4 move on from the engine room now and I'd like to talk
5 about your station, life boat station. You were at
6 life boat number 2. So I understand you had to make
7 the life boat ready, correct? Just in case you had to
8 abandon ship?

9 MR. DENNY: Yeah, yeah. Was just helping
10 the (unintelligible) to get the life boats ready.

11 MR. [REDACTED]: So what is your job as the life
12 boat engineer if you will?

13 MR. DENNY: Okay. I'm in charge of the
14 forward hook --

15 MR. [REDACTED]: The forward --

16 MR. DENNY: -- for the life boat.

17 MR. [REDACTED]: -- hook?

18 MR. DENNY: Yes. Life boat.

19 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

20 MR. DENNY: At the same time if there's
21 nobody around and stuff and thing I could assist in
22 starting the engine which I did today.

23 MR. [REDACTED]: Assisted in starting the engine?

24 MR. DENNY: Yes. Which I did today.

25 MR. [REDACTED]: Was there any issues in starting

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1 that engine?

2 MR. DENNY: No. It was (unintelligible).

3 MR. [REDACTED]: It started right up the first
4 time?

5 MR. DENNY: Right the first time.

6 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. Who normally starts the
7 engine?

8 MR. DENNY: I think it's the Second Engineer
9 or the, the, the (unintelligible) one and two.

10 MR. [REDACTED]: Did he later show up to the life
11 boat?

12 MR. DENNY: He was around there. He was
13 around there.

14 MR. [REDACTED]: Did you exit the vessel on the
15 life boat number two?

16 MR. DENNY: Yes.

17 MR. [REDACTED]: Was he on that vessel when you
18 left?

19 MR. DENNY: No, he was not on.

20 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

21 MR. DENNY: There was four of us crew
22 members. One, two, three, four, yeah. Four crew
23 members (unintelligible).

24 MR. [REDACTED]: Four crew member and the rest
25 were passengers?

1 MR. DENNY: Yeah. Five, five, five crew
2 members in all.

3 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. Any issues with the hook?

4 MR. DENNY: The forward hook was giving us a
5 problem but we eventually get it to (unintelligible).

6 CHIEF [REDACTED]: How was it giving you
7 problems? It wouldn't loosen or --

8 MR. DENNY: No, but by the water, when the
9 water hit the boats, you know, toss it, it was really
10 hard to get it off the lock to, you know, and then I
11 had to look at safety because this is like a big block
12 of iron that's tossing, so -- I was a bit scared. Then
13 I had some help from the other crew member that was
14 there and we got it.

15 MR. [REDACTED]: When are you supposed to unhook
16 the fore hook.

17 MR. DENNY: When it reaches the water and
18 when the boat is in the water.

19 MR. [REDACTED]: When the boat's in the water?

20 MR. DENNY: Yeah.

21 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. So as the boat was sitting
22 in the water, the waves were pushing it back and forth
23 --

24 MR. DENNY: Yeah, actually --

25 MR. [REDACTED]: -- making --

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1 MR. DENNY: -- actually --

2 MR. [REDACTED]: -- it difficult?

3 MR. DENNY: -- when we do drills with the
4 life boat it's in calm waters. So you don't have this
5 kind of like effect where the boat has been tossed all
6 over the place and stuff. It's more easy to lose when
7 the boat is in calm waters than --

8 MR. [REDACTED]: Right.

9 MR. DENNY: -- when it's in rough water.
10 It's (unintelligible). And it's hard.

11 MR. [REDACTED]: How long has that been your
12 responsibility?

13 MR. DENNY: I only came back on the ship six
14 weeks ago.

15 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

16 MR. DENNY: And it's been my responsibility
17 for five weeks.

18 MR. [REDACTED]: The last five weeks, like --

19 MR. DENNY: Yeah. Five weeks.

20 MR. [REDACTED]: Did you receive any type of
21 training?

22 MR. DENNY: Yeah, we do receive training on
23 life boats and life boats are (unintelligible) --

24 MR. [REDACTED]: To how to unhook specifically?

25 MR. DENNY: Yeah.

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1 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. And when did you receive
2 that training, more or less, approximately?

3 MR. DENNY: The last training was, let me
4 see, my last training was on my last, like a month
5 before I got out from my last contract.

6 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. So you said you worked
7 seven to nine months on? How many months do you stay
8 off? Like --

9 MR. DENNY: I stay --

10 MR. [REDACTED]: -- before you come back?

11 MR. DENNY: -- I stay three months off this
12 time.

13 MR. [REDACTED]: So you had training about four
14 months prior to this --

15 MR. DENNY: Yes.

16 MR. [REDACTED]: -- contract?

17 MR. DENNY: This contract, yeah.

18 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. Now the training that you
19 received; was it just talking about it, did you
20 actually activate the hook or did you watch a video?

21 MR. DENNY: We actually --

22 MR. [REDACTED]: How was that training?

23 MR. DENNY: -- we actually -- we talk about
24 it and then we actually launch a life boats and then
25 they did it.

1 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. Is the mechanism for the
2 forward hook and the one on the stern, do they operate
3 the same?

4 MR. DENNY: Yes, same mechanism.

5 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. So if for whatever reason,
6 you didn't know how to do it, or forgot, whoever's
7 responsible for the stern could assist --

8 MR. DENNY: (Unintelligible) forward --

9 MR. [REDACTED]: -- because it's the same type?

10 MR. DENNY: Yes, same thing. Yes. Same
11 type.

12 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. So you started the engine,
13 had some difficulties with the hook when it went down
14 into the water, but you were able to release it? Was
15 the vessel taking on any water?

16 MR. DENNY: No, at the time I can't really
17 see.

18 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

19 MR. DENNY: I cant see if the vessel is
20 taking on water or not.

21 MR. [REDACTED]: Was there any issues with
22 ventilation with the carbon monoxide from the boat
23 engines --

24 MR. DENNY: Well --

25 MR. [REDACTED]: -- filling up that space?

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1 MR. DENNY: In the life boat?

2 MR. [REDACTED]: In the life boat.

3 MR. DENNY: Well, yes, I guess you could see
4 people fanning and stuff, you know. We opened the,
5 ventilated the canopies were all open. So it was
6 ventilation, right, but still you could see people
7 fanning, you know and stuff, I assume.

8 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. Did -- is that rescue
9 boat, does it -- or life boat -- does it have
10 ventilation in it or it's a self ventilated through the
11 canopies?

12 MR. DENNY: Yes. Self ventilated
13 (unintelligible) --

14 MR. [REDACTED]: Self ventilated?

15 MR. DENNY: Yes.

16 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. And then you had stated
17 that once the rescue boat entered the water --

18 MR. DENNY: Yeah.

19 MR. [REDACTED]: -- you made a few circles or just
20 --

21 MR. DENNY: Just away from the --

22 MR. [REDACTED]: -- away from the vessel --

23 MR. DENNY: Yeah.

24 MR. [REDACTED]: -- until you received orders to
25 go to shore?

1 MR. DENNY: Yeah. Because we were, we were
2 going to a tug boat and then for some reason, I don't
3 know what happened and, they say okay, let's go to the
4 shore.

5 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. Who was in charge of that
6 vessel?

7 MR. DENNY: The third officer.

8 MR. [REDACTED]: The third officer.

9 MR. DENNY: He was the helmsman.

10 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. And do you know where he
11 got the order?

12 MR. DENNY: Well, I think it was from the
13 radio because you could only get him by radio. I don't
14 know who was on the other end of the radio or what.

15 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

16 MR. DENNY: But from the radio they were
17 communicating.

18 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. Did you recognize the
19 voice? Like was it the Captain's voice that he was
20 talking to? Was it the Captain's decision or was it
21 somebody else that --

22 MR. DENNY: Well he's at the aft --

23 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

24 MR. DENNY: -- I'm at the forward.

25 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. So now that the vessel's

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1 in the water and you completed your assignment of
2 unhooking it, do you have any additional assignment?

3 MR. DENNY: No, it's just maybe to keep the
4 passengers calm --

5 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

6 MR. DENNY: -- safe.

7 MR. [REDACTED]: And how was their attitude?

8 MR. DENNY: Well, they was panicking, a bit
9 frightened, some were crying. You know, fearful.

10 MR. [REDACTED]: When you were on the boat, the
11 rescue boat -- or the life boat --

12 MR. DENNY: Yeah.

13 MR. [REDACTED]: -- or even when you were on the
14 ferry, the Caribbean Fantasy, were you aware if the
15 fire had spreaded (sic) to any location outside of the
16 engine space?

17 MR. DENNY: No.

18 MR. [REDACTED]: That you know of be it through
19 reports or --

20 MR. DENNY: No.

21 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. And then when you were
22 outside waiting on orders before you guys came in, were
23 you able to see, I guess smoke coming from any --

24 MR. DENNY: Well, while we were in the life
25 boat coming I could have seen smoke coming from the

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1 like, the smoke stack area, some other areas, like some
2 vents area, like, you know, lots of area on the side of
3 the ship. I could see like smoke coming from the area.

4 MR. [REDACTED]: So you saw smoke coming out of
5 the vent stacks and then through the ventilation?

6 MR. DENNY: There's some (unintelligible)
7 like, fixed (unintelligible) --

8 MR. [REDACTED]: Right.

9 MR. DENNY: -- side ship.

10 MR. [REDACTED]: Next to the stack or --

11 MR. DENNY: Just below the stack.

12 MR. [REDACTED]: Just below the stack, but around
13 the same location?

14 MR. DENNY: Yeah, not too far from that.

15 MR. [REDACTED]: Did you see smoke anywhere else?

16 MR. DENNY: No.

17 MR. [REDACTED]: Do you have any questions?

18 CHIEF [REDACTED]: No.

19 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. Okay. May we contact you
20 if we need to talk to you again for clarification on
21 any of these things?

22 MR. DENNY: I don't have a problem.

23 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. Well, that sums up the
24 questioning that we have for tonight. I appreciate
25 your time and I appreciate your being completely honest

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1 with me and just telling me what happened. Again,
2 we're just trying to find out what happened and we have
3 a pretty good idea now that it's the fuel pipe that
4 started to spray on top of the number 8 cylinder.

5 MR. DENNY: Yeah.

6 MR. [REDACTED]: And I appreciate that. But we're
7 more on the preventative side and try to prevent this
8 from continuing to happen. Okay. That would conclude
9 the investigation at this time. The time right now is
10 22:15. You can stop.

11 (End of recording.)

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