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Interview of: ANTUAN MABRY

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BEFORE: MATTHEW NICHOLSON  
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## I N T E R V I E W

MR. NICHOLSON: Good afternoon. Today is Thursday, July 17th, 2014. My name is Matthew Nicholson. I am an investigator with the National Transportation Safety Board in Washington, D.C. We are at the Law Firm of Cory, Watson, Crowder and DeGaris in Birmingham, Alabama for the interview of Antuan Mabry. This is case number DCA-14-MP-001.

This interview is being recorded and may be transcribed at a later date. A copy of the transcript will be provided to the interviewee for review prior to being entered into the public docket.

We'll now go around the room. I'll ask that each person introduce themselves. Please state your name with spelling, your title, and the agency or organization you are representing. I will start and we'll proceed to my right.

My name is Matthew Nicholson, spelled M-a-t-t-h-e-w,  
N-i-c-h-o-l-s-o-n. I am an investigator with the National  
Transportation Safety Board.

MR. CHHATRE: I'm Ravi Chhatre. That's R-a-v-i,  
C-h-h-a-t-r-e. I am pipeline accident investigator with National  
Transportation Safety Board.

MS. McATEE: I'm Nancy McAtee, N-a-n-c-y, M-c-A-t-e-e.  
And I'm a fire and explosion specialist with the National  
Transportation Safety Board.

MR. ALLEN: My name is Mitch Allen, A-l-l-e-n. I'm one

1 of the attorneys representing Antuan Mabry.

2 MR. BLACKWOOD: I'm Keith Blackwood, K-e-i-t-h,  
3 B-l-a-c-k-w-o-o-d, pipeline safety investigator, Alabama Public  
4 Service Commission.

5 MR. GARDNER: Bob Gardner, G-a-r-d-n-e-r, Director of  
6 Quality Assurance and Compliance for Alagasco and party  
7 representative.

8 MR. DiGIORGIO: Rick DiGiorgio, spelled D-i-G-i-o-r-g-i-  
9 o, attorney for Antuan Mabry and his family.

10 MR. MABRY: I'm Antuan Mabry, A-n-t-u-a-n, M-a-b-r-y.

11 MS. WATSON: My name is Leila Watson. I'm one of the  
12 lawyers representing Antuan Mabry. L-e-i-l-a is my first name.

13 MR. NICHOLSON: Okay. To begin with Antuan, I thought  
14 I'd start with just some background information.

15 INTERVIEW OF ANTUAN MABRY

16 BY MR. NICHOLSON:

17 Q. If you could, can you tell us your age, how old you are?

18 A. Nineteen.

19 Q. Nineteen. And will you confirm for me the address and  
20 unit number where you lived in Marks Village?

21 A. My address is **\*\*PII\*\***.

22 MS. WATSON: No, that's -- he wants to know the address  
23 in Marks Village.

24 MR. NICHOLSON: Yeah. Do you recall --

25 MS. WATSON: Not the **\*\*PII\*\*** address.

1 MR. MABRY: I don't remember.

2 BY MR. NICHOLSON:

3 Q. That's fine. Do you remember the unit number?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Okay. That's fair enough. Was --

6 A. Yes, yes, I remember the unit number. The unit number  
7 was 80. I'm sorry.

8 Q. 80. That's perfectly all right. Okay, 80.

9 And was Unit 80 in Marks Village your permanent address?  
10 Did you live there full time?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Okay. Are you in -- were you in school --

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. -- at the time of the accident? Okay.

15 Can you tell me a little bit just what your daily  
16 schedule was, not necessarily -- just make it the day before the  
17 accident. What's a typical day of that week for you, your  
18 schedule?

19 A. After I came from school?

20 Q. When you got up in the morning, what time did you get up  
21 usually?

22 A. Oh, 7, 7:15 maybe.

23 Q. Okay. And then what time would you head out to school  
24 or eat breakfast or --

25 A. I will head out to school at 8:15.

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. And I will walk to Woodlawn, which is like down the  
3 street.

4 Q. Okay.

5 A. And I don't usually eat breakfast at school.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. So -- and go about my regular day at school and, you  
8 know, everything. Just come home, maybe go in my room.

9 Q. What time would you get home?

10 A. Watch a little TV. Well, I'd get home about, maybe  
11 about 4, 4:30-something.

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. It's a long walk.

14 Q. Is it? Okay.

15 A. Yeah. So I might go in my room and watch a little TV.

16 Q. Sure.

17 A. And then I'll go in my studio.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. Which is like the next room over from my room.

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. And it's like I'll be doing music all day.

22 Q. Okay. Cool.

23 A. That's basically it.

24 Q. That sounds like a decent schedule there.

25 I'm going to ask you now -- actually, before I ask you

1 to draw on those, those maps in front of you, can you just tell me  
2 how long you've lived at Marks Village until the time of the  
3 accident?

4 A. Maybe about 4 years.

5 Q. Four years? Okay.

6 Okay. So you've got in front of you two layouts of Unit  
7 80, which should be Unit 80, the first floor and second floor.  
8 And what would help us out is if you could just kind of label  
9 where -- you can start on the first floor and maybe label where  
10 the door that you used the most, what was the front door or the  
11 back door, any large appliances that were in the apartment.

12 MS. WATSON: See where these are -- these are  
13 (indiscernible) --

14 BY MR. NICHOLSON:

15 Q. So I'm asking you to draw on --

16 A. Oh, okay. These are the walls.

17 Q. Those are the walls.

18 A. These are walls -- these are --

19 Q. Yeah, exactly.

20 A. -- doors.

21 Q. Yep.

22 MS. WATSON: And this, this is the bathroom.

23 MR. MABRY: Bedroom.

24 MS. WATSON: That's the downstairs.

25 MR. MABRY: The laundry room.



1 MS. WATSON: Yes.

2 MR. MABRY: The kitchen. Okay.

3 BY MR. NICHOLSON:

4 Q. Excellent. That it?

5 A. Yeah.

6 Q. Yeah. So if you could just label it, like you said, if  
7 you could write whose room this was and where the bed was and the  
8 dressers and all that stuff.

9 A. There's a bed here, dresser here.

10 Q. And then, Antuan, when you draw the beds, show me where  
11 the pillows were, where the head of the bed would be. Excellent.

12 A. I don't know why that's there because she's never laid  
13 that way. There's the TV right here.

14 Q. Okay. Can you write TV in there, too? Sorry. And then  
15 was that a dresser next to that TV?

16 A. Um-hum, a small little dresser, right in the middle over  
17 here.

18 Q. Oh, this box here, the dresser?

19 A. Yes, sir. Um-hum.

20 Q. Can you write dresser or just a D? Yeah, that's fine.

21 And were there any little heaters or little fans or  
22 anything in --

23 A. She had a fan.

24 Q. Okay.

25 A. And she always had it right here, and a little trash can

1 right here. Trash can. That's it in her room.

2 Q. Okay. That's perfectly fine. That's great. I'll just  
3 ask you one question about this, Antuan. Was this -- was her bed  
4 really like this or was this -- was it up against the wall?

5 A. It was against the wall.

6 Q. Oh, okay. Can you just draw an arrow from that to the  
7 wall so I know? There. Perfect. Okay.

8 A. I guess it's kind of against the wall.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. That dresser was long.

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. I remember that. And the living room, there was  
13 a -- yeah. She moved the living room around a lot. So, I  
14 remember there being a sofa here. Sofa here. There's a sofa  
15 here. There was a table here, a table here. A little, a long  
16 table here. There was a table in the middle, right here. There  
17 was a carpet here. There was a big carpet here.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. It was a stand here where her radio sit on. It was  
20 like a -- it had a mirror in it too.

21 Q. It was like a what?

22 A. It was like a, like a -- something like, you know, a  
23 radio sit on.

24 Q. Okay.

25 A. And this is a table, too, but the table's like a open

1 table, like you slid your --

2 Q. Oh, it had shelves?

3 MS. WATSON: Like a shelf? Bookshelf?

4 BY MR. NICHOLSON:

5 Q. A bookshelf? Okay.

6 A. That's a bookshelf.

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. Bookshelf. She had a lamp. She had a lamp. There was  
9 a lamp here. There was another lamp -- there was a lamp there.

10 Q. What's that you put there?

11 A. A lamp.

12 MS. WATSON: A lamp.

13 MR. NICHOLSON: Oh, a lamp. Okay.

14 MR. MABRY: And that's it in the living room.

15 BY MR. NICHOLSON:

16 Q. Okay. What about a kitchen?

17 A. The kitchen, over here somewhere. Refrigerator was  
18 here. There was a deep freezer here right next to the fridge.

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. Deep freezer.

21 Q. Microwave?

22 A. There's a counter, a counter here.

23 Q. That's right. There actually is a counter. You're  
24 right.

25 A. Counter. Counter here. There's a table that sat here.

1 Table. The washer was here. Washer. Dryer was beside. There  
2 was a bookshelf like, like a bookshelf -- a cabinet.

3 Q. Yeah. Okay.

4 A. And there was a cabinet here. And that's in the  
5 kitchen. And there was a microwave sitting right here.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. Yeah. That's it.

8 Q. Okay. And then as far as the doors, was this the door  
9 that was most commonly used by the family or was it the -- this  
10 other door?

11 A. Well, me and my brother used it to, like, go to school,  
12 like we used it to go to school.

13 Q. This one here, on the north?

14 A. Um-hum.

15 Q. Okay. So you considered this maybe the front door?

16 A. Um-hum.

17 Q. Okay. Can you write --

18 A. No, this is the back.

19 Q. Call it the front -- well, label them however you would  
20 have --

21 A. Okay.

22 Q. And you say you and your brother used the back door?

23 A. Used the back door.

24 Q. Okay.

25 A. Um-hum.

1 Q. And did -- does that mean your --

2 A. And to come to school we used the front door.

3 Q. You did?

4 A. Come home from school.

5 Q. Oh, okay. And you'd come back the other way. Okay.

6 Okay. Terrific. All right. So you think we got everything  
7 there?

8 A. Yeah.

9 Q. How about the second floor? Label the rooms the same --  
10 same exercise.

11 MS. WATSON: Stairs coming up.

12 MR. NICHOLSON: Well, yeah.

13 MS. WATSON: Here -- yeah.

14 BY MR. NICHOLSON:

15 Q. So this is how you go down the stairs. That way, right?

16 A. Going down.

17 Q. Yep.

18 MS. WATSON: And there's the bathroom and then the hall  
19 down the middle.

20 MR. MABRY: Yeah. Okay. This Corey's room, front of --  
21 his bed sat here. His bed sat here. That was, that was twin bed.  
22 He set them like on top.

23 BY MR. NICHOLSON:

24 Q. Sort of like bunk beds, or --

25 A. Beside each other.

1 Q. Oh, okay. Okay.

2 A. And make it a full one.

3 Q. Yeah, okay. And where are the pillows on that one?

4 A. Pillows were here.

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. Okay. And he had a desk here. Drawer -- dresser. And  
7 he had a TV sitting on this dresser. And he had another one  
8 beside. He had a TV set on this one. TV -- I'm sorry.

9 Q. That's all right.

10 A. That's all of them by his bed.

11 Q. No fans or space heaters or air-conditioning ducts?

12 A. No.

13 This was my studio room.

14 Q. I'm sorry? Studio room?

15 A. Studio room.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. I called it my studio room because my studio was in  
18 there. I had a long black table here, which my computer sat on.  
19 Computer. I had another laptop where I had the desktop, and then  
20 I had the laptop with just a little screen.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. I had just a screen, the monitor.

23 Q. A monitor?

24 A. I had the monitor.

25 Q. Okay.

1           A.    So monitor. And it was connected out -- I had a table  
2 here, catty-corner. It had a piano on, sitting on top of it. My  
3 mic was in the closet.

4           Q.    Is that a piano or like a keyboard or --

5           A.    It was a, it was a keyboard.

6           Q.    Okay.

7                   UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Electric, plug-in?

8           MR. MABRY: It was a microphone. And --

9                   BY MR. NICHOLSON:

10          Q.    What was -- what's that you were just drew? I'm sorry?  
11 Oh, microphone? Oh, okay.

12          A.    That's the microphone. It was in the closet. That's  
13 all I had.

14          Q.    Can you just write studio on there and on the --  
15 Antuan's studio.

16          A.    Okay. And my room, I had a tall dresser here. My bed  
17 sat here. I had a small dresser here. That's it for my room, a  
18 bunch of clothes in the closet.

19                   UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Did you have a TV in your room?

20          MR. MABRY: Yeah, I had a TV on the dresser, sitting on  
21 top of the dresser.

22                   BY MR. NICHOLSON:

23          Q.    Antuan, that's a dresser with a TV?

24          A.    Um-hum.

25          Q.    What's this, another dresser?

1 A. Um-hum, a small dresser.

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. And that's a tall dresser with a TV set on top.

4 Q. Okay. Sure. So two dressers. All right.

5 A. Do I do like the storage, too?

6 Q. If you know what's in there. Was there anything big in  
7 there or what kind of stuff was kept in that storage area?

8 A. Just a bunch of junk.

9 Q. Junk. Yeah. Like mine.

10 A. All their stuff. I only know there was a bed in here  
11 because I never went in her room. I know she had a heater, a  
12 little heater.

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. Kept it like here. She had a little bucket and it sat  
15 near the --

16 Q. A little what?

17 A. A bucket. Like a --

18 MS. WATSON: Those plastic storage bins.

19 MR. NICHOLSON: Oh, yeah.

20 MS. WATSON: One of those bins, right.

21 BY MR. NICHOLSON:

22 Q. Yeah, right. Okay. Kind of like a bucket. Okay. I  
23 get it. All right.

24 A. She had the TVs. I don't remember what they sat on.  
25 That's -- I don't remember her having a (indiscernible), but --



1 Q. Okay. We'll just say TV stand or something. How about  
2 that?

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Just put TV there in that spot.

4 MR. MABRY: TV here on this spot. Yeah.

5 BY MR. NICHOLSON:

6 Q. Okay?

7 A. Yeah.

8 Q. You like it? Can you, down in the corner, just put your  
9 name, Antuan, and the date? It's the 17th of July. Just so I  
10 don't confuse your drawing with someone else's.

11 A. It's the 17th, you said?

12 Q. Yeah. I've got July 17. Excellent. Can you do it on  
13 that, too?

14 A. This one?

15 Q. Perfect. Okay. Thanks, Antuan. I appreciate that. It  
16 helps.

17 MR. NICHOLSON: And, Ravi, do you want to go ahead and  
18 ask --

19 BY MR. CHHATRE:

20 Q. Hello.

21 A. Hi.

22 Q. Thanks for coming by. Condolences on your loss.

23 Can you tell me who else was living in the house besides  
24 you?

25 A. My grandmother.

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. My little brother, my mom, and my stepdad.

3 Q. Okay. And you say you had been living there about  
4 4 years?

5 A. Um-hum.

6 Q. Did your grandma live there for that period, or she came  
7 and joined you later?

8 A. No, she came and joined. She was there for about  
9 2 years.

10 Q. Two years. Okay. And what about your stepdad?

11 A. I don't remember. I don't remember how long he been  
12 there.

13 Q. Like year or 2 years? Okay. If you don't --

14 A. I don't remember.

15 Q. -- remember, you don't remember.

16 And do you know, primarily focusing on the day of the  
17 accident -- and when I say day, the accident happened at night,  
18 like 2:30 at night. So day would be a Monday. So if I use the  
19 word day, that is Monday. And before I even go to that day, can  
20 you tell me what grade you are in?

21 A. I'm in Lawson State. I go to Lawson State now. But  
22 what grade I was in before was the 12th grade.

23 Q. Twelfth grade. Okay.

24 MR. DiGIORGIO: Lawson State is a college. So you'll  
25 know what that is.

1 MR. NICHOLSON: What is it? I'm sorry.

2 MR. DiGIORGIO: It's a college here in town. He's going  
3 to be starting in the fall.

4 BY MR. CHHATRE:

5 Q. And what is the name of the college?

6 A. Lawson State.

7 Q. How do you say it?

8 A. Lawson State.

9 Q. Okay, Lawson State. Okay.

10 MS. WATSON: L-a-w-s-o-n.

11 MR. CHHATRE: Okay.

12 BY MR. CHHATRE:

13 Q. Okay. Now, do you know if your stepdad was working when  
14 the accident happened? I mean employed.

15 A. No.

16 Q. He was not. Do you know how long he has been  
17 unemployed?

18 A. No, I don't.

19 Q. Okay. Antuan, do you remember smelling gas odor inside  
20 the house?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And can you tell me when did you smell the gas odor  
23 inside the house?

24 A. It was like a couple weeks before.

25 Q. A week before?

1           A.    Um-hum.  Like a week before.  But it wasn't, like,  
2   strong, like strong; it's like kind of like a swiff and pass by  
3   and then it's gone.

4           Q.    Okay.

5           A.    And, you know, like that.

6           Q.    Okay.  And do you remember where you smelled the gas?

7           A.    In the kitchen.

8           Q.    In the kitchen.

9           A.    Um-hum.

10          Q.    And is your oven or range gas pilot or it was electric?

11          A.    Repeat.

12          Q.    Your range or stove, is it gas or electric?

13          A.    It was gas.

14          Q.    It was gas.

15          A.    Um-hum.

16          Q.    And so could you tell me if it was -- do you feel it was  
17   coming from the range or the range was off when you smelled the  
18   gas?

19          A.    The oven was off.

20          Q.    Off.  It was off?

21          A.    Yes, it was off.

22          Q.    Now, do you smell gas -- besides that day, do you smell  
23   gas before that?

24          A.    The night, the night of the accident, when I came in the  
25   house, I was coming in with a friend, and I smelled it when I was

1 coming in the door. But it wasn't that strong, you know, so I  
2 just didn't pay it no mind. So I went in the house and went up to  
3 my studio.

4 Q. Okay. So which door you used, the front?

5 A. The back door.

6 Q. Oh, the back door?

7 A. Right.

8 Q. Because earlier you say you come home from front door.

9 A. I was at a friend's house that night and --

10 Q. Okay. So you came from the back door.

11 A. Right.

12 Q. And as you entered the house, you smelled gas?

13 A. Right.

14 MR. NICHOLSON: So that would be the door at the  
15 kitchen?

16 MR. MABRY: Right.

17 MR. NICHOLSON: Okay.

18 BY MR. CHHATRE:

19 Q. Do you smell -- did your friend smell gas?

20 A. I asked him. He said he didn't smell it.

21 Q. Okay. Did you mention that to anybody in the house,  
22 that you smelled gas?

23 A. No. My mom said something about it. She warned us  
24 about it. But, you know, other than that, I ain't say nothing to  
25 anybody because it -- you know, it wasn't as strong so I didn't

1 think too much of it. So --

2 Q. And you said your mom told you about the gas odor?

3 A. Yeah. She -- it was one day when we was in the kitchen  
4 and we was playing a little board game, and she was like, you all  
5 smell that? And I was like, no, I don't smell it. And then a  
6 swiff hit my nose and I was like, well, I smelled it. And, you  
7 know, and I was like, well, okay, it's gone now.

8 Q. Okay. And do you recall when was it before the  
9 accident?

10 A. Repeat.

11 Q. Can you tell me when do you smell the gas or your mom  
12 smell the gas?

13 A. She smelled it first.

14 Q. Okay. But when was it? How long before the accident?

15 A. Like a week before.

16 Q. Okay. Did you smell gas outside of your home when you  
17 go to school?

18 A. No. It was just that night when I was walking in the  
19 house.

20 Q. Okay. And that was the night before the house exploded?

21 A. Right.

22 Q. Okay. Do you know what to do if you smell a gas odor?

23 A. I just tell my mom.

24 Q. Okay. Do you remember seeing anything with your bills  
25 that your mother paid for the gas company that says what to do

1 with a gas odor?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Okay. Did anybody with your friends living -- any of  
4 your friends, did anybody complain about a gas odors outside?

5 A. Not that I know of.

6 Q. Okay. Now, could you tell me if you had any problems  
7 with toilets in the house?

8 A. Just the downstairs one.

9 Q. Okay. And can you tell me what the problem was?

10 A. It always overflowed and that's about it.

11 Q. And this problem of flooding the toilet, when did it  
12 start, from the day you had moved in 4 years ago or it was  
13 recently?

14 A. It was -- I don't actually remember the day it started.

15 Q. Not the date, but roughly, 6 months, a year, 2 years?

16 A. Couple of months.

17 Q. Couple of months?

18 A. Couple of months.

19 Q. I don't want you to guess. If you don't know, tell me  
20 you don't know. That's fine.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So a couple of months after he  
22 moved in or a couple months from before --

23 BY MR. CHHATRE:

24 Q. Yeah. Well -- before the accident?

25 A. Oh, wow. I think it was after -- after we moved in.

1 Q. After you moved in, a couple of months after you moved  
2 in?

3 A. Right.

4 Q. Okay, good. And what happened? How did it get fixed?

5 A. I don't think it ever got fixed because it did it again  
6 after, I guess, the people came, something like that.

7 Q. Okay. So it always kept flooding?

8 A. Yeah.

9 Q. Even before -- the day before the accident, on Monday,  
10 until that day, was it flooding?

11 A. I don't remember.

12 Q. Okay.

13 MR. NICHOLSON: Or did you just stop using it? Was it  
14 just not used?

15 MR. MABRY: I'm pretty sure if it was flooded, then no  
16 one used it at the time it was flooding. But, you know, if it  
17 wasn't, then I think it was used.

18 BY MR. CHHATRE:

19 Q. Okay. And no problem on the bathroom upstairs?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Okay. So everybody used the bathroom upstairs?

22 A. Who used it?

23 Q. No, did everybody use the bathroom upstairs?

24 A. Yeah.

25 Q. Pretty much?



1           A.    Not everybody didn't use the bathroom upstairs.  Whoever  
2 was upstairs used the upstairs bathroom.

3           Q.    Okay.

4           A.    And when we was downstairs, we --

5           Q.    Okay.  Do you remember if any repair work was done  
6 outside your house to fix the bathroom or?

7           A.    There was some guys that dug in the back where the  
8 bathroom was on the outside.  And then the part where the grass  
9 never grew back at, on the outside, when you first walk out the  
10 back door, like right here on the --

11          Q.    Um-hum.

12          A.    -- it was some workers there digging, you know, the hole  
13 and stuff.  But I don't --

14          Q.    Do you know who were doing that?  The gas company, sewer  
15 company, housing authority?

16          A.    I think it was the housing.

17          Q.    Housing people?

18          A.    Um-hum.

19          Q.    Okay.  Do you know remember if any water line work was  
20 done outside your home in the 4 years you guys are there?

21          A.    No.

22          Q.    No.  Okay, that's fine.

23                   And do you -- can you tell me, on the day of the  
24 accident, what time you ate in the evening?

25          A.    What time --

1 Q. This will be Monday evening.

2 A. What time did I leave?

3 Q. No, what time you ate at home.

4 A. I don't even remember eating that night.

5 Q. Oh, you did not eat at home?

6 A. Eat at night. I didn't eat that night.

7 Q. Okay. Do you remember if anybody used the oven that  
8 night?

9 A. The only time we used the oven when my mom cooked. But  
10 she didn't cook that night, so --

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. -- we didn't eat that night.

13 Q. She wasn't feeling good or?

14 A. I don't know.

15 Q. Okay. Now, can you tell me what time you went to bed  
16 that night?

17 A. Maybe about 1- -- I want to say about 1:30.

18 Q. 1:30?

19 A. Something like that.

20 Q. Okay. So you were just studying or playing music until  
21 that point?

22 A. Yeah.

23 Q. Okay. Did you look at the watch, clock or something?  
24 How do you know it's around 1:30?

25 A. My computer has the time on it.

1 Q. Oh, computer. Okay. Has accurate time.

2 Now, do you remember smelling any gas odor when you went  
3 to bed?

4 A. No.

5 Q. No. So were you asleep when the house explosion  
6 occurred or you were still kind of semi-awake?

7 A. No. I was asleep.

8 Q. You were asleep.

9 Can you tell me what you recall? Do you remember  
10 hearing an explosion? Just walk me through, if you remember. If  
11 you don't remember --

12 A. I don't remember hearing the explosion. When I woke up,  
13 I was on the ground outside. So --

14 Q. You were on the ground?

15 A. Outside. But that's all I remember.

16 Q. That's all you remember. Okay.

17 Thank you so much for helping us.

18 MR. NICHOLSON: Nancy?

19 MS. McATEE: All right. This is Nancy McAtee, NTSB.

20 BY MS. McATEE:

21 Q. You said your mom was the only one who ever used the  
22 stove and oven?

23 A. Well, she's probably the only one that used it.

24 Q. Okay.

25 A. But, you know, when she cooked, you know, then it was

1     used.

2           Q.     Okay. Did she ever have any -- if anybody used it, do  
3     you know if there was any problems with it or did it always seem  
4     to work right?

5           A.     I don't know.

6           Q.     The heater in the front room, did you ever use that?  
7     Did you ever turn it on, turn it off?

8           A.     It had a problem staying lit.

9           Q.     Okay.

10          A.     My stepdad used to light it, but it always went off on  
11     its own.

12          Q.     Do you remember if it was on the night before? Do you  
13     remember if it was cold just before the explosion, it had been  
14     cold?

15          A.     I think it was warm.

16          Q.     Kind of warm?

17          A.     Warm.

18                 MS. McATEE: That's all I have for the moment.

19                 MR. NICHOLSON: Keith?

20                 MR. BLACKWOOD: This is Keith Blackwood with the PSC.

21                 BY MR. BLACKWOOD:

22          Q.     Do you know if anybody used the stove for a heating  
23     source other than cooking? Was it ever used to heat the  
24     downstairs area?

25          A.     No. My grandma had a heater upstairs.

1 Q. Okay. And did anyone in the house smoke?

2 A. I think my mom, she smoked cigarettes.

3 Q. Okay. Thank you.

4 MR. NICHOLSON: Bob?

5 BY MR. GARDNER:

6 Q. You mentioned earlier there was some work done in the  
7 yard maybe by the housing authority --

8 A. Right.

9 Q. -- that was related to -- I just want to make sure I  
10 understand -- that was related to the toilet backing up; is that  
11 right? About that time?

12 A. I guess. I never asked them what it was for.

13 Q. Right.

14 A. I just know they was out there working.

15 Q. Okay. Okay. Do you recall ever seeing any Alagasco  
16 vehicles out there around the -- before the accident?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Okay. That's all I have. Thank you.

19 BY MR. NICHOLSON:

20 Q. Okay. Antuan, I want to revisit some of the timeline,  
21 if I could. You said you get home from school around 4:30, I  
22 thought I heard you say. And so on the Monday before the  
23 accident, you would have gotten home at roughly 4:30 like normal?

24 A. Um-hum.

25 Q. Okay. And you said you went to your studio?

1           A.    Yeah.

2           Q.    Okay.

3           A.    I went to my room first and watched some TV.

4           Q.    Oh, okay.

5           A.    I watched TV, and then I go to the studio.

6           Q.    Okay.

7           A.    Yeah.

8           Q.    But you were up till --

9           A.    I went to my friend's house.

10          Q.    And you went to your -- when did you leave for your  
11 friend's house; do you remember?

12          A.    I left from my friend -- to go to my friend house, maybe  
13 about 7-something.

14          Q.    Okay, 7 p.m.?

15          A.    And I was over there with him until maybe about 9, maybe  
16 10-something, and we came back. And after we came back, we went  
17 up to the studio.

18          Q.    Okay.

19          A.    Maybe till about 11-something.

20          Q.    Okay.

21          A.    And my stepdad was up there. He didn't stay too long.  
22 He maybe left out around about -- I'd say we got up there about  
23 11:15, somewhere around that time --

24          Q.    Okay.

25          A.    -- and he left out 11:30-something.

1 Q. Okay. Where did he go, do you know?

2 A. He went downstairs, back in the room.

3 Q. To his room?

4 A. Uh-huh. You know, to my mom --

5 Q. Yeah, right. Right.

6 A. -- my mom's room.

7 Q. And then I believe you said that was the -- when you  
8 came back with your friend, that was the night you smelled the  
9 gas.

10 A. Um-hum.

11 Q. Okay. And you came in this door on the south.

12 MS. WATSON: No.

13 BY MR. NICHOLSON:

14 Q. You came in the back door that time, okay.

15 Can you tell me, do you remember where everyone else was  
16 when you were in the studio; I mean, where your brothers were?

17 A. My brother was in his room. My grandma was in her room.  
18 And my mom, I think she was in her room.

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. On the computer.

21 Q. So were you the last one to go to bed, as far as you  
22 know, or? No one was in the kitchen at the time you went to bed?

23 A. I don't know.

24 Q. Okay.

25 A. My room is upstairs, so I don't know --

1 Q. You didn't go downstairs; is that right?

2 A. After my friend left, I didn't go downstairs. I went in  
3 my room and laid down and went to sleep.

4 Q. Okay. And it sounded like -- I heard you say earlier  
5 when you smelled the gas, what would you do? You would tell your  
6 mother, is that --

7 A. Like, when I was coming in the house that night, I  
8 didn't say anything to her.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. Because a week before, like a week or so before she had  
11 already said something about it, you know, and so I didn't report  
12 it. And, plus, it wasn't -- you know, it wasn't as alert at all,  
13 so I just left it alone the second time.

14 Q. It didn't alert? What do you mean by it didn't alert  
15 you?

16 A. Like it didn't -- it wasn't strong.

17 Q. Oh, okay.

18 A. Like it wouldn't -- you know, for me to report it to my  
19 mom again.

20 Q. Okay. But if it were strong enough to make you worried,  
21 you would -- who would you report it to?

22 A. My mom.

23 Q. Your mom. Right. Okay. So your mom took care of those  
24 sorts of things in your household?

25 A. Um-hum.



1 Q. Okay. And if the toilet backed up, did you tell your  
2 mom?

3 A. Yeah.

4 Q. Okay. Thank you.

5 Was your mom working at the time of the accident? Did  
6 she have a job?

7 A. She was in school.

8 Q. She was in school?

9 A. Um-hum.

10 Q. Okay. So what was -- I didn't hear much about her  
11 schedule. When would she leave the house and when would she  
12 return?

13 A. She never really left the house.

14 Q. She never really -- okay.

15 A. She would go to school, it was online.

16 Q. Oh, okay.

17 A. That's why she stayed on the computer a lot.

18 Q. I see.

19 A. Yeah, you know, that's --

20 Q. So it was normal for her to be in the house all day?

21 A. Um-hum.

22 Q. Okay. And but she would make dinners and --

23 A. Um-hum.

24 Q. Well, I guess, lunch you had at school, so just dinner.  
25 Okay.

1           Do you recall when you were downstairs at any time the  
2 day before the accident, that Monday, whether -- was the oven door  
3 open or closed, or is that anything you would have noticed?

4           A.    I wouldn't pay no attention to it. I didn't pay no  
5 attention.

6           Q.    Even when you came home and you walked through the  
7 kitchen door?

8           A.    It wasn't -- it was up.

9           Q.    Okay.

10          A.    It was closed.

11          Q.    Everything was normal?

12          A.    Um-hum.

13          Q.    Okay. That's all I have.

14               MR. NICHOLSON: Ravi, anything else?

15               MR. CHHATRE: If I may. I have a couple of questions.

16               BY MR. CHHATRE:

17          Q.    When did your friend leave?

18          A.    He left after my stepdad went downstairs, so it was  
19 about -- my stepdad left around 11:30-something. So he had -- it  
20 wasn't that long he stayed after my stepdad. So it was maybe  
21 around like 12.

22          Q.    Okay. Until he left?

23          A.    12-something, yeah.

24          Q.    Did you go downstairs to close the door or he just  
25 closed the door?

1 A. No, he left by himself.

2 Q. All right. So you didn't go down to -- okay.

3 A. I went straight in my room.

4 Q. Okay. If your mom's going to school, did she ever work  
5 since you moved to Gate City?

6 A. I don't know.

7 Q. Okay. And do you know what she was learning or what she  
8 was -- which school did she go or --

9 A. She went to Everest, I believe. Everest.

10 Q. Everest. Okay.

11 A. I think.

12 MS. WATSON: Everett.

13 MR. MABRY: Everest.

14 MS. WATSON: Everett.

15 MR. MABRY: Everett College.

16 BY MR. CHHATRE:

17 Q. Everett. Okay. And was she's studying what?

18 A. Criminal justice.

19 Q. Criminal justice. Okay.

20 And do you have any other relatives besides your  
21 grandmother and your younger brother? Do you have any other  
22 relative, brother or sisters?

23 A. That was staying in there or the people who --

24 Q. No, not staying there. Just relatives.

25 A. I have a sister.

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. And a brother, a older brother.

3 Q. So you have a sister and an older brother. And where do  
4 they live?

5 A. My sister now, she live in **\*\*PII\*\***.

6 Q. I'm sorry?

7 A. In **\*\*PII\*\***. My sister.

8 Q. Can you spell it?

9 A. Her name?

10 Q. Her name and where she lives.

11 A. Brittany, B-r-i-t-t-a-n-y; Mabry, M-a-b-r-y.

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. She stays in **\*\*PII\*\***

14 Q. **\*\*PII\*\***. Okay.

15 Do you believe she works part-time in McDonald's or some  
16 other fast food?

17 A. She used to work. I think it was at Bradley's (ph.).  
18 But I don't -- I really don't know.

19 Q. Okay. And what about your older brother; do you know  
20 what he does or where he is?

21 A. I know where he is, but I don't -- you know.

22 Q. No contact?

23 A. Yeah.

24 MS. WATSON: **\*\*PII\*\***.

25 MR. CHHATRE: Okay. That's fine. Okay.

1           That's it. That's all I have. I really appreciate your  
2 helping us out. It's very valuable help.

3           MR. NICHOLSON: Nancy, anything else?

4           MS. McATEE: No other questions. Thank you.

5           MR. NICHOLSON: Keith?

6           BY MR. BLACKWOOD:

7           Q. This **\*\*PII\*\*** where your sister stays, would it be  
8 over in the Centerpoint/Roebuck, Roebuck area?

9           A. No. It's in the North Birmingham area.

10          Q. Okay. Thank you.

11          MS. WATSON: Behind the old **\*\*PII\*\***.

12          UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Old **\*\*PII\*\***.

13          MR. BLACKWOOD: Okay. Thank you.

14          MR. NICHOLSON: Is that anywhere -- that's not near  
15 where you were asking about?

16          MR. BLACKWOOD: No, it's not.

17          MR. NICHOLSON: Bob?

18          MR. GARDNER: I have nothing else. Thank you.

19          BY MR. NICHOLSON:

20          Q. Just one last question, Antuan. After the explosion --  
21 you had been asleep -- where did you find yourself after the  
22 explosion?

23          A. I was in the -- on the back, near the parking lot on the  
24 ground.

25          Q. In the back. So this side of the house?

1           A.    Um-hum.

2           Q.    On the ground?

3           A.    It was on like this side.

4           Q.    Okay.  So you were thrown from your room out on -- near  
5 the street, you said, or that roadway?  Okay.

6                   MR. NICHOLSON:  I've got nothing else.  I guess we're  
7 finished.  I guess we'll go off the record.

8                   Thanks, Antuan.  I appreciate your help.

9                   MR. MABRY:  Thank you.

10                   (Whereupon, the interview was concluded.)

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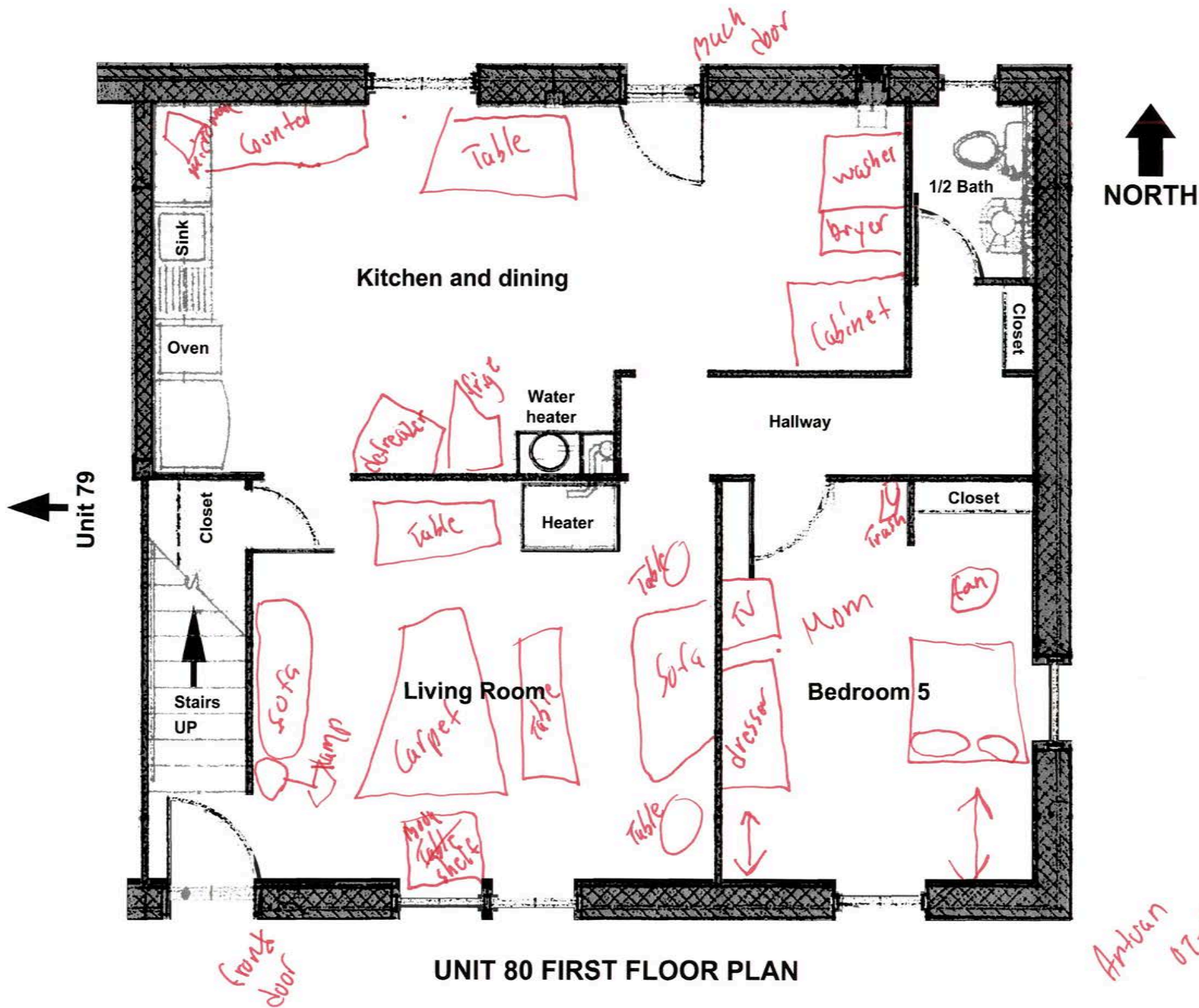
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