



HIGHWAY ACCIDENT BRIEF

Attachment 3 – Driver’s Dialog Summary

Falls Church, Virginia

HWY16SH012

(3 pages)

Interview of Falls Church Driver, June 9, 2016
For Pedestrian crash, May 18, 2016

1. Activities the day before crash (May 17, 2016)
 - a. Every day he does the same thing. Wakes up at 6am. Drinks coffee, has bread, goes to work at 6:30am. Works close by. Works until 4pm in afternoon. Comes home after work. Goes to sleep about 9pm.
 - b. Does not take any vitamins.
 - c. Takes his lunch at 12pm for one hour.
 - d. His job: his is a tree trimmer around electrical lines. No pressure to complete job. They offer training.
 - e. Started after lunch at 1pm and worked until 3pm. At 3pm they put the tools away and started cleaning up. Secured truck to make sure nothing is missing.
 - f. They work all over the place.
 - g. At 3:45pm they left the truck at the company. Parked car in Carlin Springs past Route 50 (at a commuter lot)

2. Activities the day of crash
 - a. On Wednesday, after he put everything in truck, he drove home (around 4pm)
 - b. Was not using cellphone, no one was calling him.
 - c. He was in left turn lane. He was stopped in lane
 - d. When the light turned green, he made the left turn
 - e. The light goes from a green arrow to a solid green. When he started turning it was a green arrow.
 - f. As he was turning, that was when he hit the pedestrian.
 - g. He was the first car in the queue.
 - h. Driver stated that the person was not within the crosswalk
 - i. Driver stated that people jay walk at that intersection all the time. Cops come and give warnings, but people don't understand. They just cross anywhere to get to their destination faster.
 - j. His recommendation is that they put a pedestrian bridge at the intersection (like at Rt. 50).
 - k. The driver felt someone underneath his car and so he drove up on the curb
 - l. He stopped, put on his emergency flashers on, and stayed in his car.
 - m. No other pedestrians crossing at the time.
 - n. Driver thinks he hit the pedestrian with the front end on the passenger's side. It could have been at the center of the bumper....he doesn't know
 - o. No damage to the car.
 - p. The driver was going slowly....not driving fast
 - q. What lane were you doing for on Rt. 7? He was going to the right lane because his exit was right after the Metro bus stop
 - r. He intended to go to a store to buy a few things close to his house
 - s. Driver did not call 9-1-1. It happened so fast. The police arrived immediately.
 - t. Driver not given a citation.

3. Driver Background
 - a. Has had VA driving license for 12 years.

- b. Has had Jeep since 2012.
- c. No mechanical problems.
- d. Was involved in a minor accident in 2012. He side swiped a Metro bus
- e. Has not had problems with the vehicle since
- f. The vehicle is very stable in the snow...good vehicle
- g. Visibility out of vehicle is very clear
- h. Very familiar with vehicle
- i. Driver health: no health conditions. No high blood pressure, doesn't take meds, no vitamins.
- j. Driver vision: reading glasses when he reads small letters. Glasses not needed for driving.
- k. No life stresses, no problems at work
- l. Does not drink alcohol or take recreational drugs
- m. He gets his exercise from his job. When they can't use bucket truck, he has to climb trees, so he gets exercise every day.
- n. He has been living in that community for 17 years. Everybody knows him and know he's a quiet person who doesn't drink. People are surprised that this happened to him. They know that there is nothing he could have done to avoid accident.
- o. Driver has seen other accident on Rt. 7 but not at that intersection.
- p. He thinks there needs to be more police at the intersection giving out more tickets. Mentioned need for a pedestrian bridge again.