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Investigation of:

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AMTRAK TRAIN AND CAR COLLISION

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WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

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Accident No.: DCA17FR009

JULY 6, 2006

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Radio Dispatch Calls

Wednesday,  
July 6, 2016

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2 **File: 07-06-2016\_09.59.10.5a\_-\_1001\_-\_Pompano\_Disp\_1\_Select(Voice)**

3 P098 ENGINEER: Emergency, an emergency. Hit an automobile.  
4 Over.

5 DISPATCHER: All right. Is this P098? You got cut off a  
6 little bit. You just hit a vehicle, P098? Over.

7 P098 ENGINEER: That's right. First crossing north of the  
8 signal here at Coral. Over.

9 DISPATCHER: All right. I copy that. It should be 25th  
10 Street. Can you give me a milepost? Over.

11 P098 ENGINEER: Yeah, I can't see the milepost from here.  
12 Hang on a second. All right. It's going to be about the 68.3.  
13 Over. 968.34.

14 DISPATCHER: 968.3. Just hold on. Well, I'm going to  
15 operate the road channel. I've got to tell 21 about it. Over.

16 P098 ENGINEER: I didn't (indiscernible), sir.

17 P098 CONDUCTOR: He said something about going back to the  
18 road channel.

19 P098 ENGINEER: Going back road --

20 DISPATCHER: RTA dispatch. P621. Over.

21 P098 ENGINEER: All right. Amtrak 98 back on channel number  
22 1, 91.

23 DISPATCHER: RTA dispatch. P621. Over.

24 P621 ENGINEER: 21 (indiscernible), RTA.

25 DISPATCHER: P621, I don't know if you got a copy there, but

1 P098, they just struck a vehicle right around the SX968.3 Over.

2 P621 ENGINEER: Okay. 968.3, you said? Over.

3 DISPATCHER: That's correct. So, P621, we'll need you to  
4 hold in place where you're at. Are you still in Mangonia station?  
5 Over.

6 P621 ENGINEER: I will do. Thank you for the heads up.  
7 We'll be holding (indiscernible).

8 DISPATCHER: All right. Thank you.

9 And, P098, I got your milepost that you hit the vehicle,  
10 SX968.3? Over.

11 P098 ENGINEER: That's right. How about go back to channel  
12 10 for a minute.

13 DISPATCHER: Yes. Over.

14 P098 ENGINEER: Back over here.

15 DISPATCHER: We're back here. Sorry about that. It's just  
16 21's leaving at 10, so I had to give them a heads up. Over.

17 P098 ENGINEER: Oh, I understand that, but I want -- somebody  
18 had the gates turned off. That's what caused all this.

19 DISPATCHER: Someone had the gates turned off? So the gates  
20 did not activate? Over.

21 P098 ENGINEER: It did not activate (indiscernible)

22 DISPATCHER: Okay. I copy that. You saw a VTMI truck up  
23 there? Over.

24 P098 ENGINEER: What was that?

25 P098 CONDUCTOR: (Indiscernible) train now.

1 DISPATCHER: PO98, did you see a VTMI truck? Over.

2 PO98 ENGINEER: What was that? Over.

3 DISPATCHER: Was it a VTMI truck? Over.

4 PO98 ENGINEER: That we hit? No. It was a car.

5 DISPATCHER: No, I copy that. You said there's somebody  
6 working up there, looked like the gates were turned off. I was  
7 just asking if it was a VTMI truck who's working up there. Over.

8 PO98 ENGINEER: Oh, I have no idea. I was too busy --  
9 started blowing the horn and putting the brakes on.

10 PO98 CONDUCTOR: Yes, their truck is there.

11 PO98 ENGINEER: It's back there.

12 DISPATCHER: All right. I copy that. And when you can, can  
13 you let me know what the situation is with the car there? Could  
14 you see is there someone in the car and if there are any injuries  
15 to passengers or crew? Over.

16 PO98 ENGINEER: All right. They're back there right now.

17 DISPATCHER: Okay. I copy that. And can you give me a  
18 milepost the train stopped at? Over.

19 PO98 ENGINEER: We're stopped at the SX968.1, the headend is.

20 DISPATCHER: Okay. I copy the train is stopped, the headend  
21 location's at the SX968.1, you hit the vehicle at the 968.3, the  
22 crew's checking on the condition of the passengers and also the  
23 car. And I have informed P621 they will not be leaving Mangonia  
24 Park Station. Over.

25 PO98 ENGINEER: All right. So you got us protected on --

1 southbound on number 1. Okay. I appreciate it.

2 P098 CONDUCTOR: I want to get back to the dispatcher. We do  
3 have a -- a person in the car that is alive at this point. We  
4 have rescue services on their way. Over.

5 DISPATCHER: Okay. I copy. Rescue services are on the way  
6 and the person -- one person in the vehicle is alive at this  
7 point. Over.

8 P098 CONDUCTOR: Was ejected from the car. Over.

9 DISPATCHER: All right. That person was ejected from the  
10 car. I copy that. Over.

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