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INTERVIEW OF JOSHUA REID

BY MS. PRICE:

Q. Just to start with, just so we have it all on record, can you tell me your name and spell it and give me your date of birth?

A. My name is Joshua Reid, J-o-s-h-u-a, Reid, R-e-i-d. I was born

Q. Okay. I just want to start out -- I'm talking about the day that the accident happened -- and just kind of hear maybe from the beginning of your day, you know, before you made that run, kind of just starting at your house when you got up, maybe all the way to the end, in your words, in as much detail as you can provide. And then after that, I'll go through, you know, some other side things.

A. Okay. Well, I got up that morning. Let's see. I got up. I, you know, I got dressed. You know, I brushed my teeth and everything. I left my house and I got to work at about -- let me see -- about quarter to 4, about -- no, no. I got to work at about, I think, 3:00, yeah, about 3:00. And then I went in, I got all my paperwork. I went out, I pre-tripped the truck. Then I pre-tripped my trailer. I hooked up and I was on my way out of the gate at about quarter to 4.

And so I went, you know, like I do every night, you

1 know, got on the highway, made my way to the highway, traveled 91,
2 91 South into 95 South, got on 95 South. I'm in the middle lane
3 and I'm just driving just like I normally drive every night. And
4 then, you know, I'm making my way, you know, into New York and a
5 bus comes. It passed me on the right-hand side. That wasn't
6 anything unusual. Vehicles pass me all the time. But what
7 attracted my attention to this particular vehicle is that it
8 was -- when it got past me, you know, I noticed this guy was
9 driving zigzaggy. He was driving like over the white line. He
10 passed me on the right side. He was driving over the white line
11 into the breakdown lane, but what was really unusual is that this
12 guy was driving -- he was deep into the breakdown lane, coming
13 extremely close to the guardrail. He was coming extremely close
14 to the guardrail, so I said to myself, I said, "This guy is going
15 to get in an accident."

16 And so, you know, he continued to do that, then it
17 appeared that he may have corrected himself, and then -- so he had
18 got out in front of me. He had got out in front of me. Maybe he
19 was like about three, four trucks in front of me, and so it
20 remained like that for about maybe 10, 15, maybe even 20 minutes,
21 you know, he was out in front of me. So I no longer was paying
22 attention to the guy, you know.

23 Q. Uh-huh.

24 A. He was no longer, you know anything out of the
25 ordinary for me. You know, he was no longer on my mind. So I

1 continued to drive, and then the next thing I know -- I don't know
2 if I looked down at my radio or if we had made a bend or whatever,
3 but I know that the next time that I saw the vehicle, it was up on
4 two wheels. It was up on two wheels riding the guardrail. I was
5 a good ways behind it. I seen like, you know, like smoke and
6 stuff like that. I was like, oh man, but I knew -- I said, "I
7 knew it."

8 And so he continued to ride the guardrail, and then it
9 appeared to me that he ran out of guardrail and he just plopped
10 down. He came out of a stop -- I mean, he came to a stop, and so
11 I continued. I rode up, you know, like -- and I'm looking over to
12 my right. I just see the bottom of his vehicle. And I rode to --
13 you know, so I'm passing this guy and I -- like I said, I looked
14 over. I saw that there was a car on my left-hand side, so, you
15 know, I was keeping track of, you know, everything, you know, and
16 then so I just continued past him. I continued past him.

17 I know maybe it may seem insensitive or whatever, but,
18 you know, I continued past him. I just figured, you know,
19 somebody else, you know, somebody else will stop, you know, for
20 him because here I am -- you know, like you never see a zillion
21 trucks, you know, pulled over at, you know, an accident. You
22 know, you see like little cars and stuff like that, you know,
23 pulled over, you know. I've seen a zillion accidents, so, you
24 know, I just -- I don't pull over. I had my load. You know, the
25 little guy -- and it's not the fact that I'm insensitive, you

1 know, I just, you know, I just figure, you know, somebody else,
2 you know, is going to call, somebody else is going to, you know,
3 stop for the accident.

4 So I just continued down to Long Island. I go to
5 Southampton. I drop my trailer. I -- then I go to my next stop.
6 After I drop my trailer, I go to my next stop. I deliver to them.
7 Matter of fact, I dropped the -- I picked up a trailer from
8 Southampton. I -- they put the 10 pallets on that trailer. I go
9 to my next stop. I drop at that next stop and then I go to New
10 Jersey. My company instructed me to go to -- I mean, not New
11 Jersey, the Bronx, G.H.I. My company instruct [sic] me to go to
12 them, so I go to them. I pick up a trailer. I'm on my way --

13 As a matter of fact, when I was in Long Island, though,
14 my wife had called me. She called me about 9:00. She calls me
15 about 9:00 every day. She called me and she said, "Honey, there
16 was a bus accident." I said, "Honey, I seen that accident." I
17 said, "I seen that accident." She was worried. She was worried
18 that her girlfriends may have been on that bus. Because she was
19 supposed to go on a bus trip with her girlfriends, and so she was
20 worried that maybe her girlfriends had been on that bus. I said,
21 "No," I said, "because that bus is traveling south," I said, "and
22 the bus -- if your girlfriends were coming from the casino, they
23 would have been traveling north, so I don't think that that was
24 that bus." She was supposed to go on that trip with them.

25 So now -- so she told me that there was an accident, and

1 so -- and she said, "They said that there was a tractor trailer
2 involved." I said, "It was a tractor involved?" I said, "There
3 was no tractor trailer involved in that accident." I said, "That
4 guy" -- I said, "That guy, he was either drunk or he was either
5 asleep", you know.

6 So I continued to ride. I turned on my radio and I
7 hear, you know, the radio. You know, the people on the radio,
8 they was talking about, you know, the accident and what the guy
9 was saying, the guy was saying that he was in the middle lane.
10 And so, you know, I was like, well, you know, that wasn't true,
11 you know. And so I just decided, I decided -- I said, "You know,
12 I need to just, you know, tell. I need to go and tell, you know,
13 what I saw."

14 And so, I'm coming up 287. I'm coming 287, getting
15 ready to try to go onto 95, but I see, you know, police officers,
16 so I pull over. I pull over and I go to the police officer and I
17 said, "Officer" -- I let the officers know -- I said, "I seen that
18 accident." And so they asked me, "You seen that accident?" I
19 said, "Yeah, I seen that accident." And the officer asked me what
20 happened. I told him what happened. I told him that, you know,
21 the guy was, you know, going, you know, over the guardrail -- I
22 mean, he was going over the white line real close to the
23 guardrail, you know. I felt that he was either drunk or asleep.
24 And so, once I told my story, then they brought in, you know, like
25 different people that they wanted me to talk to and tell the story

1 over and over again, you know, and that was, you know, that was
2 how it happened, you know.

3 Then they took me back to the scene, you know. They --
4 you know, I spoke to a number of people. I gave my statement. I
5 went to the police station and then they brought me back to the
6 scene and asked me a number of questions and stuff like that
7 and -- you know, all about the accident. And then, eventually,
8 you know, they just -- they said, you know, that I was all set and
9 they gave me a ride back to here.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. Yeah.

12 Q. Thank you.

13 A. Yeah.

14 Q. I just have a few questions about just details that I --

15 A. Sure, sure, sure.

16 Q. -- want to follow up on with that morning. Do you
17 remember when you first saw the vehicle? I think you said that
18 when you first saw it, it was passing you?

19 A. Yeah.

20 Q. Is that correct?

21 A. Yeah.

22 Q. Okay. If you had to estimate what time you thought that
23 was, is there anything that -- did you look at the clock or is
24 there anything that might have told you what time it was when that
25 happened, when you first saw it?

1 A. Well, you know, really, I really can't really say. I
2 know that I left here at quarter till 4. I left here at quarter
3 to 4. So it approximately takes me maybe an hour to get to 91,
4 and then it may -- I mean, to 95. While I'm on 91, it takes me
5 approximately maybe an hour to get to 95. And I really can't say
6 whether I seen that vehicle in Connecticut or New York. It's a
7 possibility that maybe, you know, like right on the line, you
8 know, as we were going into New York --

9 Q. Uh-huh?

10 A. -- maybe I seen the vehicle then. Because, you know, I
11 do this so much that I never -- you know, I don't really
12 concentrate on, you know, like different vehicles unless they do
13 something out of the ordinary --

14 Q. Uh-huh.

15 A. -- and that was the only thing that really had attracted
16 my attention to this vehicle. The exact time, you know, I'm
17 really not able to say the exact time --

18 Q. That's fine. That's fine.

19 A. -- I seen --

20 Q. Do you remember when you first saw him if there were --
21 what the -- if there were other vehicles on the roadway around
22 you?

23 A. If there was other vehicles? Let me see. He passed me
24 on the right. I would have to -- there's a possibility that there
25 were other vehicles around me. Because, you know, I really -- the

1 exact time that I saw this vehicle and what else -- you know, and
2 what was going on, I really don't, you know, I really don't
3 remember exactly, you know, how that went because it was nothing
4 out of the ordinary.

5 Q. Right.

6 A. Like I said --

7 Q. Sure.

8 A. -- you know, only thing that I remember is things that
9 are out of the ordinary --

10 Q. Sure, of course.

11 A. -- because I do this so much, you know.

12 Q. Right.

13 A. So I'm driving down the highway. You know, there's a
14 possibility there were cars, you know, maybe in front or trucks in
15 front, maybe on the side and maybe in the back. I really --

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. -- exactly, I really can't remember exactly.

18 Q. Okay. If you had to guess about your speed and about
19 the truck's speed when the truck passed you, what would you guess?

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Bus.

21 MS. PRICE: I'm sorry. Bus. Thank you.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I didn't mean to --

23 MS. PRICE: I mean, the bus.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I mean, guessing is probably --

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Do you want guesses, Jana,

1 or -- if he can estimate, great, but --

2 BY MS. PRICE:

3 Q. I would like you to estimate, if you can, what your
4 speed was when the bus overtook you.

5 A. I would say maybe, I would have to say I was going maybe
6 between 60, 60, 65, maybe a few miles more.

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. Some 60, 65. The bus -- I would say the bus had to be
9 going about between 70 and 75, I would have to say, maybe
10 somewhere around there.

11 Q. Okay. And you said that you saw the bus, I think you
12 said, zigzag?

13 A. Yeah.

14 Q. And you said it crossed the white line.

15 A. Right.

16 Q. I assume you're talking about the white line to the
17 right of the --

18 A. To the breakdown --

19 Q. -- rightmost lane --

20 A. Right, right.

21 Q. -- to the breakdown lane.

22 A. Exactly.

23 Q. Did you see the bus cross on the other side at all or
24 were -- was he mostly crossing between the rightmost lane and the
25 breakdown lane?

1 A. He was mainly crossing over -- I don't even recall
2 seeing him crossing over into the left side, like in the middle
3 lane.

4 Q. Okay.

5 A. I don't see -- I didn't see him -- I don't remember
6 seeing him cross over, you know, into the middle lane. I see him
7 crossing over the white line, you know, the rumble strip --

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. -- you know, like going over the rumble strip and
10 extremely close to the guardrail.

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. You know, that's what I remember. He was like never
13 really going over -- he was never going toward the middle lane.

14 Q. Okay.

15 A. Yeah. He was never going toward there. He was crossing
16 over that line, going very close to the guardrail.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q. And just so you know, one thing that I learned
20 yesterday, or the day before, is that business cards can be very
21 good vehicles.

22 A. Okay, yeah.

23 Q. So if you need to --

24 A. Okay, sure, sure.

25 Q. -- show us anything --

1 A. Sure.

2 Q. -- that can be --

3 A. Sure.

4 Q. So in terms of how you saw him moving, can you maybe
5 just show me -- maybe if you had to --

6 A. Yeah, yeah.

7 Q. -- kind of show the --

8 A. Yeah, yeah.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You can utilize that as well, if
10 you want to.

11 BY MS. PRICE:

12 Q. Whatever is comfortable for you. I just want to get a
13 really good understanding of this zigzag motion, whether it was
14 kind of like a slow drift off or whether it was kind of jaggedy
15 or --

16 A. It wasn't really a slow drift. It wasn't a slow drift.
17 It was more -- let me see. I think it was more like, I think,
18 like, you know, like a, like kind of a fast drift because he was
19 moving pretty fast. So it was like a fast going over, and then,
20 you know, trying -- you know, catching himself, you know. And it
21 would -- you know, and he would be, you know, like moving like,
22 you know, like this a little bit, you know, then he would, you
23 know, be kind of like drifting over. But he was like -- a lot of
24 the time, he was -- one of his wheels was like over the line --

25 Q. Okay.

1 A. -- you know, over the line.

2 Q. Uh-huh.

3 A. He was like over into that breakdown lane, you know. I
4 mean, one of his wheels, you know -- if I can remember correctly,
5 one of his wheels was like over that line. He was never really
6 like even in the -- in his lane --

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. -- you know. He was like, you know, going over that
9 line, and then he would, you know, drift off, you know, and get
10 real close to the guardrail --

11 Q. And how --

12 A. -- and I said to myself, "This guy's going to get in an
13 accident."

14 Q. This guy's going to get what?

15 A. I said to myself, "This guy's going to get in an
16 accident."

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. That was early on, when I first seen him doing that.

19 Q. Yeah.

20 A. I said, "This guy's going to get in an accident."

21 Q. Yeah. How much time would you say he spent, that you
22 saw him, doing that zigzag motion? Was it a second, 5 seconds,
23 more than that?

24 A. You know, I don't really -- you know, to be honest with
25 you, I don't, I don't put -- you know, I wasn't like --

1 Q. Sure.

2 A. -- putting no time, you know, on --

3 Q. Totally understand.

4 A. -- on anything. I was just looking at this act --

5 Q. Right.

6 A. -- that this dude was --

7 Q. Sure.

8 A. -- you know, doing --

9 Q. Right.

10 A. -- and I was like, you know, that's --

11 Q. How about this. How far away from him would you say
12 your truck was when you saw that zigzag?

13 A. When I saw him zigzagging, how far away from me, was he
14 from me? He was -- you know, they asked me that question. They
15 asked me that question, and I would have to say maybe a half a
16 truck, maybe even a truck, in front of me when I first noticed it,
17 but I'm not really sure, you know.

18 Q. Uh-huh.

19 A. I think that it was -- you know, he was out in front of
20 me where I could see that he was doing this --

21 Q. Uh-huh.

22 A. -- you know. The, you know, like the measurement -- you
23 know, I was just, you know, more, you know, focused on the fact
24 that this guy is, you know, is, you know, this -- he's doing this,
25 you know.

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. This -- I'm just looking at what's happening, you know,
3 but, like trying to remember exactly, you know, like where he was
4 in comparison to me -- I know that he was in front of me, you
5 know, and, you know, he was a good ways in front of me, you know,
6 not far away when I first noticed it --

7 Q. Right.

8 A. -- you know.

9 Q. Well, you mentioned that he passed you and was three to
10 four trucks ahead of you for about 15 to 20 minutes. Did you see
11 the zigzagging right after he passed you?

12 A. I think it was more of a -- yeah, like right after, you
13 know, he passed me, and then that's when I noticed him
14 zigzagging --

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. -- you know.

17 Q. And then for maybe 15 or 20 minutes, did you --

18 A. You know, like he --

19 Q. -- notice him at all in between that time?

20 A. -- he was driving and -- but he was going, you know,
21 faster than me, so he had got up a ways. He had got up a ways and
22 it was like he was no longer -- I was no longer paying attention
23 to him, you know.

24 Q. Right.

25 A. So he had got out a good ways out in front of me and,

1 like I said, I was like no longer, you know, giving him any
2 attention. So I don't know if he corrected or, you know -- that
3 part I just can't, you know --

4 Q. Okay. What do you remember the bus looking like?
5 Just -- if you can just give me a description of what you
6 remember?

7 A. It was a black bus and I remember when it had come past
8 me, and then what drew my attention is that he was going over.
9 And I remember seeing "tours" on it, gold writing, "tours". I
10 remember that it was a black bus, and that's about it. I remember
11 the word "tours" --

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. -- that was on the bus.

14 Q. Okay. Let me just -- before I kind of go back and talk
15 about other parts of --

16 A. Sure. Do what you've got to do.

17 Q. -- the days and other things about you, let me just ask
18 my colleagues if there are any other questions about that, you
19 know, the accident itself and the moments before it that they want
20 to cover.

21 BY MR. COLLINS:

22 Q. You said at one point after the bus was on the
23 guardrail, and I thought you said there was a car to your left?

24 A. Yeah, there was a car to my left, yeah.

25 Q. Do you -- what can you tell me about that car? Describe

1 it for me.

2 A. You know, I, I could just -- the only thing I could tell
3 you that it was a dark-colored car.

4 Q. Okay.

5 A. You know, because I'm just, you know -- see, when I
6 started coming up on the bus after -- when the bus was flat on its
7 side and I reached the bus, reached to where the bus was, in order
8 for me to look over at that bus, I had to make sure that, you
9 know, I was, you know, like clear, you know, that I wasn't maybe
10 drifting into, you know, another lane. When you take your eye off
11 the road, you know, then you, you know, you've got to make sure
12 you know, that you're still, you know, straight, you know.

13 So this guy -- I was here and there was a vehicle here
14 and the -- and now, you know, we had moved up a little ways. The
15 bus was here on its side here, you know. So there's a lane here,
16 like most of the breakdown, and he's, you know, like tight over
17 here, you know, on his side. And so I was here at first thing,
18 but the vehicle was coming up on me like that, you know, and I'm
19 looking over, so that's why I could tell that it was a dark-
20 colored vehicle. I don't know if it was black or whatever. It
21 was a dark-colored vehicle. You know, and I just made sure, you
22 know, I wasn't drifting or we wasn't getting close to each other,
23 you know. And I'm looking around, you know, my rearview,
24 everything, you know, to make sure that nothing's close to me
25 while I'm going past looking at this accident.

1 BY MS. PRICE:

2 Q. When you saw it touching the guardrail, about how far
3 behind it were you when --

4 A. Oh. I was like -- when he was riding the guardrail --
5 because, like I said, I don't know if -- the initial impact, when
6 he initially impacted, I didn't see that. I didn't see that. So
7 this is why -- you know, when I had went back to the scene -- when
8 the officers brought me back to the scene, then, you know, then I
9 had put it together. I said maybe that is why I didn't see him
10 crash. I don't remember seeing him crash into the guardrail or
11 how he got there. So I believe that it was -- there was a bend,
12 there was a bend in the road. There's a possibility that he had
13 been -- and got out of my sight, you know. And then when I came
14 around the corner -- or either I looked down, you know. I may
15 have looked down, you know, at the radio or something, and then
16 when I looked back up, this guy was on the guardrail. That's the
17 first -- when I seen him, when I seen him, he was on the
18 guardrail, two wheels. I don't -- I didn't see how he impacted
19 the guardrail. I just seen him on two wheels. So it could have
20 been, you know, when I came around that corner and he came back
21 into my sight, you know, then he was on the guardrail, he was
22 riding the guardrail.

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. Yeah.

25 Q. Between the time that you saw it and the time you spoke

1 to your wife, did you talk to anybody else and talk about the
2 accident?

3 A. No, no, I didn't talk. I was by myself. I went down, I
4 delivered my load, you know. I see accidents, you know, so often,
5 you know, I didn't -- no, I hadn't talked with anybody about that.

6 Q. Okay.

7 MS. PRICE: Dennis, did you want to ask any detailed
8 questions before I go back and do my global?

9 MR. COLLINS: I have one more.

10 BY MR. COLLINS:

11 Q. At one point, you said you knew the bus was on the
12 rumble strips.

13 A. Yeah.

14 Q. Is that -- how did you know he was on the rumble strips?

15 A. Well, I knew -- well, you know, I had asked -- what it
16 was is I had asked myself the -- I said, "Is there any rumble
17 strips?" You know, I was wondering, you know. When I got past
18 and I was thinking about this, you know, the whole thing, I was
19 like, you know, "Were there any rumble strips?" I was asking
20 myself, I said, "Because I don't see how this guy was driving like
21 that and nobody woke up or, you know, or stopped him or whatever."
22 But maybe people were trying to, you know. I'm not really sure.

23 But, you know, I -- the reason why that I know that it
24 was rumble strips, because when they took me back, when they took
25 me back to that accident, and then, you know -- because that's

1 what I looked for. I said, you know -- and then I saw that there
2 were rumble strips, you know. So -- and that was one of the
3 reasons, too, why I said that this guy was -- must have been
4 extremely tired or he had to be drunk. He had to be drunk or
5 extremely tired. But later, I had heard them say on the radio
6 that he -- well, I think, days later, that they said he didn't
7 have a dirty urine. So I said, then he had to be asleep. He had
8 to be asleep; he had to be.

9 Q. Just to be clear, you didn't hear him -- you know how
10 sometimes, particularly, if somebody's really moving and they
11 catch the rumble strips --

12 A. Yeah.

13 Q. -- you can hear it?

14 A. I didn't hear it.

15 Q. You didn't hear that?

16 A. I didn't hear it.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. Nope.

19 MS. PRICE: Dennis, you good?

20 MR. COLLINS: I'm good.

21 BY MS. PRICE:

22 Q. Do you remember what the light or weather conditions
23 were right around this time?

24 A. It was a good day. It was a -- I mean, a good night --
25 well, morning. It was early morning. It was clear out --

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. -- you know, yeah.

3 Q. Okay. I'm going to --

4 MR. VAN ETTEN: Let me ask a question, if you will?

5 MS. PRICE: Sure. Of course, Gary.

6 BY MR. VAN ETTEN:

7 Q. I want to go back and just fill in a couple of blanks
8 here.

9 A. Okay.

10 Q. You say you woke up -- what time did you wake up?

11 A. Let me see. That morning. See, because I wake up one
12 hour before. So let me see. I got to work at about 3:00. I woke
13 up at 2, like 2:00. I think it was about 2:00.

14 Q. So around 2:00?

15 A. And I went, I brushed my teeth. You know, I did all the
16 stuff that I normally do, started my vehicle, you know, and then I
17 left my house at like about 2:30 --

18 Q. Uh-huh.

19 A. -- and then I got to work at like about 3:00. I mean,
20 it takes me about 30 minutes or so, so I got to work about 3:00
21 that night.

22 Q. And are you dispatched from this location or some other
23 location?

24 A. From here.

25 Q. So you --

1 A. From here.

2 Q. -- dispatch from here?

3 A. Yeah.

4 Q. And you say you left here about 3:45 and you get on the
5 highway --

6 A. Yeah.

7 Q. -- to 95, and then south on 95 --

8 A. Yeah.

9 Q. -- and that that takes about an hour?

10 A. It takes me about an hour to get to --

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. -- 95, yeah.

13 Q. Okay. And where are you going?

14 A. I'm going to Southampton -- I'm going to Long Island, to
15 Long Island, my load to Long Island.

16 Q. And since I'm on the other coast -- I'm from Los
17 Angeles --

18 A. Okay.

19 Q. -- how long does that trip typically take?

20 A. That trip takes about 3 hours and maybe like -- to get
21 to Southampton, maybe like 3 hours and 15 minutes, 3 hours and 30
22 minutes or so, somewhere around there.

23 Q. Okay. So an hour to 95, and then another 2-1/2 hours
24 down to New York?

25 A. To get -- no, to get to Long Island. I wasn't in Long

1 Island where the accident -- I was in -- I was just at the tip
2 of -- like at the beginning of New York --

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. -- at the beginning of New York.

5 Q. The northern tip? I have to admit, I'm not familiar
6 with --

7 MR. COLLINS: The border of New York and Connecticut.

8 MR. REID: Right --

9 BY MR. VAN ETTEN:

10 Q. How many miles is that? Let me put it that way. Maybe
11 that'll be better.

12 A. How many miles? I'm not really sure --

13 Q. Okay. I'm just trying to get some context here.

14 A. -- about how many miles.

15 MR. VAN ETTEN: Anybody have any idea?

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: From the accident scene --

17 MR. VAN ETTEN: From here to --

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- to Southampton?

19 MR. REID: To New York? Oh.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, that's --

21 MR. REID: Oh, from here to Southampton?

22 MR. VAN ETTEN: Yeah.

23 MR. REID: No, well, you don't want -- I don't think
24 that's what he's saying.

25 BY MR. VAN ETTEN:

1 Q. Yeah, I am.

2 A. Oh, you're saying from here to my -- to the stop?

3 Q. Yeah.

4 A. To my stop?

5 Q. How many miles?

6 A. That's about, let me see, about 200 and -- maybe 200 and
7 something. Maybe about 210 or somewhere around there.

8 Q. 210?

9 A. I think it's about 200 and some miles.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. I can't really tell you that.

12 Q. And as I understand it -- even if I'm -- correct me if
13 I'm wrong, but you said as you're going south on 95, at some point
14 this bus comes by you and you're doing between 60 and 65 and the
15 bus has got to be doing between 70 and 75?

16 A. Right.

17 Q. And you're in the middle lane and it's in the --

18 A. Right lane.

19 Q. And that from that point forward, you have, at least in
20 your field of vision, this bus for about 15 or 20 minutes,
21 correct?

22 A. I think that it was, you know, about that. You know,
23 see, they -- you know, you're asking me about the accident so I'm
24 trying to give you, you know, like times and stuff, you know, put
25 times on this stuff --

1 Q. Um-hum, um-hum.

2 A. -- but that's not something, you know, I normally -- I
3 just drive and if I see --

4 Q. Well, it could have been 8 minutes; it could have been
5 5, I don't know.

6 A. Right.

7 Q. But your estimation is somewhere in the 15 to 20
8 minutes?

9 A. You know, to give you --

10 Q. It's a while.

11 A. If you want me to give you a time, you know, but -- you
12 know?

13 Q. So in this time frame, however long that is, you -- is
14 it during this entire time that this bus is drifting into the
15 lane, the breakdown lane, and then coming back? Is it doing that
16 a lot or is it doing it just every once in a while or --

17 A. You know, I -- he passed me and I seen him drifting, you
18 know, deep, drifting deep --

19 Q. Right.

20 A. -- you know, and then I'm -- and so -- and I'm watching
21 him.

22 Q. Um-hum.

23 A. I'm watching him. And then he gets, you know, like a
24 ways in front of me.

25 Q. Um-hum.

1 A. He gets a ways in front of me and at that point, you
2 know, I'm not watching him anymore. You know, I -- he wasn't, you
3 know -- when I look at, when I look back at the whole picture, you
4 know, I wasn't -- he wasn't -- I wasn't watching him anymore.
5 I --

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. When I -- the next time I noticed him -- so why I took,
8 you know, the reason why I took my eye off him, he -- like I said,
9 he could have been in the corner or, you know, he was way out in
10 front. He just, you know -- he wasn't -- he could have got out of
11 distance or whatever and maybe the guardrail slowed him down and
12 then I --

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. -- I came up on him or whatever.

15 Q. Okay. If you know, and if you don't know --

16 A. Sure.

17 Q. -- then it's okay.

18 A. Go ahead.

19 Q. About how many times did you see him cross into
20 the --

21 A. I would like to say, I think it was about maybe about
22 three times.

23 Q. Three times?

24 A. About three times --

25 Q. Okay.

1 A. -- I seen him go over and in -- yeah.

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. Maybe about three times.

4 Q. Okay, so he wasn't like this. He was coming over there
5 and come back and would be straight for a while, and then he'd
6 go --

7 A. Yeah. Yeah, he was -- he -- yeah, he had went over, you
8 know, a good ways, then he would correct him. Then he had went
9 over again and he was moving fast, you know, and then he had went
10 over again, I think, you know, and then --

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. -- you know, moving forward.

13 BY MS. PRICE:

14 Q. Were -- you said three times? Were all three of those
15 times before you said you kind of lost track of him, or were those
16 that -- throughout that period? Do you know what I'm saying? So
17 you said he passed you, you definitely noticed him doing it once.

18 A. Uh-huh.

19 Q. And then were the other two times close to that first
20 time or were they closer to --

21 A. Yeah, they were like close --

22 Q. -- prior to the accident?

23 A. Yeah, they were like close, they were close to that
24 first time --

25 Q. Okay.

1 A. -- that I seen him.

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. They were close to that first time --

4 Q. Okay, great.

5 A. -- that I seen him.

6 Q. Thank you.

7 BY MR. VAN ETEN:

8 Q. And then on your way back, you said you decided to tell
9 the police?

10 A. Yeah.

11 Q. And so, as you came, coming back northbound --

12 A. Yeah.

13 Q. -- I missed that location where you stopped and talked
14 to the police. Where was that?

15 A. That was in -- I was on 287. I was on 287, I think
16 maybe around Westchester or somewhere around there, Westchester,
17 New York. I'm not really sure exactly, but I was on 287 traveling
18 toward 95.

19 Q. 287 toward 95?

20 A. Yeah, trying to get on 95.

21 Q. And you were going --

22 A. And I --

23 Q. -- northbound? Northbound?

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 287 goes east and west.

25 MR. REID: 287, that's east and west. It's --

1 BY MR. VAN ETTEN:

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. It's --

4 Q. But to 95 North?

5 A. Toward, toward 95, toward. I hadn't got -- I didn't
6 reach 95 North.

7 Q. Okay, all right. You mentioned it and I didn't -- I was
8 a little slow on the uptake. So, okay. Oh, is this your normal
9 run? Do you make -- this is --

10 A. Oh, on Saturday -- from Friday to Saturday, this is the
11 run that I normally hit, like the Southampton run, so.

12 Q. There was one more thing I wanted to ask. Oh, traffic
13 conditions, would you describe the traffic conditions as light,
14 medium, heavy?

15 A. I would say light.

16 Q. Very light. They were very light?

17 A. I would say. You know, like when the accident happened,
18 you're saying?

19 Q. Yes.

20 A. I would say very light.

21 Q. Okay. All right. Okay, that's it. Thank you.

22 BY MR. COLLINS:

23 Q. Are very light traffic conditions typical for that run?

24 A. For that hour.

25 Q. For that hour?

1 A. For that hour. You know, it's early in the morning, you
2 know, so --

3 MS. PRICE: On a Saturday.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's a Saturday, yeah.

5 MR. REID: Yeah, so -- so, yeah.

6 BY MS. PRICE:

7 Q. Okay. Well, now I'm just going to ask a bunch of
8 questions that may --

9 A. Sure.

10 Q. -- that are kind of just general questions that --

11 A. Do you what you got to do.

12 Q. -- we ask of everybody.

13 A. Sure.

14 Q. Can you tell me the place where -- the address where
15 you're currently living?

16 A. I'm living

17

18 Q. Okay. May I have your telephone number?

19 A.

20 MS. PRICE: Dennis, got it?

21 MR. COLLINS: That was --

22 MR. REID: Oh.

23 MR. COLLINS: That was definitely faster than I --

24 MR. REID: Oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry.

25 MR. COLLINS: Can I get it again?

1 MR. REID: [REDACTED]

2 MR. COLLINS: Okay.

3 MR. REID: -- [REDACTED]

4 MR. COLLINS: Uh-huh.

5 MR. REID: -- [REDACTED]

6 BY MS. PRICE:

7 Q. Is that your home phone that you just gave?

8 A. Yeah.

9 Q. Do you have a cell phone?

10 A. I've got a cell phone. You know, I use it -- I actually
11 will probably have to search for my number because I don't know
12 it. My wife calls me. I never call myself, you know? So --

13 Q. That's my husband too.

14 MR. VAN ETTEN: I bet you know her number though. I bet
15 you know her cell phone number.

16 MR. REID: I -- no, I got her number in here, so that's
17 the way I --

18 MR. VAN ETTEN: There we go.

19 MR. REID: That's only right. But if you want me to
20 maybe try to look it up here, I really don't -- I just -- you
21 know, I'm a old school guy, like rotary. I'm still in the rotary
22 age, you know.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We used to have little holes in a
24 circle.

25 MS. PRICE: I'm glad you think I'm that young.

1 MR. REID: Pat, you've got my number, don't you? Don't
2 you have my number?

3 MR. O'CONNOR: 413 something, yeah. Oh, you don't even
4 know it?

5 MR. REID: I don't know it, I swear.

6 It's -- let me see. , I think it's Maybe if
7 you call it.

8 MR. O'CONNOR:

9 MR. REID: Is that it?

10 MR. O'CONNOR: Correct.

11 BY MS. PRICE:

12 Q. Okay. And the area code?

13 A.

14 Q.

15 A.

16 Q. And what provider do you use?

17 A. This is Boost Mobile.

18 Q. Boost Mobile?

19 A. Yeah.

20 Q. Okay. Okay, do you carry that with you when you're --

21 A. Yeah, when I'm driving, yeah.

22 Q. Okay. And is that how people get in touch with you just
23 for whatever?

24 A. Sure. Yeah.

25 Q. Okay. Okay, let's see. So how long have you been

1 working for Webster?

2 A. I've been with Webster going on maybe 7 years.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. Seven years.

5 Q. And during that time, have you been doing this same run
6 the whole time? And if not, can you just give us kind of a sense
7 of what you've done for the company during that 7 years?

8 A. Well, I've done some runs, New York, Boston. But I
9 think I've been doing this for maybe 3 -- this is just like a
10 Saturday run that I was making and I've been doing that for maybe
11 about 4 -- no, 3, 4 years, maybe, that particular run.

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. But, yeah. But like, you know, runs I used to do, I
14 used to do, like I said, Boston, the Prudential Building, you
15 know, stuff like that, the City of Boston, up north, all over --

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. -- Northeast.

18 Q. Prior to Webster --

19 A. Um-hum.

20 Q. -- did you do -- were you a truck driver before that?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. No. Actually, I used to drive like a box truck for
24 Salvation Army, but that's about it.

25 Q. Okay. Your license, your -- what kind of a license do

1 you hold?

2 A. I got CDL Class A.

3 Q. CDL Class A?

4 A. Yeah.

5 Q. Do you remember when you got that?

6 A. Let me see, I got that maybe 7-1/2 years. Because when
7 I was fresh out of school and I came to Webster and Webster
8 trained me and -- you know, they -- well, I got my training in
9 school, and then they accept me, put with a trainer, and, you
10 know, from there --

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. Yeah.

13 Q. When you say fresh out of school, what school are you
14 talking about?

15 A. Let me see. I went to -- what school was it? If I can
16 remember -- I go past it all the time. I can't --

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. I don't even remember my school.

19 Q. Do you remember where it was?

20 A. It's in Chicopee. It's in Chicopee, Mass.

21 Q. Chicopee, Mass?

22 A. Yeah, in Chicopee, Massachusetts, yes. It'll come to
23 me. You know, it's --

24 Q. Okay. So you --

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You're talking about truck

1 driving school, right?

2 MR. REID: Yeah, truck driving school, yeah.

3 BY MS. PRICE:

4 Q. Okay. So you went to truck driver school there and came
5 to Webster shortly thereafter?

6 A. Yeah, shortly after, yeah.

7 Q. Okay. And did you have any training when you first came
8 here?

9 A. Yeah. Webster, yeah. You know, when you come to
10 Webster, even if you've been driving for years, they're going to
11 train you first. They're going to put you with a trainer and see
12 how you drive and see whether you're ready for the road and stuff
13 like that. Then when they think you're ready, they're going to
14 give you more a simple run, you know, simple runs with wide, you
15 know, when you dock, wide areas. You go into wide areas and
16 stuff, you know. And then they get you ready for places like
17 Boston, closed-in places, New York, tight spaces and stuff like
18 that. You know, the years that you've been doing it, then they
19 put you in more difficult, the more difficult stuff.

20 Q. Okay. I just want to talk about the vehicle a little
21 bit.

22 A. Sure.

23 Q. The vehicle that you were driving --

24 A. Okay.

25 Q. -- on the day of the accident, are -- were you familiar

1 with that vehicle? Have you driven that one before?

2 A. Yeah, I had driven it, you know, yeah, before, yeah.

3 Q. Okay. Did you notice any issues with the vehicle that
4 day, any mechanical issues?

5 A. No. The vehicle was -- it was a good vehicle. It was a
6 good vehicle.

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. I had driven it before. I had driven -- it was a 387 --
9 38 -- is it 3857 -- no, 387722 was the vehicle. I had been
10 driving 387721 also. That's the number of the vehicle.

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. Those two, you know, that I had been driving. And --
13 yeah. So I knew that that vehicle was a, you know, good vehicle.
14 I've been driving for a while, so I like to make sure I get, you
15 know -- but they're all, you know, fairly new vehicles, so --

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. -- they're good vehicles.

18 Q. Do you know if the -- if it has a speed governor on it?

19 A. Yes, it does.

20 Q. Okay. And what is it set at?

21 A. The governor, I think, is set at maybe 68 or something
22 like that.

23 Q. Sixty-eight?

24 A. Yeah, somewhere around there. Maybe 65, 68.

25 Q. Okay. And cruise, does it have cruise control?

1 A. It does.

2 Q. Do you use cruise control generally?

3 A. You know, they do encourage us to use cruise control.
4 You know, it depends on, you know -- like if it's raining out or
5 whatever, then you don't use it. But on a good day, you know,
6 clear, you use cruise control, yeah.

7 Q. Do you remember if you were using it that morning?

8 A. I wasn't using it, no.

9 Q. You were not using it that morning?

10 A. No, I wasn't using it.

11 Q. Okay. I notice that the vehicle has something called a
12 Xeta (ph.) system.

13 A. Yeah.

14 Q. How do you interact with that system?

15 A. What do you mean how do I interact? Like, I enter, you
16 know --

17 Q. Right.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: How does it work?

19 MS. PRICE: Yeah.

20 MR. REID: Oh, how does it work?

21 MS. PRICE: Thank you.

22 MR. REID: Well, Xeta is something, you know, like you
23 go and you push, you know, whatever applies to you on -- like I'm
24 first starting my trip, so then I press trip, then it gives me
25 different windows and those different windows give me, you know,

1 an option to, you know, where else I'm going to go next, you know.
2 So, you know, it asks me about my driver number. It asks me about
3 the trip number, you know. It shows me the time, you know. It
4 asks me about inspections and things, you know. And then the
5 actual time when I'm going to start my run, you know, it tells me,
6 you know -- allows me push "start the run", and then, you know --
7 so that's what I do.

8 BY MS. PRICE:

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. Yeah.

11 Q. And that's all stuff that you did that morning?

12 A. Yeah, yeah.

13 Q. And just every time you use a truck --

14 A. Every time, every time, yeah.

15 Q. -- you get in there --

16 A. And do that, yeah.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And is this an on-board log
18 recorder also?

19 MR. REID: Correct, it's a log, yeah.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Thank you.

21 BY MS. PRICE:

22 Q. Okay. I covered some of that.

23 Okay, I want to talk about just some of the days that
24 preceded the day of the accident.

25 A. Sure.

1 Q. You said that in the morning, Saturday morning, the
2 12th, that you woke up at 2 a.m.

3 A. Uh-huh.

4 Q. What time did you go to bed the night before?

5 A. Well, I make it a habit to go to bed every day, you
6 know, when I have to work, every day at 5:00 because I don't drink
7 no coffee, I don't drink those, you know, those little, you know,
8 those little shots or whatever those things. That stuff makes me
9 jittery, you know, so I don't do any of that kind of stuff. I
10 make sure that I get my rest, you know. So that's what I do. I
11 try to be in bed at 5:00, you know.

12 Like on Saturday, you know, I'm in bed maybe -- my run
13 is a little later. Because, normally, I'm here at 2:00, so I wake
14 up at 1. But it was a little later gate. There was -- so I was
15 here at 3 that time, so I woke up at 2. So I have, you know, a
16 little bit more time, you know, to sleep, you know, so --

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. So, yeah. So I'm in bed 5, 5:30, somewhere around
19 there.

20 Q. So on Friday, in bed 5 or 5:30?

21 A. Yeah, yeah --

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. -- between those times.

24 Q. On Friday, did you -- had you done that same run? I
25 think you said it was a Friday/Saturday, the --

1 A. That run, it was --

2 Q. -- the day before. Was it the same one or a different
3 one?

4 A. Oh, the -- before that day?

5 Q. The day before, yeah, Friday.

6 A. No, no. The day before, no, no, I did not do that run.
7 I'm normally, I'm down -- I normally go down to Manhattan. Let me
8 see. Thursday --

9 Q. If it's easier for you, maybe we could go back a few
10 days and work forward rather than working backwards.

11 A. Okay. Well, if you'd like -- actually, today is payday;
12 so I make sure I bring my -- you know, I make sure that I put --
13 you know, check everything against my paycheck. So this is
14 actually that week --

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. -- the week that I worked. So this is Monday.

17 Q. Would it be okay with you if we took a copy of this when
18 we go just so that we can --

19 A. I got no problem with it.

20 MR. REID: You guys got --

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Sure.

22 BY MS. PRICE:

23 Q. Okay. Okay, so let's look at it. Let's see. Maybe we
24 can start on Wednesday, for example.

25 A. On Wednesday. So this is --

1 Q. So we can walk through --

2 A. -- this is Saturday. That's Friday. This is Wednesday
3 because I got Thursday off.

4 Q. Okay, so it's kind of traditional for us just to do our
5 best to get a 72-hour history before something happens. So --

6 A. Okay.

7 Q. -- so what would be really great is just to walk through
8 the schedule, but also not just your work time, but to talk about
9 what happened, you know, when you went home, what you did in --

10 A. Okay, I'll do the same.

11 Q. -- when you went to bed up, when you got up, et cetera.
12 So why don't you just walk me through this, starting from
13 Wednesday morning.

14 A. Okay. Okay, so, Wednesday morning, I mean, if I can
15 remember, you know, I got up. I do the same thing all the time.
16 I get up at 1 and I'm at my job at 2. I'm at my job at 2:00, you
17 know. And then, you know, I just do, you know, like what I
18 normally do when I get there. I come in, they give me the keys.
19 I go, I do my pre-trip, all that kind of stuff. I make -- if they
20 give me the paperwork, then, you know, then I do the Xeta, you
21 know, and punch in my run in Xeta, go get my trailer, and then I
22 proceed out the gate, you know.

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. So it's the exact same things --

25 Q. So on Wednesday, when did you arrive and when did you

1 leave with your truck?

2 A. Okay. So Wednesday, so Wednesday I, let me see, I got
3 to work at 2; I left at 3 a.m., right there. I left at 3 a.m.,
4 and I went --

5 Q. And where were you heading --

6 A. I went to --

7 Q. Where were you heading on Wednesday?

8 A. I went to Manhattan, 49th Street in Manhattan, New York.

9 Q. That's okay.

10 A. Yeah. I went to Manhattan.

11 Q. Manhattan, 49th Street?

12 A. And 8th Avenue, yeah.

13 Q. Okay. And what time did you arrive there?

14 A. I arrived there at 5:15 --

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. -- a.m. Excuse me. I departed at 6:45.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. 6:45. I got back to -- I departed and I got back to
19 Windsor Locks at 9:30. I did my post trip and I left at about
20 10:00.

21 Q. You left work at 10:00?

22 A. Yeah, at about 10:00, yeah.

23 Q. And then after you left work that day, where did you go?

24 A. Then after I left work -- this is on Wednesday. Then
25 Wednesday, I went home. Let me see. Wednesday -- I don't have to

1 work Thursday, so -- oh, I think I -- yeah, I took my grandson.
2 We went to -- let me see -- we went to GameStop, you know, stuff
3 like that, bought him a game. And -- oh, first, we were like
4 fixing the sink and stuff. We were getting some parts and stuff,
5 then I just drive him to GameStop, got his game and took him home.
6 When I came home, I finished putting like a washer inside my out
7 spout, and I ate, I went and showered, and then I start watching
8 TV, American Greed and stuff. Yeah.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: American Greed?

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

11 MR. REID: Yeah, American Greed. You like that show?
12 It's a great show.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's a show about cons and --

14 MR. REID: Yeah.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- Ponzi schemes and stuff like
16 that.

17 MR. REID: Yeah. Bernie Madoff and stuff.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

20 MR. REID: Yeah, it's pretty cool. But, yeah, so I
21 watched that show, then I went to sleep. I woke up Thursday
22 morning.

23 BY MS. PRICE:

24 Q. Okay. If -- can you tell me what time you went to
25 sleep?

1 A. Let me see. Those nights, I, you know, I do go to sleep
2 a little later because -- let me see. That was Wednesday, right?

3 Q. Yeah. I think you said you had Thursday off.

4 A. Wednesday, right. I've got Thursday off, so -- so
5 Wednesday, I, yeah, I go to sleep -- let me see. I was watching
6 that. I probably went to sleep at about 12 or so.

7 Q. 12 midnight?

8 A. Yeah, about midnight, yeah, that night. Then I get up
9 in the morning. Me and my wife, we come here Thursday mornings.

10 Q. Okay, Thursday morning, what time did you get up?

11 A. I would say, we get up -- Thursday morning, we get up at
12 7, 7:00.

13 Q. Okay, just a quick side question. You said Thursday is
14 your day off --

15 A. Thursday's my day off.

16 Q. -- and you said you went to bed at midnight and woke up
17 at 7.

18 A. At about 7, yeah.

19 Q. When you're not working, is that typical for you?

20 A. Yeah, I usually do that because I watch some -- like I
21 said, American Greed. And, you know, then when I to bed, then me
22 and my wife we -- I know that I woke up at 7 because my wife, she,
23 you know, at 7:00, she -- she's not going to get up before 7, you
24 know, she -- you know, and then we come here. We get dressed.
25 She gets dressed, we come here. Thursday, we, you know, we hang

1 out, you know.

2 Q. You come here?

3 A. Yeah, we come here. We get dressed. I get dressed, my
4 wife gets dressed, and we come here to this --

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So you mean here specifically to
6 this office?

7 MR. REID: No. We come to this compound here to pick --
8 because that's check day --

9 BY MS. PRICE:

10 Q. Got it.

11 A. -- Thursday, so we come here.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thursday. Okay, that's Thursday.

13 MS. PRICE:

14 Q. I was wondering why you were coming here on your day
15 off.

16 A. Every Thursday. Every Thursday, I'm here.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. I come here to pick up my check.

19 Q. So woke up at 7 on Thursday --

20 A. Yeah.

21 Q. -- came here, got here about what time to pick up your
22 check?

23 A. Oh, I want to say about 7:30, about 7:30 or so, yeah.

24 Q. Okay. Okay, so Thursday, pick up your check 7:30.

25 A. Yeah.

1 Q. Then what?

2 A. And then we, then we go to, you know, the Corner Store.
3 You know, we buy something at the Corner Store and then we go and
4 we pay bills and stuff like that. Then we go to like McDonald's
5 and I pick up some food, or something like that, or wherever we
6 pick the food up from, and then I go home. I eat and then I like
7 to be in bed, because I've got to work that next day, so I like to
8 be in bed at -- I'll be trying to get in bed like really early
9 that day, like 2 or 3:00, but sometime I get in bed at like 4:00
10 that day. I get in bed at 4:00 or whatever, something like
11 that --

12 Q. So on --

13 A. -- you know, 4:00 or 5:00.

14 Q. -- on Thursday, the 10th, you believe you went to bed at
15 about 4:00?

16 A. Because on Thursdays, a lot of times I get to bed, you
17 know, like a little earlier. We get home and, you know, I eat
18 earlier, and then I go to bed maybe about like about 4:00,
19 somewhere around there. Sometime I try to go earlier, but
20 sometime it don't work.

21 Q. When you say it doesn't work, you mean --

22 A. Well --

23 Q. -- you mean like you can't fall asleep --

24 A. -- you know if something --

25 Q. -- or do you mean that you can't --

1 A. Oh no, I could fall asleep. I'll be ready to go to bed,
2 but, you know, like something could come up, you know, or --

3 Q. Okay. Life?

4 A. You know, my kids, you know, stuff like that, so --

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. Yeah.

7 Q. Okay, so Thursday, the 10th, about 4:00, you think you
8 were --

9 A. Yeah, about 4:00, yeah.

10 Q. -- in bed?

11 A. Yeah.

12 Q. Okay. So when did you wake up?

13 A. And then I wake up at 1. I set my clock. I set my
14 clock. Actually, my clock wakes me up. Yeah, I wake up about
15 1:00 and, you know --

16 Q. So now we're into Friday.

17 A. Yeah. Then I get dressed and all that, then I'm at work
18 at 2. I'm at work at 2, and then I go and do my run, 2. That's
19 on Friday. I'm at work at 2, and then my departure is like about
20 2:45, you know, something -- it'd be minutes in between there, you
21 know. I put, you know, like every 15 minutes, whatever, you know;
22 you know, I put the time like every 15 minutes, whatever.

23 Q. Um-hum.

24 A. So 2:45 is about my departure. I got down to New York.
25 I had to go to 10th Avenue and 43rd Street in Manhattan. I got

1 there at 5. I left there at like 7:15. I got to Windsor Locks at
2 like 10:15 and I left at 10:45. My departure, 10:45.

3 Q. Okay. What are you carrying?

4 A. Grocery.

5 Q. Groceries?

6 A. Yeah.

7 Q. Okay. Left Windsor Locks -- so you're finished work at
8 10:45, is that --

9 A. Yeah.

10 Q. Okay. Finished work Friday morning, 10:45?

11 A. Yeah.

12 Q. Okay. So then what?

13 A. Then I go home and, you know, me and my wife talk about,
14 you know, whatever, and then I, you know, I watch some TV. I
15 watch like Judge Mathis, and all those shows start coming on. I
16 watch the court shows and stuff like that. Every day, the same
17 thing. I watch the court shows and then I eat. I go shower and
18 then I'm in bed like about 5:00. I get in bed at 5:00 to do it
19 all over again.

20 Q. Okay. So this is Friday night --

21 A. Yeah.

22 Q. -- went to bed at 5:00.

23 A. Yeah.

24 Q. And then I think we're back to Saturday again --

25 A. Right, Saturday.

1 Q. -- which you already described to us, but you have your
2 Saturday paperwork there.

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Maybe just for the --

5 A. Here you go, Saturday.

6 Q. -- sake of finishing this up, we can just go up until
7 you departed. So --

8 A. Okay.

9 Q. -- you woke up what time on Saturday?

10 A. Saturday, I woke up at 2:00. I woke up at 2:00
11 Saturday. Yes --

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. -- 2:00.

14 Q. And then?

15 A. Then I got to Windsor Locks -- I woke up at 2:00. I go,
16 you know, brush my teeth, all that. It takes me about 30 minutes
17 to do all that stuff, then I'm out of the house. I got to work at
18 about 3:00. Then I did my pre-trip, all that stuff, you know,
19 hooked up to my trailer, and I was out of the gate by 3:45.

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. Yeah, 3:45. Then my first stop -- this was my first
22 stop. I had that marked, my stop 1. I got there at 7:00. So
23 that's all the way to Southampton.

24 Q. Okay.

25 A. I got there at 7:00.

1 Q. And in Southampton, where specifically were you?

2 A. I was at this place here --

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. -- Main Street and Jagger Lane in Southampton, New York.

5 Q. Okay. So this was the stop, the first stop immediately
6 following the accident; is that correct?

7 A. Yeah.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. Yeah.

10 Q. So Waldbaum's, is that a grocery?

11 A. Waldbaum's, yeah. Yeah --

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. -- it's a grocery store.

14 MR. COLLINS: In a pricey neighborhood.

15 MR. REID: You're telling me.

16 MR. COLLINS: Southampton is --

17 MR. REID: Oh, yeah.

18 MR. VAN ETTEN: I have noticed that a lot of stuff in
19 New York cost a lot of money. Southampton --

20 MR. REID: I try to buy lunch down here. Oh, yeah, New
21 York is high.

22 MS. PRICE: Something tells me Southampton is more
23 expensive than the Bronx where we've been staying.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, yeah. And Manhattan probably
25 has Southampton beat, but --

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Southampton's where people --
2 where the richest in Manhattan go to summer. So --

3 MR. REID: Oh, yeah. Yeah, I bought like a water, a
4 banana, and a KIND bar from there and it's like about \$5.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I know.

6 BY MS. PRICE:

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. So I left there at 7:30 and I got to my second stop at
9 8:30, which was Holbrook, New York. I got there at 8:30, and I
10 left there at 9. Then I left there at 9 and I got to -- I was
11 done with my run. They instructed me to go to the Bronx, G.H.I.
12 in New York, to pick up a trailer.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: G.H.I. is Grocery Haulers.

14 MS. PRICE: Okay.

15 MR. REID: Yeah.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's what it stands for.

17 MS. PRICE: Thank you.

18 MR. REID: So I got there at 10, and then I left there
19 at like 10:30.

20 BY MS. PRICE:

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. And then I ended up getting back here at like 6 at
23 night --

24 Q. Sure.

25 A. -- because of the accident and stuff.

1 Q. You were busy, yeah.

2 A. You know, telling them all about that stuff.

3 Q. Okay. You mentioned -- do you ever take naps like after
4 you get home and before you go to bed?

5 A. Sometime. Sometime I take naps, but, normally, what
6 I'll do is, you know, normally, I come in, you know, me and my
7 wife talk, you know, we're watching the court shows. My wife, she
8 gets my food ready. I eat, and I go upstairs. I take my shower
9 and I go to bed.

10 Q. Do you remember if you took a nap on Wednesday,
11 Thursday, or Friday?

12 A. No, I don't think I took a nap.

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. Okay.

15 Q. Do you drink alcohol?

16 A. Nope.

17 Q. Do you take drugs?

18 A. No drugs, no alcohol, no nothing.

19 Q. Are you on any medications for anything?

20 A. No, no.

21 Q. Okay. Have you had any license revocations or
22 suspensions?

23 A. Nope.

24 Q. Okay. Let's see. I --

25 A. I think -- let me see. Have I -- since I had my CDL?

1 Q. Yes.

2 A. No.

3 Q. No license revocations or suspensions --

4 A. No.

5 Q. -- since you've had your CDL?

6 A. Nope.

7 Q. Okay. Do you see a doctor regularly?

8 A. Yeah, yeah. I go in, you know, for a checkup. I try to
9 go, I think it's like once a year. Actually, I'm supposed to be
10 going to see a doctor. I don't -- I haven't gone yet, but I'm
11 supposed to be making an appointment for that. But, yeah, the
12 dentist, doctor, all that, plus we got the annual. You know, you
13 have to go for a physical with this company, you know, have your
14 eyes checked, all that kind of stuff, you know, urine, all that,
15 every year also --

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. -- you know.

18 Q. When is the last time you remember going to the doctor?

19 A. For this company?

20 Q. Either.

21 A. Let me see. It had to be last year.

22 Q. Last year? Do you remember --

23 A. Last year, because I got my --

24 Q. Do you remember the month or season?

25 A. I can't exactly remember. I can't exactly remember

1 because I --

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. -- because I got my --

4 Q. Okay. If it's a company --

5 A. Yeah.

6 Q. Actually, I got my cards in here, so I mean, I can look
7 at that if you want.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's in the records that we're
9 providing to you.

10 MS. PRICE: Okay.

11 BY MS. PRICE:

12 Q. Do you have a regular doctor that you see just for your
13 physical for your personal --

14 A. I do.

15 Q. May I have the name of your doctor?

16 A. Dr. Berger.

17 Q. Berger?

18 A. Yeah, Dr. Berger.

19 Q. Like a hamburger?

20 A. Yeah, I believe it is, yeah. Dr. Berger, yeah.

21 Q. B-u-r-g-e-r.

22 A. I think it's B-e-r-g-e-r.

23 Q. B-e-r-g-e-r?

24 A. Yeah, Berger.

25 Q. And where is he located, or she?

1 A. He's located in, in Springfield, downtown Springfield,
2 Main Street area, in like this complex where, you know, like a lot
3 of doctors are and stuff.

4 Q. Okay. Do you need to fill any regular prescriptions for
5 any like stuff, just --

6 A. No.

7 Q. No?

8 A. You know, I've got, you know, like some dental, you
9 know, dental stuff, you know?

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. That's about it.

12 Q. Okay. In your household, is it -- you mentioned you and
13 your wife.

14 A. Yeah.

15 Q. Is there anyone else in your household?

16 A. No, just, it's just me and my wife. I got -- you know,
17 my kids are all older. I got grandkids. They come and visit and
18 stuff like that.

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. Yeah.

21 Q. Do you ever have any problems sleeping? Like, you said
22 it was easy for you to fall asleep. Do you ever have any problems
23 staying asleep or waking up earlier than your alarm clock?

24 A. No, no.

25 Q. No?

1 A. No.

2 Q. Healthy guy.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I wish. I've got a list of
4 pharmacy drugs that's about that long mostly --

5 MS. PRICE: Yeah. Nowadays, it seems like everybody's
6 taking something.

7 BY MS. PRICE:

8 Q. Do you wear glasses?

9 A. No.

10 Q. How's your vision in general?

11 A. It's, you know, it's okay.

12 Q. Yeah?

13 A. It's okay, yeah.

14 Q. Do you need glasses for reading or --

15 A. Yeah, sometime -- you know, I have to, you know, like --

16 Q. Pull things --

17 A. -- use -- yeah, I do have to, you know, do like that, or
18 I got like reading glasses --

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. -- and stuff like that, but -- yeah.

21 Q. Do you need to wear them for --

22 A. Driving or anything?

23 Q. -- operating a vehicle? No?

24 A. No. No, because they -- like when we go to the -- you
25 know, when we go to get our annual checkup, you know, they check

1 all that. They check your eyesight, you know, and all that. So
2 I'm fine. I passed and all.

3 Q. How about year hearing?

4 A. It's good.

5 Q. It's good?

6 A. Yeah.

7 Q. Okay. Well, I think I'm getting to the end of my set of
8 questions.

9 MS. PRICE: So, Dennis, would you like to ask some
10 questions? Would you like me to take over the computer?

11 MR. COLLINS: I can hang onto the computer.

12 MS. PRICE: Okay.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can we take two minutes?

14 MR. COLLINS: Oh, of course, of course.

15 (Indiscernible). I should have said that upfront. If at any time
16 we need to take a minute --

17 MS. PRICE: I should have said that upfront. I
18 apologize.

19 MR. COLLINS: Yeah. If you want to stretch your legs --

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, stretch your legs --

21 MS. PRICE: Okay.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- get a drink of water.

23 MR. COLLINS: This is a, really, this is a conversation
24 with a purpose. It's not --

25 (Off the record.)

1 (On the record.)

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

4 MS. PRICE: I'm finished, Dennis.

5 BY MR. COLLINS:

6 Q. The only two questions I have, one is you said you were
7 in the middle lane.

8 A. Yeah.

9 Q. Is that typically where you are?

10 A. Yeah, yeah, yeah. I think it's just, through my
11 experience, I think it's one of the safest places that, you know,
12 that you could be, you know. You know, other people beg to
13 differ. They say, you know, the right side, you know, where -- so
14 you can only have to watch one side, one side of your vehicle. I
15 don't know. For me, the middle lane appears to be better.

16 Q. If you woke up tomorrow morning and had a little fever
17 and were coughing and, you know, didn't feel good, Dr. Berger
18 would be the fellow you'd try to get an appointment in to go see?

19 A. Oh, yeah. It -- you know, it depends. You know, like,
20 you know, like colds and stuff like that, you know, I, you know, I
21 try to --

22 Q. Sure.

23 A. You know, but if it's something serious, yeah,
24 Dr. Berger, that's my doctor. Yeah.

25 Q. Let's say if it moved up to something a little more

1 serious and you started thinking --

2 A. Oh, yeah.

3 Q. -- I'm going to go see the doctor, he'd be the guy you
4 call?

5 A. Oh, yeah.

6 Q. And if he said, yeah, here's an antibiotic because
7 you've got the crud or here's something else, anywhere in
8 particular you'd get that filled?

9 A. Well, I go to CVS. Like, before, you know, I'd had some
10 stuff where I had like some inflammation or something like that
11 that I need to be brought down. But I always let my doctor know,
12 and he knows, that I don't -- that I drive, so I don't take any
13 pain type stuff that make you drowsy or anything like that. I
14 get, you know, stuff like -- like I was taking a drug called
15 Naproxen, you know. It doesn't make you --

16 Q. Uh-huh.

17 A. You know, it deals with inflammation, but it doesn't
18 make you drowsy or anything like that.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Josh, he just wants to know if
20 there's one specific pharmacy that you go to so in case they want
21 to get your records --

22 MR. REID: Oh, oh.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- from there, then we can get
24 them.

25 MR. REID: Oh, oh, oh yeah. Yeah, CVS.

1 BY MR. COLLINS:

2 Q. Do you know the street that that one would be on, the
3 CVS?

4 A. That's on St. James --

5 Q. Oh, St. James.

6 A. -- St. James Avenue, yeah.

7 Q. Okay.

8 MS. PRICE: Near your house?

9 MR. REID: Yeah.

10 BY MR. COLLINS:

11 Q. And -- oh, related to that, does the company offer
12 health insurance and --

13 A. Yes, they do.

14 Q. Okay.

15 MS. PRICE: And do you participate in that?

16 MR. REID: Yeah.

17 MR. COLLINS: Okay, that's -- I'm done.

18 BY MS. PRICE:

19 Q. Is there anything else that you can think of that you'd
20 like to tell us?

21 A. Well --

22 Q. Anything that we've neglected to ask?

23 A. No. I think you guys, pretty much, you know, covered
24 everything. I would just like to let you know that I absolutely
25 had no contact with that vehicle. That vehicle passed me and he

1 was out in front of me for a while, and then he rolled over.
2 Absolutely no contact with that vehicle.

3 Q. Okay. If you had to just -- if you had to estimate,
4 what was the closest you were to the bus at all during the entire
5 time?

6 A. During the entire time? I would have to say three to
7 four vehicle lengths was probably the distance --

8 Q. Uh-huh.

9 A. -- that I was from that bus.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. Yeah.

12 Q. And what about when the bus passed you?

13 A. When it passed me, it was --

14 Q. Did you feel like it was -- it came close to you at all?

15 A. Too close? I didn't feel like that, no.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. I didn't feel like that. It just passed me and that
18 wasn't nothing out of the ordinary. It passed me and, like I
19 said, what I drew my attention to him was the fact that I seen he
20 start going -- he was, you know, over the white line and he was
21 very deep and very close to the guardrail, and I said to myself
22 he's either drunk or -- he's either drunk or he's asleep.

23 Q. Uh-huh.

24 A. That's what I said to myself, he's either drunk or
25 asleep.

1 MS. PRICE: Gary, do you want to ask anything?

2 BY MR. VAN ETTEN:

3 Q. When you say the closest you got was after he passed you
4 and moved up a ways or somewhere between three or four vehicle
5 lengths, you're talking about truck lengths?

6 A. Yeah, truck lengths, yeah.

7 Q. I mean, you said that earlier. I just want to make sure
8 we're --

9 A. Yeah, truck lengths, yeah.

10 Q. -- talking about the same thing.

11 A. Yeah, yeah.

12 Q. And were there any vehicles in your lane in front of
13 you?

14 A. No. When he passed me?

15 Q. Uh-huh, or at any time. I mean --

16 A. You know --

17 Q. -- I don't want to put words in your mouth, but I
18 suspect that there were probably some cars that moved into your
19 lane and moved on and --

20 A. There's a possibility. There's a --

21 Q. But there was no big trucks or nothing like that in
22 front of you just passing you, cars in your lane?

23 A. No. When the accident occurred, you said?

24 Q. Yeah. When it --

25 A. I'm looking in my mind's eye and when I saw the vehicle,

1 you know, when he was riding the guardrail and plopped down --

2 Q. Um-hum.

3 A. -- my eye is showing me, my mind's eye is showing me
4 nothing in front, him laying on his side.

5 Q. Okay, that's fair.

6 A. Nothing in front.

7 Q. I do want to talk a little bit about your runs.

8 A. Okay.

9 Q. Have you been doing -- first of all, do you have a
10 set -- set runs to go to? Do you go to the same places all the
11 time?

12 A. Yeah, basically, the same places. I go to Manhattan
13 every day.

14 Q. Right.

15 A. So there's a number of stores in Manhattan that I go to
16 every day.

17 Q. So it's the same general area for you?

18 A. Yeah, same general -- yeah.

19 Q. Same general area, same time frame?

20 A. Yeah.

21 Q. And how long have you been doing those runs?

22 A. I've been doing those runs for -- since we had the
23 account; 5 years, or something like that.

24 Q. Okay. So the time frame that you're working at night,
25 you generally work at night?

1 A. Yeah, yeah, night.

2 Q. And you've been doing that for about 5 years?

3 A. Yeah, night. Yeah, night.

4 Q. Okay. And how many days a week do you work?

5 A. I work 5 days a week.

6 Q. Okay. So you're off on Thursday. What other day are
7 you off?

8 A. I'm off on Sunday.

9 Q. Sunday?

10 A. Yeah.

11 Q. So Thursdays --

12 A. And Sunday.

13 Q. -- and Sundays, you're off.

14 A. So I'm working Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, off Thursday,
15 I work Friday --

16 Q. And Saturday?

17 A. -- and Saturday, and I'm off Sunday.

18 Q. Just kind of a tickytack. When you were being asked
19 about medication that you take and you say you don't take any
20 prescription medication and you don't take any kind of medication,
21 and then I think you used the word except for some oral --

22 A. You know, like -- yeah, some -- I got some dental
23 stuff --

24 Q. Yeah, dental stuff was the term you used.

25 A. Yeah, yeah. I got a toothpaste that they -- that I got

1 and medicine. Like it's like a -- I guess it's for the bone, to
2 like replenish my bone or something in my, you know --

3 Q. Uh-huh.

4 A. Something like that.

5 Q. Are these over-the-counter? You just pick them off the
6 shelf or are they?

7 A. No, no, no, that's prescription.

8 Q. Prescription?

9 A. That's prescription.

10 Q. And who's the dentist that prescribed that?

11 A. That's Dr. Fox and Goodman, Dr. Fox and Goodman.

12 Q. Okay. And you're using that today? You still use that?

13 A. Do I -- oh, yeah. Yeah, I use that. Yeah, I use that
14 toothpaste and -- yeah. But that's no drowsy type stuff or
15 nothing like that. I make sure that I let them know that I
16 cannot, you know -- that I drive and that I -- give me something
17 that, you know, maybe could do the job --

18 Q. Right.

19 A. -- but doesn't make me drowsy, you know.

20 Q. I want to ask you a little bit about the Xeta that's on
21 board.

22 A. Yeah?

23 Q. You punch in -- your information. I'll talk with Pat
24 some more in more detail, but I want to talk about --

25 A. Sure.

1 Q. -- how you interact with this. You get up with them --
2 you get in the truck in the morning and you punch in some
3 information?

4 A. Uh-huh.

5 Q. And then do you -- during the trip, does it send you
6 messages while you're driving, and do you need to respond to those
7 messages while you're driving, anything like that?

8 A. Basically, you won't get any messages, but it could send
9 you a message. It, you know, it'll be something that'll say
10 "message" --

11 Q. Um-hum.

12 A. -- and then you, you know, you pull over. You, you
13 know, you look at that message or whatever, you know. Or when you
14 get to your stop, you know, you observe that message and see what
15 it is.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. But this is seldom.

18 Q. So you say you pull over and stop. Is that -- that's
19 the company policy? You have to?

20 A. Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah.

21 MR. O'CONNOR: That's the only way you can retrieve the
22 message is to stop.

23 BY MR. COLLINS:

24 Q. The only way you can retrieve. So it's programmed so
25 you can't use it while the vehicle is moving?

1 A. Right, right.

2 Q. That's a very important part. I appreciate that.

3 That's exactly what I wanted to know. So -- okay, we'll talk some
4 more about -- thank you.

5 A. Yeah.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Is that it for Mr. Reid?

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. Other than, again, to say
8 thank you.

9 MS. PRICE: Oh, I --

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I think Jana has some --

11 BY MS. PRICE:

12 Q. You just said you're dentist is Fox and Goodman and I
13 was wondering if you could tell us --

14 A. Yeah.

15 Q. -- if you remember where the location is of Fox and
16 Goodman?

17 A. You know, I could call my wife right quick and she could
18 -- if you want --

19 Q. If you know the street or the town, even the town --

20 A. Fox and Goodman, it's in Springfield, Mass.

21 Q. Springfield. Okay.

22 A. It's in Springfield, Mass, and I think it's on Main
23 Street, it's on Main Street also. It's like close to where my
24 doctor is.

25 Q. Okay. And Gary had asked you about the, you know, Xeta

1 while in motion.

2 A. Uh-huh.

3 Q. What about phoning? Is there a phone rule that you
4 follow or that you've been told to follow with respect to using
5 cell phones at all?

6 A. Oh, yeah, yeah. We can't -- yeah. Matter of fact, in
7 our vehicles, we -- you know, there were stickers and they got a
8 slash through the phone. You can't do that in any way. And I
9 don't do that anyway, you know, because of, you know, I just -- I
10 don't feel good about that. I've got a earplug to put in my
11 ear.

12 Q. Like a headset type thing?

13 A. Yeah, I've got that, yeah.

14 Q. So if you had --

15 A. And our company provides that also. You know, but I've
16 got that. I plug that in. So if I did -- you know, something
17 like that then, you know, I use that earplug or whatever.

18 Q. So when you make calls, you go hands free --

19 A. Yeah.

20 Q. -- with the --

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And do you have -- like take incoming calls while you're
23 driving using the hands-free?

24 A. You know, there's -- sometime. You know, like when my
25 wife call me, there's a thing right there on it --

1 Q. Sure.

2 A. -- so when my wife calls me, I just hit that button and
3 then, you know --

4 Q. Okay.

5 A. -- and we're talking.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. Yeah.

8 Q. We may ask you if we can have access to your cell phone
9 records --

10 A. Sure, sure, sure.

11 Q. -- and so it would help us if we could get your consent
12 to obtain those records.

13 A. Of course. Of course.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We'll also talk about that.

15 MR. REID: Huh?

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We'll talk about that.

17 MR. REID: Oh, okay. Okay.

18 MS. PRICE: We understand that --

19 MS. REID: Oh, okay. All right.

20 MS. PRICE: -- if you want to discuss that.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I -- we have a form that we can
23 leave with you and if you do decide that that's okay, then it's
24 for your provider to help us get the records. And to be honest,
25 it's just to help us, you know, see when you did get some calls,

1 like the call your wife made and said --

2 MR. REID: Yeah.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- hey, there was an accident.

4 MR. REID: Yeah, you --

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Just to help us get a time for
6 things.

7 MR. REID: Yeah. Yeah, you'll see that that was at 9:00
8 in the morning. You know, my wife, like I said, my wife calls
9 me --

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Well, don't -- we'll go over
11 it --

12 MR. REID: Okay. All right, all right.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Please. And we'll just stop
14 there.

15 BY MS. PRICE:

16 Q. Yeah, we respect that.

17 A. Okay.

18 Q. Okay.

19 MS. PRICE: All right, well, let's talk --

20 (Whereupon, the interview was concluded.)

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