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Human Performance Attachment 3 - NTSB Interview with Truck Driver

Concan, Texas

HWY17MH011

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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Investigation of:

CHURCH BUS AND TRUCK CRASH NEAR * Accident No.: HWY17MH011 CONCAN, TEXAS ON MARCH 29, 2017 *

Interview of: JACK YOUNG

Thursday, April 6, 2017

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Interview of Jack Young:

By Mr. Marshall

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1	<u>INTERVIEW</u>
2	MR. MARSHALL: This is Rafael Marshall, Human Performance
3	Investigator for the National Transportation Safety Board.
4	Today is April 6, 2017, and we're here for the highway
5	investigation HWY17MH011.
6	I'm here today with?
7	MR. BEN YOUNG: Ben Young.
8	MS. YOUNG: Chelsea Young.
9	MR. JACK YOUNG: Jack Young.
10	MR. MUNOZ: And Rogelio Munoz.
11	MS. MORRISON: And this is Jennifer Morrison, investigator
12	in charge.
13	INTERVIEW OF JACK YOUNG
14	BY MR. MARSHALL:
15	Q. Okay. And I was about to say, Jack could you give me your
16	full name, please?
17	A. Jack Dylan Young.
18	Q. Okay. And your current address?
19	A what was that?
20	MR. BEN YOUNG: Leakey.
21	MR. JACK YOUNG: Leakey, Texas.
22	BY MR. MARSHALL:
23	Q. Okay. Your height and weight?
24	A. I'm 6' and 200 pounds.
25	Q. Okay. And could you tell me what your current employment is?

- 1 A. As of right now I'm not currently employed.
- 2 Q. Okay. Are you attending school?
- 3 A. Yes, sir, I was. I took a semester off and meant to go back,
- 4 | but --
- 5 Q. Can you tell me where?
- 6 A. It was here in Uvalde.
- 7 Q. Okay. Okay. And do you have a cell phone number?
- 8 A. Yes, but I do not recall. It is -- it's a new cell phone so
- 9 | I hadn't quite got acclimated with the number.
- 10 Q. I see. Okay.
- So now what I'd like to do is go through the 72-hour history
- 12 for you. As I mentioned before, what I want is a detailed account
- of what you did for the last -- for the 3 days prior to the crash.
- 14 If you can provide your activities, especially your -- a time
- 15 | you'll wake up in the morning, a time you go to sleep, and any
- 16 activities you do in between as well. And if you have times
- 17 associated with that, I'd really appreciate it if you also
- 18 provided that. So I'll let you start with the time you woke up on
- 19 Sunday.
- 20 A. I would guess it would be a pretty, you know, normal day.
- 21 usually wake up around 7, 8:00. That day I don't remember
- 22 anything particularly, you know, peculiar about that day. I don't
- 23 think I worked. I might have -- I think I just stayed home on
- 24 Sunday, to be honest, sir, and watched TV.
- 25 Q. Okay.

- 1 A. But I'm -- you know, I couldn't, couldn't say for sure and I
- 2 probably went to bed around 10:00, 10:30.
- 3 Q. And so for Monday?
- 4 A. Monday, I would probably went to work, and woke up around
- 5 5:30, 6, went to work and got off around 3. And I believe Monday
- 6 I went home with my father and probably ate dinner and went to bed
- 7 around 9:30, 10, I believe.
- 8 Q. Okay. And so for Tuesday?
- 9 A. Tuesday, I was going to work, and it did rain profusely the
- 10 day before --
- MR. MUNOZ: No, that was Wednesday.
- MR. JACK YOUNG: Oh, that was Wednesday, okay. Tuesday, then
- 13 I would have gone to work and probably the same exact routine as
- 14 Monday. I just -- it was my daily, daily activities because I
- 15 went to work.
- 16 MR. MARSHALL: Um-hum.
- 17 MR. JACK YOUNG: And I don't, I don't think I did anything
- 18 particularly different. I don't think I went anywhere or did
- 19 anything that I can remember.
- 20 BY MR. MARSHALL:
- 21 Q. Okay. You did mention that you went to work.
- 22 A. Tuesday.
- 23 Q. Can you provide more detail on what you do?
- 24 A. Yes, I --
- 25 Q. Or what you did?

- 1 A. At the time, I was just clearing land and cutting cedar and
- 2 stuff like that.
- 3 Q. Okay.
- 4 A. Just laborer.
- 5 Q. Who are -- who were you employed with?
- 6 MR. JACK YOUNG: Am I okay to -- am I okay to answer that?
- 7 MR. MUNOZ: Yes.
- 8 MR. JACK YOUNG: Dan Kirby.
- 9 BY MR. MARSHALL:
- 10 Q. Okay.
- 11 A. He was my employer.
- 12 Q. Okay. And Tuesday night what time did you say you went to
- 13 bed?
- 14 A. Probably around 10, 9:30, 10.
- 15 Q. Okay.
- 16 MR. MARSHALL: Do you have anything else to add, Jennifer?
- 17 MS. MORRISON: No. I think the employment is helpful. That
- 18 -- Dan Kirby is just an individual that you were doing some labor
- 19 for?
- MR. JACK YOUNG: Yes, ma'am.
- MS. MORRISON: Okay.
- 22 BY MR. MARSHALL:
- 23 Q. So on Tuesday you went to bed, and that was at your dad's
- 24 place, you said?
- 25 A. I believe so.

- 1 Q. Okay. And then on Wednesday morning, could you -- now this
- 2 one I want a lot of detail for what occurred on Wednesday. So --
- 3 A. I woke up and I drove to work. And Dad was staying out there
- 4 and it had -- I guess it had rained the night before and so it was
- 5 | very muddy, and dad told me that I didn't, I didn't have to work
- 6 today. And so I got in the pickup and I decided to go to Uvalde
- 7 to pick up pizza and also my prescriptions. And I drove to Uvalde
- 8 and I picked up my prescriptions, I went to Little Caesars, and I
- 9 ordered a pizza and a cheesy bread. And I had my dog with me, my
- 10 | father's dog. And I drove home. And the last thing I remember is
- 11 I looked at my cell phone, just a glance, and then I -- I woke up
- 12 and I was in a lot of pain and just confused. I didn't know what
- 13 | had just happened. And --
- 14 Q. Okay. Did you -- I just want to go back through that again.
- 15 You said you left your dad's house at what time in the morning.
- 16 A. Around 6:30.
- 17 Q. We, we could --
- 18 MS. MORRISON: Any time you guys want a break --
- 19 MR. MARSHALL: Yeah.
- MR. JACK YOUNG: It's okay.
- 21 MR. MARSHALL: Do you guys want anything to drink or -- we'll
- 22 get you guys something to drink, if you --
- 23 MS. MORRISON: And we have water (indiscernible) --
- MS. YOUNG: Thank you.
- MS. MORRISON: And if would you like some water, just grab

- 1 some water.
- 2 BY MR. MARSHALL:
- 3 Q. Okay. So you woke up at 6:30, you said?
- 4 A. Yes, sir.
- 5 Q. Okay. And what time did you leave your dad's house for
- 6 Uvalde?
- 7 A. It don't take me but about 5 minutes -- oh, no, I went to the
- 8 ranch -- or not the ranch, but I went to where I worked, at Dan
- 9 Kirby's. My father stayed out there. And I left his house, and
- 10 probably 5, 10 minutes after I woke up, and drove out there, you
- 11 know, thinking I still had work. And Dad said that I didn't have
- 12 to work today, that it was too muddy. And at that point, that's
- 13 when I decided to drive to Uvalde.
- 14 Q. Okay. So around what time would that be when you drove to --
- 15 A. I would guess, I probably left the ranch -- sir, I can't
- 16 recall.
- 17 Q. Okay.
- 18 A. I mean, I wouldn't -- I just didn't look.
- 19 Q. Yeah. Okay. So after you got to Uvalde, what was the first
- 20 thing you said you did?
- 21 A. I went to, I went to the pharmacy and, you know, got my
- 22 prescriptions. And then I drove down here to Little Caesars and
- 23 ordered a pizza and some cheesy bread, and I sat around and I
- 24 waited for it to be done. They said it would by approximately 10
- 25 minutes. And I drove around Uvalde a little bit and then I

- 1 decided to head home.
- 2 Q. Okay. I don't know if you saw that video that was posted on
- 3 |-- okay.
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. So --
- 6 MS. YOUNG: We have not.
- 7 BY MR. MARSHALL:
- 8 Q. We actually, you know, we -- like Jennifer had said, what we
- 9 do is we usually look at every aspect of a crash, including the
- 10 roadway and the vehicle and also the emergency response. So when
- 11 | we were looking at all of these things, we did note that there was
- 12 -- there were pills in the truck at that time. Some of the pills
- 13 were still within their vials but others were spilled all over the
- 14 truck. So we were just wondering, is -- were you -- had you taken
- 15 some of the prescription --
- MR. MUNOZ: We're going to, we're going to object and ask you
- 17 | not to respond to it at this time.
- 18 MR. MARSHALL: Okav.
- 19 BY MR. MARSHALL:
- 20 Q. Okay. Jack, were you using your seat belt at all or anything
- 21 like that on the way back home?
- 22 A. Sorry. I can't recall.
- 23 Q. Okay.
- 24 A. I can't.
- MS. MORRISON: Do you typically wear your seatbelt when you

- 1 drive your truck?
- 2 MR. JACK YOUNG: Yes, ma'am. I would like to say that I do.
- 3 MS. MORRISON: Okay.
- 4 BY MR. MARSHALL:
- 5 Q. Okay. And you mentioned that you had your dog with you?
- 6 A. Yes, sir.
- 7 Q. Where does the dog usually sit?
- 8 A. He kind of climbs all over the cab. He's like 100 pounds. A
- 9 goofy dog.
- 10 Q. Okay. What kind of dog, by the way?
- 11 A. He's half hound dog, half bull mastiff.
- 12 Q. Oh, that is a big dog.
- 13 A. And he's only a year old --
- 14 Q. Okay.
- 15 A. -- so he's just --
- 16 Q. Is he okay?
- 17 A. Yes, he's fine.
- 18 MS. MORRISON: Well, (indiscernible) --
- MR. JACK YOUNG: Goofy as ever.
- 20 MS. MORRISON: -- the main thing.
- BY MR. MARSHALL:
- 22 Q. Okay. So, again, I just want to go through what you
- 23 remember. I know you said a little bit already about the trip
- 24 from Uvalde to Leakey. Could you tell me a little bit more about
- 25 what you were doing during that trip? Were you, for example, were

- 1 you listening to the stereo? Were you, you know, were you doing
- 2 anything like that? Petting the dog?
- MR. MUNOZ: We're going to object as to any activity that --
- 4 and ask you to not respond to anything that you were doing right
- 5 before the crash.
- 6 MR. JACK YOUNG: So --
- 7 MR. MARSHALL: Okay.
- 8 MS. MORRISON: Ask about the (indiscernible) roadway and the
- 9 vehicle and familiarity, then.
- 10 MR. MARSHALL: Okay. Yeah.
- 11 BY MR. MARSHALL:
- 12 Q. We were wondering about how familiar you were with the truck
- 13 that you were driving. How long have you been driving that?
- 14 A. I've been driving it for, I would say a couple of months that
- 15 I had actually been driving it.
- 16 Q. Okay.
- 17 A. It wasn't -- yeah, I would say a couple of months.
- 18 \mathbb{Q} . So tell me about your experience with the truck? Was it --
- 19 you know, just tell me a little bit about it.
- 20 A. It was just a 1-ton Dodge. It had a lift kit, and it had
- 21 highway tires on it and four door.
- 22 Q. Was it -- how was it riding?
- 23 A. It rode like an old Dodge that was jacked up. It was -- it
- 24 | had 200- -- nearly 270,000 miles on it. And it had play in the
- 25 wheel, and there were certain things that, you know, always went

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    out on it. It --
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         Did you -- I mean, who installed the lift kit? Did you
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    install it? Or did --
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         MR. BEN YOUNG: No, it was like that when we bought it.
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         MR. MARSHALL: You bought it that way?
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         MS. YOUNG: Yeah.
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         MR. MARSHALL:
                        Okay.
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         MS. MORRISON:
                        Is the vehicle registered to you, Jack, or is
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    it registered to your father?
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                          To my father.
         MR. JACK YOUNG:
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         MS. MORRISON: Okay. And you -- have you had that truck
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    longer than the 2 months that Jack's been driving it?
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         MR. BEN YOUNG:
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                        You have it -- how old?
         MS. MORRISON:
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         MR. BEN YOUNG:
                         2009, '10. I imagine '10 now.
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         MS. MORRISON: So it's been in the family --
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         MR. BEN YOUNG:
                         Yeah.
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         MS. MORRISON:
                       -- for quite some time?
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         MR. JACK YOUNG: Yes, ma'am.
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         MS. MORRISON: And you bought it with the lift kit on it?
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         MR. BEN YOUNG: Yeah, it had the lift kit on it.
         MS. MORRISON: Okay. Did you ever do any of your own
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    maintenance or mechanic work?
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         MR. BEN YOUNG: Oh, yeah. I mean, I'll --
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         MS. MORRISON:
                        You're the one that does that?
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1 MR. BEN YOUNG: Yeah. 2 MS. MORRISON: Okay. Are you a mechanic? Are you --3 MR. BEN YOUNG: Huh? 4 MS. MORRISON: Are you a mechanic or you're just -- that's 5 one of the things that you do to tinker --6 MR. BEN YOUNG: Well, I guess I'm a mechanic. 7 Okay. Yeah. Because we -- which is of course MS. MORRISON: one of the things we do -- and sorry if I'm interrupting --8 9 MR. MARSHALL: No, no. This is your area. -- at all for the vehicle. 10 MS. MORRISON: 11 This is kind of -- one of the things that I have done for 12 quite many years is actually do vehicle inspections. 13 believe it or not, that's -- I'm a mechanic and I do a lot of 14 So, of course, we look at all aspects of the vehicle teardown. 15 vehicle and wanted to make sure that there was -- the vehicle was 16 operating properly, if you had any recent maintenance or anything 17 done on that particular truck. Like has it been -- had any recent 18 maintenance or brought into the shop for anything? 19 MR. BEN YOUNG: Not that I remember. 2.0 MS. Do you do your own brake jobs or oil changes? MORRISON: 21 MR. BEN YOUNG: Oh, yeah. Yes. Yeah. 22 You would do that? MS. MORRISON: 23 MR. BEN YOUNG: Yeah. 24 MS. MORRISON: Okay. So you don't bring it into a shop? 25 MR. BEN YOUNG: Oh, every once in a while I would if I didn't

- 1 have time to do it.
- 2 MS. MORRISON: Got you. Can you remember the last time it
- 3 was brought in?
- 4 MR. BEN YOUNG: I couldn't tell you.
- 5 MS. MORRISON: Years? Okay. Yeah.
- 6 BY MR. MARSHALL:
- 7 Q. Okay. I just wanted to discuss a little bit about your
- 8 experience with that road from Leakey to Uvalde. Could you tell
- 9 me about your experience with that road? How people drive, you
- 10 know, like just what do you think about the design of the roadway
- 11 and so forth?
- 12 A. Well, I tend to drive fast on it, I would say. And I'm no
- 13 expert in roads so I couldn't really give a judgement on it. But
- 14 it's -- I mean, there's some dangerous curves. I couldn't answer
- 15 | -- I couldn't give you much more information.
- 16 Q. Are you comfortable on that roadway?
- 17 A. About as comfortable as I could be. Yes, sir.
- 18 Q. Okay. Have you -- has there been -- or have you experienced
- 19 or have you seen many accidents or near misses on that roadway?
- 20 A. Yes, sir. I would say so.
- 21 O. How often?
- 22 A. I couldn't, I couldn't say.
- 23 Q. Okay.
- 24 A. I wouldn't, I wouldn't know an accurate number.
- 25 Q. Okay.

- 1 MS. MORRISON: You've lived in this area your whole life?
- 2 MR. JACK YOUNG: Pretty much, yes, ma'am.
- 3 MS. MORRISON: Okay.
- 4 MR. JACK YOUNG: Since I was, since I was 11.
- 5 MS. MORRISON: And you've been driving since --
- 6 MR. JACK YOUNG: Since I was 16, 17.
- 7 MS. MORRISON: And has it always been the pickup truck or did
- 8 you have another vehicle?
- 9 MR. JACK YOUNG: No, I had my own pickup truck, and then I
- 10 had sold it and bought a Mustang.
- 11 MS. MORRISON: Okay.
- 12 MR. JACK YOUNG: And that's my current car. And --
- MS. MORRISON: The Mustang is your current car?
- MR. JACK YOUNG: Yes, ma'am. It's --
- 15 MS. MORRISON: Okay.
- 16 BY MR. MARSHALL:
- 17 Q. So is there a reason why you were taking the truck instead of
- 18 | the Mustang that day?
- 19 A. It's in the shop. I had to get some minor stuff fixed on it,
- 20 parts I'd put on it. So I put it in the shop and Dad was letting
- 21 me drive his truck, his old one.
- 22 Q. Okay. So as I mentioned before, we did find -- you know, you
- 23 had mentioned also that you went to get some prescription medicine
- 24 at, I guess, at a pharmacy here. Could -- would you be able to
- 25 describe like -- or tell us how you feel, like physically, prior

- 1 | to the crash? I mean, what was your physical state?
- 2 A. I felt fine. One second I was driving and everything was
- 3 fine.
- 4 Q. Okay.
- 5 A. And I didn't --
- 6 Q. As for the medication, how long have you been on this
- 7 | medications? Is it something that you've been taking for several
- 8 months or is it -- are these medications new for you?
- 9 A. I've been taking them for a couple of months.
- 10 Q. Okay. Have you experienced any side effects from the
- 11 medications?
- 12 A. No, not anything extreme.
- 13 Q. Would you be able to describe like what you did -- I mean, if
- 14 there are any side effects at all?
- 15 A. Just like night sweats and stuff like that.
- 16 Q. Yeah.
- 17 A. And I have really bad dreams sometimes.
- 18 O. Because of the medication?
- 19 A. We weren't sure. We were trying to figure out if the
- 20 medication was helping or making it worse.
- 21 Q. So do the medications affect the way you sleep or how well
- 22 you sleep?
- 23 A. I guess they do. The Ambien was prescribed for insomnia, and
- 24 | so it makes me sleep.
- 25 Q. It makes you sleep better?

- 1 A. Yes. Yes, sir.
- 2 Q. Oh, okay. So was the Ambien prescribed because you were
- 3 | having problems with the other medication?
- 4 A. No. The Ambien was prescribed because I had -- have been
- 5 diagnosed with insomnia.
- 6 Q. Okay. So you were -- so the Ambien, we know why you were
- 7 prescribed that. How about the other three medications? Is it --
 - A. PTSD, and chronic depression. I had -- when I was -- should
- 9 I -- is that relevant, about Blackman?
- 10 MR. MUNOZ: You can talk about it.

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- MR. MARSHALL: Okay. Jennifer, do you have anything?
- MS. MORRISON: I'm sorry to hear about that, and I think it's
- 18 great that, Chelsea, you're with your brother and helping him
- 19 through that. It's very strong of you.
- 20 BY MR. MARSHALL:
- 21 Q. Do you wear any like corrective lens or do you have glasses
- 22 or contact lenses or anything?
- 23 A. Yes, sir.
- 24 O. So which one is it?
- 25 A. I have glasses.

- 1 Q. You have glasses. Okay. Were you wearing your glasses on
- 2 | that day when you were driving?
- 3 A. No, sir, I wasn't.
- 4 Q. Okay. Is it -- well, how high is the prescription on those
- 5 glasses?
- 6 A. I couldn't tell you, sir. I can't recall.
- 7 MS. MORRISON: It's not a condition of your driver's license
- 8 to wear your glasses?
- 9 MR. JACK YOUNG: I can't recall, ma'am.
- 10 MS. MORRISON: Okay.
- 11 BY MR. MARSHALL:
- 12 Q. Okay. Do you have any problems hearing, any auditory issues
- 13 | that you have?
- 14 A. Not anything severe, no, sir.
- 15 Q. Okay. And some of these questions might seem strange but
- 16 these are just questions we ask everybody. It really does help us
- 17 | get to the bottom of some of these accidents. Okay.
- 18 MS. MORRISON: While we're on the -- sorry to interrupt, but
- 19 on the medications. I know you were giving a lot of good
- 20 information there. Do you regularly see a doctor here in Uvalde?
- 21 MR. JACK YOUNG: San Antonio.
- MS. MORRISON: Okay.
- MR. JACK YOUNG: And I had a situation in which I moved to my
- 24 mother's, and that turned out not to be a good situation --
- MS. MORRISON: Okay.

1 MR. JACK YOUNG: -- so I moved back and I was in the process 2 of getting another psychologist. 3 MS. MORRISON: So that's a psychologist in San Antonio? 4 MR. JACK YOUNG: Yes, ma'am, because --5 MS. MORRISON: As well as, do you have any like primary care 6 doctor just for your general health? 7 MR. JACK YOUNG: A doctor in Leakey. 8 MS. MORRISON: Okay. MR. JACK YOUNG: He -- I've seen him pretty much all my life. 9 10 MS. MORRISON: Could you tell us his name? 11 MR. JACK YOUNG: I don't recall, ma'am. 12 MS. MORRISON: Okay. 13 Do you know the practice -- the name of the MR. MARSHALL: 14 practice? 15 MR. JACK YOUNG: I believe it was Rolling Hills. 16 MS. MORRISON: Rolling Hills, okay. 17 MR. MARSHALL: Rolling Hills, okay. 18 MS. MORRISON: It was that I just wanted to make sure I 19 understood that, that --2.0 MR. MARSHALL: Yeah. 21 MS. MORRISON: -- where you went to receive your medical 22 care, your treatment. Thank you. 23 MR. JACK YOUNG: Okay.

The next set of questions involve whether you drink

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BY MR. MARSHALL:

- 1 | alcohol or whether you --
- 2 MR. BEN YOUNG: I'm going to ask that you not answer that
- 3 question at this time.
- 4 BY MR. MARSHALL:
- 5 Q. Okay. Have you been in any prior crashes or anything like
- 6 that?
- 7 A. Yes, sir.
- 8 Q. Could you describe that a little bit?
- 9 A. When I first got the Mustang, I had an accident on 211 and I
- 10 didn't -- I was just switching lanes and I thought the lady was
- 11 going to turn faster than she was. She had slowed down when she
- 12 turned and I hit the back end of her car.
- 13 Q. Okay.
- 14 A. And the cops were called and it turned out, I believe, she
- 15 | didn't have insurance, so --
- MR. MUNOZ: Who didn't have insurance?
- 17 MR. JACK YOUNG: The lady I hit.
- 18 BY MR. MARSHALL:
- 19 Q. Around when was that?
- 20 A. It was a couple years ago.
- 21 Q. A couple years ago. Okay.
- MS. MORRISON: Is that the only other time you've been in a
- 23 car accident?
- MR. JACK YOUNG: Yeah, anything that was major.
- MS. MORRISON: Okay.

- 1 MR. JACK YOUNG: Yes, ma'am.
- 2 MS. MORRISON: Okay.
- 3 BY MR. MARSHALL:
- 4 Q. So -- I'm sorry for having to double back. Could you -- just
- 5 back to the prescription medicine. Have you been -- did you take
- 6 | it that day?
- 7 MR. MUNOZ: Answer, answer it (indiscernible) --
- 8 BY MR. MARSHALL:
- 9 Q. Are you pretty good about taking them regularly?
- 10 A. Yes, sir. I try to be. Yes, sir.
- 11 Q. Okay. Do you take any over-the-counter medication in
- 12 addition to the prescription medicine?
- 13 A. Diphenhydramine every once in a while.
- 14 Q. Okay.
- 15 A. Just a sleep aid.
- 16 Q. A sleep aid. Okay. Do you take any like herbal supplements
- 17 | or any other -- something like that, just vitamins?
- 18 A. I used to. At the time I wasn't.
- 19 Q. Okay. Again, this is just the questions we have to ask. Do
- 20 you use any illicit drugs or --
- 21 MR. MUNOZ: I ask that you not answer that question at this
- 22 time.
- MR. MARSHALL: Okay.
- MS. MORRISON: It's okay if he asks a question and --
- 25 Mr. Munoz, if you decline, that's fine. He can still ask the

- 1 questions and you can certainly decline to answer them.
- 2 MR. MUNOZ: Yes.
- 3 BY MR. MARSHALL:
- 4 Q. Yeah. And a lot of these questions I think we've already
- 5 covered here. You mentioned prior to the crash that you were just
- 6 | checking your cell phone real quick. Do you have reception in
- 7 | that area?
- 8 A. I couldn't tell you, sir. I wouldn't have known.
- 9 Q. Because it seems like a lot of people don't. It's just a
- 10 tough area to --
- 11 A. In Uvalde -- I have AT&T, so -- and I get the best reception
- 12 you can get out here.
- 13 Q. Yeah. I mean, we have Verizon and we just got nothing.
- MS. MORRISON: We've got nothing.
- MR. BEN YOUNG: Verizon won't work.
- MR. MARSHALL: Yeah. Okay.
- 17 BY MR. MARSHALL:
- 18 Q. So you maybe were possibly checking to see if you had
- 19 reception or something like that?
- 20 A. I believe I was checking to see if any calls, any text
- 21 messages, anything like that.
- 22 Q. Okay. Were you expecting a message from anybody in
- 23 particular?
- 24 A. Not anybody in particular, sir.
- 25 Q. Okay. Did you have any other like electronic devices, other

- 1 cell phones, and -- okay.
- 2 A. No, sir.
- 3 Q. So that's your only cell phone?
- 4 A. Yes, sir.
- 5 Q. Does anybody else use that truck regularly?
- 6 A. No, sir. I don't believe so.
- 7 MR. MARSHALL: Sir, you don't -- do you use that truck
- 8 regularly?
- 9 MR. BEN YOUNG: I don't drive it much.
- 10 MS. MORRISON: Well, we ask just because we -- there were
- 11 more cell phones found in the truck.
- MR. BEN YOUNG: There was what?
- MS. MORRISON: There were more cell phones found in the
- 14 truck.
- 15 MR. JACK YOUNG: Oh, you all found an old --
- 16 MR. MARSHALL: Yeah.
- 17 MS. MORRISON: So we were just wondering if any other --
- 18 MR. JACK YOUNG: It's broke.
- 19 MR. MARSHALL: We found like two old ones. So we didn't know
- 20 | if --
- MR. JACK YOUNG: I run through cell phones.
- MR. MARSHALL: Okay.
- MS. MORRISON: There was even a flip phone. Believe it or
- 24 not.
- MR. MARSHALL: Yeah.

- 1 MS. MORRISON: We were just wondering if those were in use at
- 2 all or if you --
- 3 MR. JACK YOUNG: No.
- 4 MS. MORRISON: No. There's a couple of --
- 5 MR. MARSHALL: Yeah, they looked pretty, pretty old.
- 6 MS. MORRISON: Okay. Great. Thanks.
- 7 MS. YOUNG: Have a backup in case one breaks, maybe.
- 8 MS. MORRISON: Yeah. No, that's what we use ours for, too.
- 9 Our old ones.
- 10 BY MR. MARSHALL:
- 11 Q. Oh, do you recall if you were using cruise control or
- 12 anything like that on the way to -- back to Leakey?
- 13 A. I don't recall, sir.
- 14 Q. Okay. Okay. I just want to go through a few life event
- 15 questions.
- 16 MR. MUNOZ: A few what?
- 17 MR. MARSHALL: Life events. It's like any --
- 18 MR. MUNOZ: Life events. Okay.
- MR. MARSHALL: -- anything like stressors. I just want to
- 20 | see if -- you know, how you were doing that day. I mean, had you
- 21 | had fights with anybody, like family members or friends or
- 22 anything like that, that day?
- MR. JACK YOUNG: No, sir.
- BY MR. MARSHALL:
- 25 Q. Okay. Are you -- how's your financial situation? Was it

- 1 good? Were you -- is that something that you were worried about
- 2 or --
- 3 A. I wouldn't say I was concerned.
- 4 Q. Okay.
- 5 A. I mean, I wasn't rich, but --
- 6 Q. Yeah.
- 7 A. You know, I wasn't starving.
- 8 MS. MORRISON: You had somewhere to live and a car to drive?
- 9 MR. JACK YOUNG: Yeah.
- 10 BY MR. MARSHALL:
- 11 Q. Okay. How were you feeling about yourself that day? I mean,
- were you feeling pretty up or were you feeling down?
- 13 A. I was feeling particularly good. I wasn't feeling bad.
- 14 Q. Okay. So nothing -- you weren't feeling especially down that
- 15 day or weren't --
- 16 A. No. I had got off of work and, I mean, I was just kind of,
- 17 | just -- I mean, I thought it was going to be a good day. I didn't
- 18 have to work.
- 19 Q. So what were you -- what were your plans for the rest of the
- 20 day? What were you planning on doing?
- 21 A. Just went and got pizza and I was going to go home, just
- 22 relax and watch TV and --
- 23 Q. Yeah.
- 24 A. No plans.
- 25 Q. So nothing, nothing in particular that you were looking

- 1 | forward to?
- 2 A. No.
- 3 Q. Okay.
- 4 A. I just wanted to go home.
- 5 MS. MORRISON: Do you have friends that live up in your area
- 6 that you normally see on the weekdays? Do you socialize with
- 7 them?
- 8 MR. JACK YOUNG: When I was younger, yes, ma'am.
- 9 MS. MORRISON: Yeah. Like a girlfriend or --
- 10 MR. JACK YOUNG: Not in -- no, not lives near me.
- BY MR. MARSHALL:
- 12 Q. Not that lives here. Okay. Do you -- are there friends that
- 13 you do regularly visit up there?
- 14 A. No. Not regularly, no. I mean, if I see them at the store,
- 15 | I'll say, hi.
- 16 Q. Yeah.
- 17 A. But not regularly.
- 18 MR. MARSHALL: Do you have any other questions? I think we
- 19 | went through most of these.
- MS. MORRISON: Yeah, yeah. You know, and the -- obviously,
- 21 your injuries are important to us, too. I mean you were, you were
- 22 hurt, obviously, (indiscernible) being in the crash. How are you
- 23 doing now and -- I see that you've obviously broken your arm,
- 24 you've got some other injuries. How are you doing now?
- 25 MR. JACK YOUNG: I'm in pain.

- 1 MS. MORRISON: Yeah.
- 2 MR. JACK YOUNG: I've got six broken ribs.
- 3 MS. MORRISON: Yeah.
- 4 MR. JACK YOUNG: I'm generally in pain.
- 5 MS. MORRISON: Yeah.
- 6 BY MR. MARSHALL:
- 7 Q. Do you think you're going to make -- I mean, did the doctor's
- 8 say you'll make a pretty close to full recovery, or --
- 9 A. There's, there's -- with this hand right here, the one that's
- 10 in the sling, they had to reconnect the tendons and there wasn't
- 11 much muscle left to connect them to. So that's one of the deals
- 12 | they don't know if my hand's going to work correctly or not.
- 13 Q. Are you going to go through physical therapy?
- 14 A. Yes. Well, I'm going to do whatever they tell me to do, I'm
- 15 going to check out. Yeah, whatever they tell me to do, I'm going
- 16 to check out and do.
- 17 Q. Okay.
- MR. MARSHALL: I'm probably going to conclude this interview
- 19 | right now. But is there anything else that you would like to tell
- 20 us about, you know, activities prior to the crash or the crash
- 21 | itself? You know, what -- do you remember much after the crash?
- 22 MR. MUNOZ: I don't think you should answer that at this
- 23 time.
- MR. MARSHALL: Okay. Is there any other -- is there anything
- 25 else that you would like to tell us?

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         MR. JACK YOUNG: No, sir. Not that I can recall.
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         MR. MARSHALL:
                        Okay.
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         MS. MORRISON:
                        Even while we have the recording going, do you
 4
    guys have any questions for us? I know that this is a significant
 5
    event. You obviously were quite hurt.
 6
         MS. YOUNG:
                     I think we're just processing it ourselves.
 7
         MS. MORRISON: You're processing. Yeah, I mean --
 8
         MS. YOUNG: Yeah, we're processing it ourselves.
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         MS. MORRISON:
                       -- certainly, Jack, you didn't wake up in the
10
    morning wanting this to happen. Nobody wants these things to
11
    happen. So don't think that that goes unwarranted and
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    unrecognized by us. We're people too. This is, this is hard.
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    you have, you have good people looking into this. You have a
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    strong family supporting you. So if you guys have any questions
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    for us, I -- I'll give you our contact information and, you know,
16
    feel free to ask me anything you want to now.
                                                   If not --
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         MS. YOUNG:
                     Thank you.
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         MS. MORRISON:
                        It's an open door.
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         MR. MUNOZ:
                     Yes, ma'am.
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         MS. YOUNG:
                     Thank you.
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         MR. MARSHALL:
                        So it's 3:14 p.m. and this concludes the
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    interview.
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          (Whereupon, at 3:14 p.m., the interview was concluded.)
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