



Human Performance Attachment – District Attorney Interview with Truck Driver

Concan, TX

HWY17MH011

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Investigation of:

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CHURCH BUS AND TRUCK CRASH NEAR
CONCAN, TEXAS ON MARCH 29, 2017

* Accident No.: HWY17MH011
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Interview of: JACK YOUNG

Wednesday,
March 29, 2017

PARTICIPANTS:

District Attorney's Office (DA)

Medical Staff

Unidentified Speaker (UI)

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2 MR. YOUNG: Well, that's the reason why they said they put me
3 in ICU.

4 DA: Um-hum. You don't have to move your arm.

5 Hi. I'm with the DA's office.

6 MR. YOUNG: I just -- a pain shot, if that's okay?

7 DA: A what?

8 MR. YOUNG: A pain shot.

9 DA: A pain shot? Oh.

10 MR. YOUNG: Yeah.

11 DA: You do the pain shot, right?

12 MEDICAL STAFF: Okay. He has to push the button for himself.

13 MR. YOUNG: Where's the button?

14 MEDICAL STAFF: Okay. It's right here. In your hand. Okay.
15 Can you open your one eye? See this right here?

16 And you're not to take a pictures --

17 UI: You can't take pictures unless he signs a consent.

18 DA: Okay. Okay. Okay. Okay.

19 MEDICAL STAFF: Okay. All right. Do you see this bright
20 green light here? This is what you push to get it every 8
21 minutes. You can push this button to get some pain medicine,
22 okay? I'm going to give it to you. All right?

23 So you're the only one that has control over it. I'll bring
24 this a little bit closer to you. Okay?

25 There you go. Push it. You can push it with your thumb.
26 Okay?

1 DA: Does he have any family members here? I'm with the
2 district attorney's office.

3 MEDICAL STAFF: Oh, I don't know if there's anybody here.

4 MR. YOUNG: What happened? I thought my girlfriend and my
5 dad and my mom (indiscernible).

6 MEDICAL STAFF: I don't know where any of those people are.

7 Oh, that's who you're with? Okay. With the police
8 department?

9 DA: I'm with the DA's --

10 MEDICAL STAFF: Oh, okay.

11 DA: -- the district attorney's office.

12 MEDICAL STAFF: Oh, okay. Hang on. Then let me --

13 DA: I don't need to, I don't need to speak with the family.
14 I want to speak with him.

15 MEDICAL STAFF: I know -- the pictures.

16 She's with the district attorney's office.

17 UI: Huh?

18 DA: I'm with the DA's office.

19 UI: Okay.

20 DA: This is for a criminal investigation.

21 UI: He still needs to sign a consent form, unfortunately.

22 DA: Why is that?

23 UI: Because anybody in the hospital, because he's still
24 alert and oriented, unless he's under arrest, then he has to sign
25 a consent for us to be able to take pictures.

1 MEDICAL STAFF: Can you push this? This one's --

2 DA: Okay. I'm not taking any pictures. I'm recording our
3 conversation.

4 MEDICAL STAFF: Oh. Okay. There we go.

5 INTERVIEW OF JACK YOUNG

6 BY DA:

7 Q. So I'm going to leave, I'm going to leave my card right here,
8 okay? And I didn't see anybody sitting outside. When I came to
9 the front desk, she informed me that -- do you have a daughter?

10 A. No, I have a girlfriend and a sister (indiscernible)

11 Q. Okay. So does your girlfriend have a child?

12 A. No, sir.

13 Q. No. Okay. Okay. Do you, do you remember where you were
14 going today?

15 A. Yeah.

16 Q. Where were you headed to?

17 A. Well, I was headed home.

18 Q. Home?

19 A. I came from the Uvalde.

20 Q. Okay. What were you doing in Uvalde?

21 A. I went up there to pick up my prescriptions.

22 Q. Okay. What type of of prescriptions?

23 A. I have Loniten, Posen (ph.), Ambien, and Lexipro.

24 Q. Okay.

25 A. I ended up a few months back, I had to stay in a mental

1 institution because there was some stuff that happened to me when
2 I was younger.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. So that's just Ambien.

5 Q. Okay. So were you on any of that type of medication when you
6 were driving home?

7 A. Yes, ma'am.

8 Q. Okay. And did you -- were you on your phone?

9 A. Yes, ma'am. I did.

10 Q. Were you talking to someone on the phone?

11 A. I was checking to see if my girlfriend had texted me.

12 Q. Okay. Okay. Is that -- because we have other people that
13 were on the road that saw you in your vehicle that was going in
14 and out of traffic. Were you in a rush to get to her or --

15 A. No.

16 Q. -- in a rush to get home?

17 A. The steering box on that Dodge is going out. The Pittman
18 arm, and I can show you on it --

19 Q. Uh-huh.

20 A. -- it shakes a little bit coming off that steering box.

21 Q. Uh-huh.

22 A. So it just has a lot of play on the road.

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. I need to get it fixed. But it's just \$1,000 for a steering
25 box.

1 Q. What year is that truck?

2 A. '07.

3 Q. '07. Okay. So we'll be able to get a black box from it too.
4 It'll -- when we pull the black box, it'll be able to tell us what
5 happened.

6 Now, you're last name is Young, correct?

7 A. Yes, ma'am.

8 Q. Okay. What is your first name?

9 A. Jack.

10 Q. Jack? Okay. And your middle name?

11 A. Dylan.

12 Q. Okay. And what's your date of birth?

13 A. [REDACTED]

14 Q. [REDACTED]

15 A. Yes, ma'am.

16 Q. Okay. And how old are you?

17 A. I am 20 years old.

18 Q. Okay. And your -- who was here a moment ago to see you?

19 A. Which time?

20 Q. Right, right now. Who has come to visit you? Your
21 girlfriend?

22 A. No. Oh, my sister and dad came earlier.

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. And then the nurse came in and talked to me. That's it and
25 you.

1 Q. Okay. And did you -- when you were airlifted over here from,
2 from the accident scene, did you have any of your personal items
3 with you?

4 A. Not that I can remember.

5 Q. Okay. Did you have your phone with you?

6 A. Probably not. No.

7 Q. Okay. Do you remember what you hit?

8 A. Yeah. I -- once they told me what I had hit. It was a van.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. And that's where -- I mean, I freaked out and I just -- and
11 (indiscernible) I started crying and I told them, I'm sorry; is
12 everybody okay?

13 Q. Um-hum. Okay. So you didn't see initially what you hit,
14 then?

15 A. No. I mean, I thought -- I saw when I hit it. I thought
16 maybe it was tourist bus or something like that, that runs through
17 Leahey through Tuben (ph.).

18 Q. Um-hum. Okay. So when did you see it? Or did you didn't
19 actually -- you don't recall it?

20 A. At the, at the last second, the very last second I saw it and
21 I slammed on my brakes. But that big old truck it's -- doesn't
22 stop on a dime.

23 Q. Did you have your seatbelt on?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Does it have airbags?

1 A. Yes, it does, and they deployed.

2 Q. They did? Okay. Okay. And was there any passengers with
3 you?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. Other than my dog.

7 Q. Your dog?

8 A. Yes. And he's okay.

9 Q. He's okay? He was inside the vehicle?

10 A. Yes, he was inside the vehicle.

11 Q. Okay. Okay. And so when you were looking at your phone,
12 were you calling someone or were you checking the text messaging?

13 A. Yeah. No, I was just checking to see if my girlfriend
14 (indiscernible) texted me.

15 Q. Okay. Okay. And how long had it been from when you had left
16 Uvalde?

17 A. Not very long at all.

18 Q. Do you remember what highway you were on?

19 A. 83.

20 Q. 83. Okay. Do you remember how close you were to Leakey, or
21 to Concan?

22 A. To be honest, ma'am, I couldn't give you an exact time.

23 Q. Okay. That's okay. I was just curious of knowing. Okay.
24 And what time did you get up today? Do you know?

25 A. Oh, I have no idea. I really haven't gotten up.

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. I tried to sit up earlier, but I can't sit up.

3 Q. Okay. No, no, no. What time did you wake up today?

4 A. Oh. Oh, I would guess 5.

5 Q. Five this morning? Did you go to work or what did you do
6 this morning before you picked up your medication?

7 A. Well, I went to work and then I had some stuff that I had to
8 dump from my girlfriend's house. And so I picked it up, and went
9 and dumped it, and got my dog that I had left at her house. And I
10 went to work work and --

11 Q. Where do you work at?

12 A. I work for Dr. Kirby. He runs the Alamo Heights
13 Veterinarian.

14 Q. Okay.

15 A. I kind of help him with his (indiscernible). And, I don't
16 know, it just -- it turned out to be a shitty day.

17 Q. What happened to your right arm? Did they tell you?

18 A. Uh-uh. I'm not sure, to be honest.

19 Q. Okay.

20 MEDICAL STAFF: All right. This is going to be a 306 in
21 here. Just relax your arm there. You don't have to move
22 anything.

23 MR. YOUNG: Okay.

24 BY DA:

25 Q. Where did you stay at last night?

1 A. I can't remember.

2 Q. Do you have your own house or apartment?

3 A. No. I live with Dad.

4 Q. Where does Dad live?

5 A. Dad lives in Leakey, Texas.

6 Q. Okay. Do you know the address?

7 A. Yes, I do. But I didn't stay at his house. They took me
8 directly here from the accident.

9 Q. Okay. But last night did you stay at his house? Or did you
10 stay with your girlfriend?

11 A. No, I stayed at his house last night.

12 Q. Okay. And about what time did you go to bed last night?

13 A. I'm sorry. Hold up. Give me a second just so I get my mind
14 straight.

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. Okay. The accident happened today, correct?

17 Q. Yes.

18 A. Okay. The night before I stayed at my girlfriend's house.

19 Q. Okay. And did you all do anything? Did you all go out? No?

20 A. We just watched TV.

21 Q. Okay. And so about what time did you go to bed?

22 A. Ten, 11.

23 Q. Okay. And this morning you woke up at 5:00? So you got a
24 good night's sleep?

25 A. Pretty much. I mean, I don't get a great night's sleep, but

1 in comparison it was pretty good.

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. (Indiscernible)

4 Q. Is there anything else that you think we should know?

5 A. No. Not that I can think of.

6 Q. Okay. Do you know your home phone number, or mobile number?

7 A. I do, but it would be easier for me to call you on it.

8 Q. What does it start with, [REDACTED]?

9 A. Yeah. [REDACTED] I don't remember the last four digits.

10 Q. Okay. Who's your carrier?

11 A. AT&T.

12 Q. AT&T? And do you pay your own cell phone?

13 A. It's on my grandfather's name, my plan.

14 Q. Okay. And what's your grandfather's name?

15 A. It's Joeby Benjamin Young.

16 Q. Joeby?

17 A. Benjamin.

18 Q. Benjamin?

19 A. Young.

20 Q. And what's the last name? Young?

21 A. Young.

22 Q. Okay. And does he live over in Leakey?

23 A. Yeah.

24 Q. Okay. What's your dad's name?

25 A. My dad's name is Joseph Benjamin Young.

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. Everybody calls him Ben.

3 Q. Okay. Do you know your dad's phone number?

4 A. Yes, I do.

5 Q. What's your dad's phone number?

6 A. [REDACTED].

7 Q. Um-hum.

8 A. [REDACTED].

9 Q. [REDACTED]

10 A. [REDACTED]

11 Q. Jack? Do you remember?

12 A. Remember what?

13 Q. His number.

14 A. Oh, I'm sorry.

15 Q. That's okay.

16 A. It's the pain medication kind of makes me out --

17 Q. I know.

18 A. Yes, dad's number, it's [REDACTED].

19 Q. Thank you. Okay. I'm going to let the nurses, medical staff

20 continue working on you. I'm going to see if your family's

21 outside and leave them my card. If you have any questions, give

22 us a call, okay? DPS troopers are still on the crash scene and

23 they're still investigating and collecting evidence out there.

24 Okay?

25 Was your truck insured?

1 A. Yes, ma'am.

2 Q. Who's insured?

3 A. Oh, my father. I don't have any insurance, so --

4 Q. Okay. What's the carrier?

5 A. My father.

6 Q. What insurance company?

7 A. Oh, (indiscernible) Valley and Gary Lang Auto.

8 Q. Okay. Okay. And was it fully insured or is it just like
9 liability?

10 A. Fully.

11 Q. Fully insured? Okay. Okay. Okay.

12 So I'm going to leave you my card here and I'm going to see
13 if your family's outside to leave them a card, okay?

14 (Whereupon, the interview was concluded.)

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