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FACTUAL REPORT**

Human Performance Attachment 7 – Interview with Surviving Bus Passenger

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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: ROSE M. HARRIS

Wednesday,
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By Sgt. Fritch

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3 SGT. FRITCH: Today's date is April the 5th, 2017. It is
4 10:39 a.m. My name is Aaron Fritch, sergeant with the State Crash
5 Reconstruction Team, Texas Department of Public Safety. In the
6 room with me is Trooper James D. Jones with the State Crash
7 Reconstruction Team, Texas Department of Public Safety, and
8 also --

9 MR. MARSHALL: Rafael Marshall, human performance
10 investigator, with the National Transportation Safety Board.

11 SGT. FRITCH: The purpose of this interview is to speak with
12 a passenger in the bus from a crash that occurred on March the
13 29th, 2017 in Uvalde County.

INTERVIEW OF ROSE M. HARRIS

BY SGT. FRITCH:

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16 Q. Ma'am, if I could get you to state your name for me.

17 A. My name is Rose, middle name Mary, last name Harris.

18 Q. Okay. And, Ms. Harris, what is your date of birth?

19 A. [REDACTED].

20 Q. Okay. And just so everybody's clear that may listen to this
21 recording later, do you voluntarily give this statement to us
22 without any kind of coercion or promises or anything of that
23 nature?

24 A. Yes, sir. I voluntarily give you the information. I will
25 answer your questions to the best of my ability.

1 Q. Thank you, ma'am. So like I stated, we're investigating the
2 crash that occurred in Uvalde County March the 29th, 2017. I
3 understand you were a passenger within one of those vehicles?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. Okay. And were you a passenger in the Ford bus owned by the
6 First Baptist Church of Uvalde?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. Okay. Do you recall where within that bus that you were
9 seated?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. I was sitting in the last row of the bus. I was sitting at
13 the right passenger window.

14 Q. Okay. In the far back of the bus --

15 A. The last seat. You couldn't go no farther.

16 Q. -- the last seat, and you were on the, on the out --

17 A. I was at the window. I was sitting at the window.

18 Q. You were on the window. Okay. And was anybody sitting
19 beside you in that seat?

20 A. Yes, sir. Ms. Cristie Moore was sitting next to me.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. Husband and wife, Jo and -- Jo was the wife's name. Give me
23 my church book, I can tell you the husband's name.

24 Q. Well, we'll worry about that --

25 A. Okay.

1 Q. That's a question I'll get to later and, and --

2 A. Joe and Harold were sitting next to them.

3 Q. Okay. Okay.

4 A. Harold was sitting next to Cristie, and his wife was sitting
5 at the driver's side window.

6 Q. Okay. Yeah, now, I actually have a diagram for the bus.

7 A. Okay.

8 Q. We think that we have everybody's position correct, but I'll
9 get that --

10 A. Okay.

11 Q. -- we'll look at that at the end.

12 A. Okay, yeah.

13 Q. So where had your all's bus left from that day?

14 A. We had just left from the religious retreat place, Alto Frio.

15 Q. Alto Frio, yes, ma'am.

16 A. And they voted on going that route because they wanted to go
17 to McDonald's.

18 Q. And McDonald's, where at?

19 A. I don't know. I'm new here in Texas. But if they go that
20 way, they pass McDonald's that they go to.

21 Q. Probably in Uvalde, I would imagine.

22 A. I can't tell you because I don't know the cities that well
23 because I've only lived in Texas for 2 years.

24 Q. I understand.

25 A. This was my first retreat.

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. They have -- they go to -- on the way up there, we stopped at
3 the Dairy Queen, where they like to go, we went one way. And you
4 go a different way if you're going -- that's all I know, is you go
5 a different way for them to go to McDonald's.

6 Q. Okay. How long had you been out at the retreat?

7 A. I went out to the retreat from Monday -- is that the 26th, 26
8 and -- oh, wow, I'm getting my numbers mixed up. We went there --
9 well, we did go that Monday --

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. -- to the retreat and we left coming back that Wednesday, the
12 29th.

13 Q. Okay. So it would have been -- Monday would have been the
14 27th.

15 A. Okay. 27th, 28, 29. Okay, those are the dates. I'm sorry.

16 Q. Okay. So you all were there Monday through Wednesday?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. We had lunch and left.

20 Q. Had lunch there at the retreat, then left?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Okay. About what time do you think it was when you all left?

23 A. Somewhere around the noon, the noon hour. Because we was --
24 had worship service that morning, and we done with worship service
25 and we got to -- got to lunch early, because I think lunch was

1 scheduled for like 11:15 but I think we got there -- got finished
2 with worship service, they got us to lunch, and we was able to eat
3 a little earlier.

4 Q. Okay.

5 A. And the people -- some people stayed for lunch and some
6 people left because they was in their personal vehicles, and they
7 just left before us.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. And some people left in their vehicles when we left, but
10 because they wasn't going to McDonald's, we were not in no --
11 where you all following each other, we wasn't doing that.

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. The other vehicles, nobody wasn't -- we wasn't following, you
14 follow his car, his car, we wasn't doing that.

15 Q. How many people did you all have at the retreat?

16 A. Oh, man, we had, oh, about 80 people.

17 Q. Oh, wow. Okay. Were they all from your all's church or
18 from different churches?

19 A. Yes, sir. Except for one lady, I think -- one lady I think
20 wasn't from our church, she used to go there, and she was sitting
21 in front of me on the bus. She was going to the Oakwood Church in
22 New Braunfels.

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. I think that's the name of the church. I'm uncertain. But
25 she still sang in the choir. A lot of the members that were

1 there, they sing in the senior choir. They call it the Sunshine
2 Singers.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. And she still would sing with the Sunshine Singers, although
5 she didn't come to our church every Sunday.

6 Q. Okay. So you all had multiple busses that were --

7 A. No, sir.

8 Q. No?

9 A. One bus.

10 Q. It was only one bus?

11 A. But other people drove their private vehicle.

12 Q. Okay. So there was --

13 A. Be it a car, van, or truck.

14 Q. Okay.

15 A. Because my luggage was in another Sunday school teacher truck
16 he had.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. He had my, he had my luggage.

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. Because our van didn't hold luggage.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. That I could tell. We just had our personal needs with us in
23 that bus.

24 Q. Yes, ma'am.

25 A. You know, how the white women have them purses and them other

1 bags.

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. You know, but that was it. Were no place for really luggage.

4 Q. Okay. I understand. So you rode out to the camp in the bus
5 and you were returning on the same bus?

6 A. Right. Right.

7 Q. And do you recall who the bus driver was?

8 A. Mr. Murray.

9 Q. Mr. Murray, okay. And was he the same driver that drove you
10 all out there?

11 A. He took us and he brought us back.

12 Q. Okay. And did he stay out at the retreat with you all the
13 whole time?

14 A. Yes, sir. He did, because he was part of the Sunshine
15 Singers.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. He sang with them. He worshipped with us.

18 Q. Okay. Did you have any concerns at all about him driving?

19 A. No, sir, I didn't. They used -- it was my understanding that
20 he been used to driving them before, before that.

21 Q. I see. So my next question was where you all were heading
22 after you all left, and I'm assuming when you say to McDonald's it
23 -- and you all were heading south on 83, that that would have
24 probably been the one in Uvalde.

25 What was your all's final destination where you all were

1 going to be going?

2 A. Church. To pick up our suitcases and our vehicles was at
3 church.

4 Q. And that would have been the First Baptist Church in New
5 Braunfels?

6 A. Yes, sir, on Cross Street. Yes, sir.

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. And I think we was scheduled to be back no later than around
9 3:00.

10 Q. Okay. And when you all left, you said it as around the noon
11 hour. Do you recall how long you all had been driving prior to
12 the crash happening?

13 A. Sir, we wasn't driving long enough -- we had not driven long
14 enough for this person to think about repositioning her body.

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. Right. So we was only driving about 10 -- I feel like we
17 just got on the doggone thing.

18 Q. Yes, ma'am. Okay. So you said you were sitting in the far
19 back seat next to the window on the passenger side. Is that seat,
20 was it equipped with a seatbelt?

21 A. Every seat had a seatbelt.

22 Q. Okay. And did you have yours on?

23 A. Every last one of us had it on.

24 Q. Okay.

25 A. Because Ms. Cristie sitting next to me, she had pulled out

1 the seatbelts for the four of us, because the other two people
2 sitting on that seat was older than us --

3 Q. Yes, ma'am.

4 A. -- and she said when they get in, their seatbelt will be
5 right there. So she had their seatbelt so all they had to do,
6 instead of trying to look and find, know how they fall down and
7 stuff, she had pulled them all out and then made sure everybody
8 was fastened. Even Ms. Cristie reached up to Ms. Martha and made
9 sure her seatbelt was fastened because she could pull it that
10 way --

11 Q. Yes, ma'am.

12 A. -- and everybody made sure everybody had their seatbelt on,
13 and they talked to each other about it.

14 Q. Okay. Good. And strictly if you want to answer or not, I'm
15 just curious, did you receive any injuries around your hip area
16 from the seatbelt?

17 A. Yes, sir. I have my pelvic is fractured.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. And I have my -- some seatbelt burns on my body here and
20 across -- I have the proof of seatbelt.

21 Q. Now you say up here. Was your seat in the back equipped with
22 a shoulder and lap belt --

23 A. No.

24 Q. -- or just the shoulder --

25 A. I pulled it --

1 Q. -- or just the lap belt? Sorry.

2 A. I pulled it from -- I pulled it from there down. You know,
3 like on the wall --

4 Q. Okay.

5 A. -- I pulled it from up. I didn't pull it from here, here. I
6 pulled mine from here to here.

7 Q. Okay. So you remember it being over your right shoulder?

8 A. I pulled my seatbelt like this here.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. To do it.

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. Now the two seats right here, theirs was just straight out,
13 like you sitting in the chair --

14 Q. Yes, ma'am.

15 A. -- doing it.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. I don't know how them other seats, I don't know how theirs
18 pulled out. I don't know if they -- because I could only really
19 see Ms. Martha's, and I could only see her connection. So if it
20 came straight across or up/down, that I can't tell you.

21 Q. Okay. So you said it wasn't that long after you all had left
22 the camp when the crash occurred. In that time frame, do you
23 remember what you were doing in the vehicle?

24 A. Um-hum. I was looking out the window. I wasn't looking
25 straight.

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. I was looking out the window -- like where he is, looking out
3 the window, and my ears heard noises from the people in the van.
4 What they said, I can't tell you that part. But it was the kind
5 of noises like watch out, look up, oh wow, stuff like that. Ah.
6 And when I turned my head from here to here, the truck was in the,
7 in the -- was in the van. And my, and my -- I felt myself juggle
8 and stuff like that, and when I opened my eyes again, it was
9 messed up.

10 A. I see.

11 Q. The bodies were thrown around. You half out the window, you
12 laying over, and my best friend -- made me think of watching
13 television when a hand grenade get somebody, and her whole back
14 was exploded in my face. So I knew she was gone. And so all I
15 could do was call the names. I couldn't remember -- I couldn't
16 even remember the people names. I was saying the names I know.
17 Jo, you all right? Ms. Martha, you okay? Harold -- and then when
18 I said Harold, I knew he wasn't okay because I could see the truck
19 inside the van.

20 Q. I see.

21 A. And so I knew wasn't need calling his name no more, no use
22 calling his name. And I only heard three people groan. It was
23 Ms. Eddie -- Effie, who did not go to my church. I heard her
24 moaning. I heard Ms. Martha saying, help me, help me. And I
25 heard Donna groan. Nobody else said a word.

1 And I could see Ms. Sue, because just before -- Ms. Sue and I
2 had a conversation before I started looking out that window about
3 going to choir rehearsal. There was choir rehearsal that night.
4 Well, we'll be in time for choir rehearsal, ha, ha. We ain't
5 going to be able to get out of choir rehearsal, you know, one of
6 those kind of deals. We laughed and talked about that.

7 And next to her, sat her friend, Rhonda. And Rhonda I could
8 see that her body looked like it was hanging out the window. In
9 the front, I couldn't -- I couldn't see the people that was
10 sitting in front of them, I couldn't see them because the truck
11 was like where they were supposed to be.

12 Q. Yes, ma'am.

13 A. So that's all I know, baby.

14 Q. Okay. So I see you're wearing glasses. I saw on your
15 driver's license --

16 A. These aren't my glasses.

17 Q. Speaking of. Since I said that, I have your driver's
18 license --

19 A. I lost my glasses.

20 Q. -- back in (indiscernible).

21 A. These are not the glasses that I had on the trip.

22 Q. Okay. But at the time of the crash were you wearing your
23 glasses?

24 A. Oh, yeah. I saw my glasses on the floor.

25 Q. Okay.

1 A. I saw them down there but when -- when I come to, I was
2 leaning almost like I'm leaning now, but this arm here was hanging
3 and I couldn't move it, but it was hanging like behind me on the
4 back of the seat.

5 Q. I see.

6 A. And this one was turned up some kind of weird way, but I
7 couldn't maneuver it because if I moved it -- I was trying not to
8 move it because I was in some weird position. If I moved it, I
9 would have been touching stuff I didn't want to touch.

10 Q. I see.

11 A. And I already could see, because in my face and on my body, I
12 could see skin and pieces of somebody else on me.

13 Q. I see.

14 A. So I saw myself covered with my best friend, because Cristie
15 was my best friend up in there, and her body was wide open
16 exposed, like she was -- I never saw her head. I just saw her
17 back opened up. I didn't even know your body parts had different
18 -- kind of different colors inside. I saw that stuff -- I never
19 -- I didn't know that. And then I look and I said, which is her
20 skin? Oh, God. And all I could say is just oh, God, I sure hope
21 they'll come.

22 And then I heard a guy, heard a man's voice come over to the
23 window on that side of the vehicle, and he say, oh, there ain't
24 nothing in here but old people. And then I heard -- it sound like
25 the same voice to go back and say, "Man, you ran into that, you

1 ran into that van. You ran into a van full of old people. You
2 done kill everybody. You've been driving stupid. I've been
3 watching you. I had my wife call the police."

4 I could hear everything because I didn't lose conscious from
5 that time on. I never lost conscious once I woke up and saw the
6 situation. I was conscious from that moment on and have been woke
7 since then.

8 But I heard that guy, whoever he was -- I don't know what he
9 looked like. The only thing else, I just saw the people that come
10 to help stepping over people. And then one guy was just looking
11 at me and just say, keep your eyes on me. Keep your eyes on me.
12 Keep your eyes on me. Even though he was trying to help other
13 people, he was telling me keep your -- and so I just kept my eyes
14 on him like he told me. And that's all I could do is just keep
15 eyes on him.

16 And I was just spitting my teeth out my -- my mouth started
17 to feeling funny. I spit my teeth out. And the lady behind me
18 took my, took my teeth. And then I told her, I said put them in
19 my pocket. And she said, no. She said I got you. I got your
20 teeth.

21 I said, well, where are my glasses? And I saw my glasses,
22 they was trying -- oh, they put a sheet over me and they covered
23 up Ms. Cristie. They covered Ms. Cristie up so I could -- didn't
24 have to look at her anymore. And when they pulled my body out the
25 vehicle, I saw my glasses on the floor. And they put me in a

1 helicopter and took me to that other hospital, and now I'm at this
2 hospital.

3 Q. Okay. So after you all had left the camp, in that short
4 distance, do you recall anything out of the ordinary with the bus
5 or how the bus was being operated at the time? Was it -- did you
6 have any indication that there was anything maybe mechanically
7 wrong with the bus or -- you said you were looking out the window
8 of the bus --

9 A. I was just looking at the --

10 Q. -- (indiscernible)?

11 A. -- I was just looking at the scenery at the time. I was just
12 looking out because I never been there before. And I was looking
13 at the trees and stuff. And even though I was looking out the
14 window, I was still talking, saying stuff about, wow, what a
15 mighty God we serve; look, I say, he got the -- even though it
16 rain a few days, it don't rain always. And the green is still
17 green. That's the kind of conversation having with my friend.
18 That's the kind of conversation I was having with her.

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. We were talking about how powerful and how mighty God is
21 because of the scenery, and I had not seen that scenery before.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. It's cool, baby.

24 Q. So from where you were sitting in that back seat, were you
25 able to see the front of the bus before the crash --

1 A. Before the --

2 Q. -- before the bus -- where the driver would have been?

3 A. I -- yeah, I saw the driver. I couldn't see Harold that
4 good, the passenger --

5 Q. Yes, ma'am.

6 A. -- because the bus had two seats at the -- the four people --
7 that side got two seats all the way up; this side got one seat all
8 the way up.

9 Q. Yes, ma'am.

10 A. And Harold was sitting on the front row with the driver.

11 Q. In that front passenger seat?

12 A. I could see the driver even though -- and I could see dials
13 on the dashboard, you know, but could I tell you what they was?
14 No. What the speed and all that stuff, I couldn't tell.

15 The only thing that diverted my attention from looking out on
16 the scenery was -- and I don't know exactly what they were. They
17 were just those kind of noises that make you say -- when people
18 are saying stuff like, ah, and watch out, and ooh, and stuff like
19 that. So it turned my -- so as soon as I turned my head from here
20 to here, the bus -- that truck looked like it was in my face.

21 Q. Yes, ma'am.

22 A. That's how close it was. So it's like, ah -- and I think
23 maybe just have I lost my teeth.

24 Q. Okay. At any time did you see anything where you could see
25 the driver of your -- of the bus -- at any time did you see

1 anything that would have distracted him from the road?

2 A. I didn't, I didn't --

3 Q. A cell phone or anything like that?

4 A. Oh, no.

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. I didn't even -- if he and, if he and Harold was talking, I
7 wasn't hearing it.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. I'm sure they were -- I'm almost sure they was engaged in a
10 conversation or two. But sir, I didn't see, because I never, I
11 never looked behind me but I never observed a vehicle in front of
12 us either. The only vehicle I ever observed was when that thing
13 moved, and I do know the bus went tu-tu-tu (makes noise).

14 Q. Yes, ma'am.

15 A. That was (indiscernible).

16 Q. So do you remember, when that happened, what lane your all's
17 bus was in? Was it in your all's proper lane, other side of the
18 road, maybe your all's shoulder?

19 A. I couldn't have told you -- I can't tell you.

20 Q. That's fine.

21 A. Because it's like -- to me, it seemed like it was all in the
22 air.

23 Q. Yes, ma'am. I --

24 A. I don't know if he was ducking and dodging, but to me it just
25 seemed like we met in the air.

1 Q. Yes, ma'am.

2 A. You know.

3 Q. And did you feel any steering movements or hard braking or
4 anything by the bus before the impact happened? Do you remember
5 anything like that?

6 A. All I know when I, when I look up, baby, all I know (makes
7 noise) the bus going backwards and forth, and see -- in my mind I
8 don't know if that's a cliff on the side --

9 Q. Yes, ma'am.

10 A. -- it's just a straight drop off. I don't know. Because I
11 didn't know where we were going to land. When I opened my eyes, I
12 didn't have any idea what I was going to see. And I, and I don't
13 know right now where we was.

14 Q. Okay. That's fine.

15 A. I don't know if we was on the right lane, the left lane. I
16 don't know if there was really a cliff over there. I really don't
17 know because I don't know the lay of the land.

18 Q. That's fine. I understand. I understand.

19 So you said you saw -- when you turned and looked forward,
20 you saw the truck, it was almost, almost on you all.

21 A. It was there.

22 Q. Do you --

23 A. It look like he was there or he was like, he was boom.

24 Q. Yes, ma'am.

25 A. He was in my face.

1 Q. Do you recall anything, description about that truck? Color,
2 what kind of truck it was, or anything like that?

3 A. Man, I just couldn't -- my mind wasn't realizing the fact
4 that we was being crashed.

5 Q. I see.

6 A. It was like I didn't know what my brain was thinking. And
7 even when everything stopped, I didn't know what the hell had
8 happened.

9 Q. Yes, ma'am. I understand.

10 A. I don't know if we dangling in a tree, hanging off a cliff.
11 But I heard that -- the first thing I heard was that voice.
12 Somebody, somebody was there immediately, and that was the voice I
13 heard of a man saying what he was saying. And that made me
14 realize. And then I couldn't see nothing, but when I look up
15 there, but that truck in the windshield.

16 Q. Yes, ma'am.

17 A. Looked like, looked like he was on -- look like his -- look
18 like when you seen them, I don't know, big trucks, they have them
19 great big old tires, and they'd be like -- I know the -- they'd be
20 like climbing up on stuff. That's what I thought it was. I
21 thought, oh, that's a transformer mess to me.

22 Q. Okay. I understand.

23 SGT. FRITCH: Do you have anything else that I didn't cover?

24 TROOPER JONES: No. You did an excellent job, Ms. Harris.

25 MS. HARRIS: Thank you. God has given me woe for a minute

1 now. And I was just so busy wondering like why? Why? What in
2 the -- I had some curse words.

3 TROOPER JONES: Well, we don't always know the answers to
4 those questions.

5 MS. HARRIS: And what, what -- and what has just happened?
6 This is unbelievable. And then to recognize you ain't moving,
7 they ain't moving, they groaning; then I find out those who
8 groaned didn't make it. It has not been a happy time, you know.

9 So I just have to say, what now, Lord? What, what is it that
10 you've got for me to do? I was -- I'm glad I'm spared, but what
11 is it that I'm -- what am I spared for? You know, is there
12 something you want me to do? Something you want me to say? You
13 know, and I could only offer those people who come to visit who
14 family members didn't make it, I can only tell them the truth.
15 They didn't suffer.

16 Like what I told Richard, Cristie's husband, I know she
17 didn't suffer, but I can't tell you no more than that. You know,
18 because I don't want to -- it was ugly. Like I said, I didn't
19 know parts in your body be colors other than red. Shit, I saw
20 stuff that I don't want to ever see in life. And I love my police
21 pictures, but I don't know -- I have not been able to watch them.

22 I find it very difficult to get in a vehicle. In the
23 ambulance that brought me here, I was a nervous wreck. Man, I
24 kept my eyes closed the whole time, and if the thing would jump a
25 little bit, I was like, oh, you know. So it was like more than,

1 more than a notion. I told my son, I said, baby, momma don't know
2 how she's going to even get in a vehicle anymore. I don't know
3 when I'll drive. Because I -- I'm a little scared right now. You
4 know, so --

5 SGT. FRITCH: Do you have anything else that -- okay.

6 BY SGT. FRITCH:

7 Q. The only other thing that we were wanting to look at was the
8 seating chart.

9 A. Okay.

10 Q. To see if we couldn't pinpoint where everybody was at in the
11 vehicle. If you don't mind doing that.

12 A. I don't mind.

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. I might have to, I might have to -- I don't know if I can
15 move.

16 Q. No, you don't have to move. No, ma'am. You don't have to
17 move.

18 A. Okay.

19 Q. I'm just going to turn this around here, okay? So this is
20 basically just a rough sketch of the bus. If this is the front --
21 so we have Murray that's driving and we had Howard up in the
22 front, correct?

23 A. Right.

24 Q. Okay. And you would have been --

25 A. That's me.

1 Q. -- right here.

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. And I wrote backwards, but that's okay.

4 A. That's all right.

5 Q. Okay. And then you said --

6 A. Cristie Moore.

7 Q. -- Cristie was next to you?

8 A. Uh-huh.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. Harold.

11 Q. And then Harold?

12 A. Know her name -- they was husband and wife.

13 Q. That was husband and wife that was there?

14 A. Right. See Donna maybe -- Richard look in my book and let me
15 see Donna picture.

16 RICHARD: Okay, momma.

17 MS. HARRIS: The book, and it's (indiscernible). She
18 probably was sitting right here.

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20 Q. Right here?

21 A. Because his wife name is Jo.

22 Q. Okay. And that, that would've been --

23 A. This was the husband and wife.

24 Q. -- Margaret Barber? I think that's what the -- her legal
25 name may have been.

1 A. If I -- I look at their pictures. Jo, Harold -- what's
2 Harold's and them last name?

3 Q. Harold is Barber.

4 A. Barber? Okay.

5 Q. Yes, ma'am.

6 A. It's in alphabetical order. I don't know all my church goers
7 yet. This the driver.

8 Q. Yes, ma'am.

9 A. These the two people that was on the back row.

10 Q. They were on the back row with you?

11 A. Yeah.

12 Q. Okay. So Margaret would have been here?

13 A. Um-hum.

14 Q. Okay.

15 A. Who was next (indiscernible) --

16 Q. Ms. Donna Hawkins?

17 A. Find the H's. H, H, H --

18 Q. No, she's not in that one.

19 A. She didn't take a picture (indiscernible).

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. Okay. Okay, where she have been, right here.

22 Q. She would have been right around here? Okay.

23 A. Ms. Martha would have been right here.

24 Q. Okay. And then someone would've been there. Do you recall
25 who was sitting in front of you all?

- 1 A. Um-hum. That lady who didn't go to my church.
- 2 Q. Okay.
- 3 A. Okay. Yeah, that was Sue and Rhonda, they was, because she
4 and I was talking about choir rehearsal.
- 5 Q. Okay.
- 6 A. This lady did not go to my church.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 A. She went to Oak Church.
- 9 Q. There was a --
- 10 A. That was probably where Addie --
- 11 Q. Addie?
- 12 A. Uh-huh.
- 13 Q. Okay. Okay. And then the very front row behind the driver,
14 behind Murray, was that Ms. Mildred and Ms. Dorothy?
- 15 A. Yes. That -- seeing -- let me see Dorothy pictures. She's
16 V-A-L-L --
- 17 Q. V-A-L-L-I-E-T [sic].
- 18 A. There's not a whole bunch of them. Yeah. It's
19 V-U-L-L-I-E-T, in the church book.
- 20 Q. Okay. I'll verify that.
- 21 A. She was sitting right there.
- 22 Q. Okay.
- 23 A. The other lady, Mildren, there's a R, her last name.
- 24 Q. Rosamond, R-O-S-A-M-O-N-D.
- 25 A. I'm still learning -- I've been going to church for about a

1 year, so I don't know --

2 Q. That's fine.

3 A. -- the people. Yeah, she was sitting next to her.

4 Q. Okay. And then this Avis Banks was on the other single seat
5 up at the front?

6 A. I really don't know her that well --

7 Q. That's fine.

8 A. -- but let's see if there's a picture. Yeah, because she
9 lived at my friend Joyce, yes.

10 Q. Okay. Okay. here to here.

11 A. I didn't know that book was going to come handy for you guys.
12 I told him to bring me that book so that the wrong people don't
13 get in. Because some church people you don't know. And they say
14 they go to church and I can look to see who they are before they
15 get back here to pester me.

16 Q. So you said Ms. Martha. Are you talking about Ms. Martha
17 Walker; is that correct?

18 A. Martha --

19 Q. That was sitting right here?

20 A. Yeah. She was sitting right there.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. That would have been Donna Hawkins where your thumb is.

23 Q. Right here?

24 A. Uh-huh.

25 Q. Okay. Okay.

1 A. We went there -- that's the way we drove up there and that's
2 the way we came back, in the same seats.

3 Q. Okay. Is there anything else that you would like to include
4 on your interview and the recording?

5 A. I don't know anything to include, unless you ask me something
6 and I can remember to tell you something.

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. But right now, I think I told you everything that I can
9 remember, and I can only say that I believe I remember it
10 correctly, because once I got jerked around and was focused, I
11 stayed alert because that guy -- I could hear stuff where he kept
12 telling me to keep my eyes on him.

13 Q. Yes, ma'am.

14 A. And I -- and I stayed with him, the rescue man, you know.

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. And then the other rescue people, I just kept my eyes on
17 them, that they kept telling me don't close my eyes. Don't, don't
18 shut down on them, stay alert. So I did everything and I was
19 saying, Lord, Lord, keep me alert, keep me alert. And I believe
20 that he did. Because I don't recall losing conscious from the
21 time I realized that that bus was there. I mean, I'm calling it a
22 bus, but that truck --

23 Q. Yes, ma'am.

24 A. -- was there in the face of it. It was like he was just
25 right on top of the -- on top of it, you know.

1 Q. Yes, ma'am.

2 A. That's probably how it seemed, but how it was I really don't
3 know.

4 Q. Okay. We can't thank you enough for the time that you've
5 given us and for answering the questions. I know it's difficult.
6 But the information that you give us will definitely help us in
7 our investigations and we can't thank you enough. Okay.

8 A. Yeah, I'm glad to be of service.

9 SGT. FRITCH: I'm going to go ahead and end the recording
10 right now. The time is 11:15 a.m.

11 (Whereupon, at 11:15 a.m., the interview was concluded.)

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