

JOVITA GRANPELL, JR., Cook (Philippines), Crew No. 610, Safety No. 058, is 8 months into a 10-month contract. This is his second contract on the Norway. His hours 0800 to 1430, and 1630 to 2200. His cabin is Biscayne Deck, 298. His emergency assignment is Fire Team No. 6. He has had this assignment two months.

He was in his cabin, talking to his roommate. He heard a Code Alpha, and then a Code Bravo. He left his cabin, which was on the port side, he proceeded down the passageway through two fire screen doors (FSDs). He exited the second FSD on the starboard side of the vessel. This was in close proximity to the gangway where crewmembers were exiting the ship. He saw a ship security person at the shipside of the gangway, telling people to leave the ship, to “save your life.”

He then exited the vessel, and was told to go the side. He said that he heard the abandon ship signal, which he described as one long blast, while on shore.