

1 LEGEND: Q. DET. GARDNER A. EDWIN NETTLETON
2 Q2. DET. BERNSTEIN A2. JOHN MOFFITT
3 A3. UNKNOWN MALE
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5 Q. Mr. Nettleton?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Hi, Deputy Gardner, Sheriff's Department. _____. All right. Um, we're trying to
8 doing the preliminary investigation with the FAA. Trying to figure out what happened.

9 A. Mm hm (yes).

10 Q. Uh, first of all, where were you sitting at in the helicopter?

11 A. Uh, back, back behind the pilot.

12 Q. Okay. And do you, do you have a problem talking? I, I forgot to ask you that.

13 A. Say again?

14 Q. Did, you have no problems, uh, answering questions?

15 A. Uh huh (no). I'm actually fine. I just got to cracked wrist. That's the only thing I got.

16 Q. Okay. Uh, what's your date of birth, Mr. Nettleton?

17 A. ██████████ 52.

18 Q. ██████████ 52?

19 A. Mm hm (yes).

20 Q. Your first name's Edwin, right?

21 A. Right.

22 Q. Okay. Uh, going back again, you were seated in the rear of the helicopter?

23 A. Yeah, it, it's a four seater behind the pilot.

24 Q. You were behind the pilot?

25 A. Right. Left side.

26 Q. Okay. What, what, what happened, what's the first thing that you observed and you
27 knew something was wrong?

28 A. Uh, well, I think what happened is, we was. I, the pilot was trying to either set down on
29 the ridge, 'cause, we going to look for a radio site on the top of one of the mountains.
30 _____.

31 Q. Okay.

32 A. And as he was trying to set down, well, he came down and, and then decided he couldn't.
33 But, I, I was, I was videoing the, uh, the landing. And the, uh, the left, uh, what do you
34 call those things under the plane? The, uh, that the plane sits on? The kids?

35 Q. The skids.

- 1 A. The skids. And I saw it hit, hit the rock. And I thought, okay. We were landing, 'cause,
2 I've done this before. And then we were gonna jump out. Then all of a sudden, it
3 pitched and, I'm, I'm surmising that I think the tail rotor hit the, 'cause, there was a ridge
4 going up the left.
- 5 Q. Okay.
- 6 A. To, to my left there was, uh, the terrain was rising. And I think, the way the helicopter
7 acted, the tail rotor hit something and lost it. 'Cause, then it auto rotated a bunch of
8 times. Spinning around. I have a pilot's license, so, ____.
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 A. But, I don't _____. But, uh, it's indicative of losing a tail rotor. It just started spinning
11 around. Then, then the main rotor hit the ground and, uh, crashed. And then the whole
12 thing was just toposy tervy _____.
- 13 Q. Hey, I'm, I'm gonna stop you and kind of go back a little bit.
- 14 A. Yes. Yeah.
- 15 Q. Was there any talk of landing?
- 16 A. Well, the whole point was to go up there and try and land. And then we were gonna, you
17 know, find a good landing spot. And we were coming around and there was a discussion
18 between Larry, in the front seat, and the pilot. 'Cause, we have the common manual
19 headset on. About, there's a little area there where cars, not cars. I mean, there's no
20 traffic there. There is a dirt road where it looks like cars had parked. And I thought what
21 they were gonna do is try to land there. And they were heading down to that general
22 area, at that point in time, you know.
- 23 Q. Okay.
- 24 A. And, uh, and, so, I believe we were gonna try and land. And then we were suppose to,
25 uh, hike to the top.
- 26 Q. Mm hm (yes).
- 27 A. And take measurements and stuff _____.
- 28 Q. Okay. So, there was a clearing there that looked like, they, you were gonna try to land
29 on.
- 30 A. Yeah. But, then, if you can visualize this, we're coming down the clearing's like, you
31 know how the mountains have a ridge on them that's fairly sharp.
- 32 Q. Mm hm (yes).
- 33 A. The clearing was to the, I'm not sure, the right hand side of the ridge. So, I guess, that
34 might have been the southern side. And, um, and then, then I don't think he could do
35 that. He, as he turned. Uh, it seemed like he was trying to land right on the ridge.
36 Which, uh, was kind of a narrow ridge. But, I'm not 100% sure of that. You know? I
37 believe so, from hearing the cockpit chatter, you know.
- 38 Q. Okay. But, I mean.

- 1 A. But, but, then we definitely put the, 'cause, he was landing, you know how when you
2 land the copter, it comes down real, real slow?
- 3 Q. Mm hm (yes).
- 4 A. All that was happening. It looked like a normal landing. And I, and then we hit the, uh,
5 the ground, the rocks. And I expected the next thing would be to, would be to turn it off
6 or we jumped out, whatever. Then all of a sudden, that's when everything went crazy.
- 7 Q. Okay. Did you feel anything thing happen like, a, a violent shudder or collided with
8 something or something?
- 9 A. No. I felt, what I thought was the tail rotor, the, the tail hit something. But, you know,
10 that's what I thought I felt, sitting in the seat. You know? But, then, then, then it all
11 happened so fast. It's hard to say. I don't think there was any turmoils or anything like
12 that, that.
- 13 Q. Okay. So, it wasn't weather related? Nothing? Kind of _____ or whatever.
- 14 A. Yeah, it was, it was clear and from flying around, I didn't feel any big, any real turmoils
15 or nothing, yeah.
- 16 Q. Okay. Did he look like he was rotating to move the helicopter to a better position to
17 land?
- 18 A. Yeah, you know, when you land a copter, you get like, you know, a foot of softer ground
19 and you kind of turn it around a little bit.
- 20 Q. Mm hm (yes).
- 21 A. To kind of position it better. That, that's what seemed to be happening. And everything
22 seemed to be going fine. And so, all of a sudden, it wasn't going fine. You know. But,
23 like I say, it just seemed to me like, we lost the tail rotor for some reason.
- 24 Q. Okay.
- 25 A. Like, it had hit something.
- 26 Q. So, you're.
- 27 A. Hum?
- 28 Q. So, you're jerking around. Did you feel the tail rotor hit something? Or it just lost it
29 completely?
- 30 A. I, um, uh, I couldn't si-, I couldn't be a 100% sure, but, I thought I felt it hit something.
31 But, when it did that, then all of a sudden the copter started like, auto rotating. Like, it's
32 got no tail rotor, so it's spinning.
- 33 Q. Started to spin?
- 34 A. And then it kind of lost, uh, you know, uh, you know, ___ or whatever. Then the right, I
35 believe it was the right side started tipping down. 'Cause, I felt myself leaning to the
36 right. And the main rotor hit the ground. Then the whole cockpit did spins or whatever.
37 And I, at that point, I just grabbed the , the handle was in front of me, with my left hand.
38 And made sure I was leaning inside the helicopter. And I had my eyes open the whole
39 time. But, I was staring at the seat in front of me, kind of expecting something to kill me.

1 You know? But, I mean, that's kind of what I was thinking. And then it was just like
2 sliding around, sliding around, sliding around, sliding around. And bouncing down.

3 Q. So, when you say sliding around, you were, were you sliding downhill all this time?

4 A. Well, we did, I think is what we did a couple two or three cartwheels, at least. Then it
5 had established sliding on the side that I was sitting on. So, that would be left side. Then
6 it started sliding down the hill on the left side. And it was just sliding away. And I kept
7 leaning to the side, staring out front. Uh, you know, actually the seat behind me. And
8 then it, luckily, it stuck on a, uh, you know a tree, tree, you know, small tree or whatever
9 they're called. A bush.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. And at that point, uh, you know, once it stabilized, then, Paul Panzica, who was sitting to
12 my right, asked me if I was okay. He was, yeah, I mean, he was okay. He managed to
13 get out. And then when I, when I was gonna try and get out, I looked at where we were.
14 And we're on the very edge of a real steep incline. And I, and, other than fire potential, I
15 was really concerned that if I got up there, that, uh, 'cause, I didn't what was holding us
16 up.

17 Q. Correct.

18 A. That we would tilt the cockpit and it would go down, keep going. It would have gone
19 another 3 or 400 feet. So, I decided just stay put. And I called 911 then.

20 Q. Oh, so you called 911 from the helicopter?

21 A. Yeah, I was on with the 911 for about an hour, uh, an hour and half. _____.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. Telling them what the situation was.

24 Q. When, when it was sliding down, was it sliding down on the, on your side?

25 A. Yeah.

26 Q. On it's side?

27 A. Yeah. At some point, it did stabilize, so to speak, and constantly slide down on my side.
28 But, before then, I'm pretty sure we did two, three cartwheels or something like.

29 Q. Okay.

30 A. Yeah, something like that. 'Cause, I, I wasn't looking outside. I was, I, I, I just
31 purposely stared at the seat in front of me and held on. And made sure my head would
32 stay inside of the cockpit.

33 Q. Okay.

34 A. You know, and just, just waited.

35 Q. So, just to reiterate.

36 A. Yeah.

- 1 Q. You were, what you were doing up there, you were doing site surveying for our new
2 antenna. Is that correct?
- 3 A. Uh, yeah, radio transmittal location for the PCWIN project.
- 4 Q. And in the ve-, in the helicopter was, uh, you said Paul.
5 A. Paul Panzica.
- 6 Q. Okay.
7 A. And he works for Pima County.
- 8 Q. He works for Pima County? Who was in the passenger side?
9 A. Uh, Larry Sayers.
- 10 Q. Yeah.
11 A. He works with, well, technically, I think he works for, uh, ____ he works with Pima
12 County. He works for, uh.
- 13 Q. PCWIN?
14 A. No, actually, maybe Paul works with PCWIN. And Larry actually works for Pima
15 County.
- 16 Q. Okay.
17 A. I think Larry's actually a Pima County employee. And, uh, and Paul is the PCWIN. But,
18 they're all together on the project. So, it's like everybody works for the same company,
19 you know.
- 20 Q. Okay. And just kind of.
21 A. And I've been out here numerous times on it, yeah.
- 22 Q. I just want to kind of.
23 A. Mm hm (yes).
- 24 Q. Make sure I have the general picture.
25 A. Yeah.
- 26 Q. You saw a site that looked suitable. And you wanted to go take a closer look at it. Is that
27 correct?
28 A. Right.
- 29 Q. That, I think ____ tell me.
30 A. They had, they had predetermined this was a pretty good site to go do a site survey on.
- 31 Q. Okay.
32 A. Uh, it, a few weeks ago. And this pilot had been up there before, 'cause, I heard him
33 talking about he had landed at such and such of location. And, uh.
- 34 Q. He had landed at that location before?

- 1 A. Yeah, not the exact same spot we were trying. But, like, uh, kind of around the corner, so
2 to speak. Basically, at that same location. 'Cause, I heard him say that. And then we
3 flew around the mountain again. Uh, you know, about 20 seconds later is when all this
4 happened.
- 5 Q. Okay. And so, wanted to go up, look at the spot.
6 A. Right.
- 7 Q. He, he found a, a ridge area that looked good for him to land on.
8 A. Right.
- 9 Q. Okay.
10 A. Yeah. Right.
- 11 Q. You were coming in for a landing. You say you were approximately about a foot from
12 the edge or?
13 A. Well, I was watching, 'cause, I was taking videos of just the ____, you know. Uh, you
14 know, put the still cam on video, though.
- 15 Q. The video camera's on when you were landing?
16 A. Yeah. And, uh, I had it aimed down to, uh, uh, 'cause, and I saw the, uh, I can't, well, I
17 think it was through the video camera. I saw the, uh, what do you call the thing it sits on?
18 The, the.
- 19 Q. The skid?
20 A. The skid, the skid actually land on a rock. You know. And it seemed to me like, okay,
21 we're ready to get out. You know, in a few seconds. And at that point, you know, all
22 went haywire.
- 23 Q. Let me, let me, uh, did you feel any tilting to the side before?
24 A. Not beforehand. It seemed like we kind of landed and, uh, from what I could tell. Now, I
25 was purposely looking down, videoing the landing. I wasn't looking out. And it seemed
26 like everything was fine. And then, then all of a sudden it, it all went crazy. And then I
27 heard the pilot yell. I think he said, oh, no. Or something like, uh, what's, oh, no, what's
28 going on. Something like that. And then it really got haywire. You know, tipping over
29 and whatever, you know.
- 30 Q. Okay. Now, you said you felt like the trail, tail rotor had either hit something or possibly
31 failed. You weren't sure.
32 A. Right.
- 33 Q. Is that correct?
34 A. Yeah, that's, yeah, 'cause, I can't claim, uh, if this is a court of law, I couldn't say I know
35 the tail rotor hit. But, I do know that within two seconds of all this craziness going on,
36 with, the helicopter was out of control.
- 37 Q. You said.
38 A. Spinning.

1 Q. It auto rotated.

2 A. That's what I'm thinking

3 Q. You, did, did you feel the helicopter tip? Or auto rotate first?

4 A. Yeah, it auto rotated once or twice I think in a circle. And, and, then tipped to the right,
5 'cause, I felt myself go like that. Tip to the right. And that's, that's when I'm pretty sure
6 that the main rotor hit the ground and, and you know screws everything up. And we just
7 did some cartwheels and went down the side of the mountain.

8 Q. Yeah, and from there, it's pretty much going downhill.

9 A. Yeah. It's like being pulled under. You know?

10 Q. Literally. Okay. So, it went on it's side.

11 A. Mm hm (yes).

12 Q. I guess, I guess the point where I'm trying to really get down to is that, if we can try to
13 figure it out. 'Cause, the, the helicopter had hit the ro-, lost the rotor for some reason. Or
14 if it tilted and the main rotor got, uh, messed up.

15 A. I'm pretty sure, 'cause, I heard the pilot yell something like, oh, no. What's happening.
16 Or something like that. And then I thought he gave it the gas and to go up. 'Cause, as I
17 look out, it went up about three or four feet. And then it started like, spinning. So, I
18 think he tried to recover. 'Cause, I definitely remember the helicopter going up two,
19 three, four feet.

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. And then it just started, uh, spinning.

22 Q. Just spinning.

23 A. I'm using the word auto rotate, 'cause, I watch TV. I don't know. Whatever.

24 Q. How about, uh, did you hear any bangs? Any loud noises? Any.

25 A. Not until it was like, obviously, the ro-, when the rotor had hit the ground.

26 Q. Obviously.

27 A. I can't, there was, there was nothing to in-, there was nothing to indicate that, that
28 everything was fine. Something exploded or anything.

29 Q. Any alarms? Did you hear any alarms?

30 A. No, just the LP after we stabilized. The LP was going off. But, so was the, uh.

31 Q. Yeah. Yeah. Um, and you stayed free after the, went down the side of the mountain, you
32 pretty much stayed put.

33 A. I stayed in the copter, 'cause, I was scared to get out, 'cause, destabilizing the cockpit. I
34 was on with 911 all the time. And Larry stayed put in the front. He was trying to get
35 out. But, he was hurt real bad. And, uh, the copter was sitting at a funky angle. And I'm
36 kind of looking up at the sky. And I could just peek over the side of the cockpit where I
37 would have tried to get out. And it was like a real steep like, I, I don't know. Hard

- 1 telling, a thousand foot drop and stuff. And, uh, I told Larry, don't more. 'Cause, it, we
2 could make it worse, you know?
- 3 Q. All right.
- 4 A. So, we just stayed put.
- 5 Q. You were harnessed in?
- 6 A. No. Well, I mean, I was harnessed in, but, I took it off.
- 7 Q. Well.
- 8 A. When, when it happened, I was harnessed in, yeah.
- 9 Q. When it happened, right?
- 10 A. Yeah.
- 11 Q. Did you have a shoulder harness by chance?
- 12 A. Yeah, yeah, it was one of those shoulder things, uh, and.
- 13 Q. I can see bruises on your, your shoulders. So.
- 14 A. Yeah.
- 15 Q. I'm pretty sure you had that on.
- 16 A. Yeah.
- 17 Q. Everybody have it on?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Okay.
- 20 A. And I, that's part of the reason Larry couldn't get out. 'Cause, he was strapped in with
21 the harness, which I guess saved his life. And, um, it was one of those, by the time, uh,
22 we got enough people that, you know, the Border Patrol guy hiked up and got there first.
23 By the time he got there and that he, he held the copter ____, so I could get out without
24 making it worse.
- 25 Q. Mm hm (yes).
- 26 A. And then me and the Border Patrol guy and Paul Panzica were outside, and we were
27 gonna try and get Larry out. But, it's one of those weird things that turn and stuff.
- 28 Q. Okay.
- 29 A. And I, just, just let him wait. But, it just seemed better to let Larry stay put. We could
30 have made it worse. You know?
- 31 Q. Did the pilot ever regain consciousness?
- 32 A. He was talking for maybe a, a minute or two.
- 33 Q. Uh huh (yes).
- 34 A. And, uh, and, uh.

- 1 Q. Did he say anything to you or?
2 A. Yeah, he, uh, yeah, I think it was him. Yeah, he yelled out his name, 'cause, of the
3 dispatch lady was trying to get information. Like, what are the name of the people and
4 stuff. And I had never met the pilot before. So, I didn't really know his name that well.
5 And he spoke once or twice, two, two, three times, for sure, but, then he went into
6 unconsciousness. And, uh, I don't think he made it, right?
- 7 Q. Yeah.
8 A. Yeah. _____.
- 9 Q. Did, uh, did he say anything to you or?
10 A. After, you mean, when he was out?
- 11 Q. Yeah.
12 A. No, he just, uh, just like, uh, just like all, you know, I was on the phone. And I, I would
13 yell out whatever she wanted. You know, she'd say can you tell me their names. I didn't
14 know his name. I just yelled out, like, pilot, what's your name, kind of thing. And he got
15 off a Lora or something I think it was. Loren, once or twice or something like that. And
16 then after a while, I'm not so sure. I'm pretty sure he lost consciousness, 'cause, Paul
17 Panzica said, you know, he's not, you know, he's out. And, uh, but, you know, so, that. I
18 think that he, he mentioned something for maybe no more than a minute. You know.
- 19 Q. Okay.
20 A. Before he went unconscious.
- 21 Q. Okay. So, he was unconscious _____.
22 A. I think so.
- 23 Q. Were they able to get his name?
24 A. Well, Paul Panzica was, at, at that point, was sitting outside the cockpit. So, he can
25 actually tell you better info that.
- 26 Q. Okay. We're, we're gonna go over and talk to him.
27 A. Yeah. Yeah, I know. I know. But, yeah. That kind of stuff he can tell you, so.
- 28 Q. Okay. You, I, you did say that you were a pilot?
29 A. Uh, private pilot airplane, yeah.
- 30 Q. Of airplanes? How long have you been a pilot?
31 A. Well, I would say '76. But, I.
- 32 Q. You.
33 A. Since '76. But, I, I don't fly too much anymore. But.
- 34 Q. Do you know the lot of hours that you've flown?
35 A. Yes, it's like, 375. But, in, in the last ten years, there's probably no more than four or
36 five hours.

- 1 Q. I understand.
2 A. Yeah.
- 3 Q. What, do you think that with that experience, you could give an opinion about the
4 weather? And if it.
5 A. Uh, it was clear where we were.
- 6 Q. Okay. So.
7 A. It was clear where we were. And I didn't feel any buffeting, any thermals or nothing
8 though. ____.
- 9 Q. Okay.
10 A. Uh, it was, it was clear where we were. You know how there's the weather hugs on the
11 mountain tops and stuff.
- 12 Q. I understand.
13 A. Yeah, where we were it was fine.
- 14 Q. Did, did you guys have a conversation before you left about anything to be worried
15 about? Like the weather? Or landing? Or anything like that?
16 A. Like a pre-briefing kind of thing?
- 17 Q. Yes.
18 A. No. Not really. And it's funny, 'cause, when, you know, I had thought about that, funny
19 enough. But, uh, when we had gone to the DEA, uh, must have been a year ago, now.
20 The DEA flew us out to some sites, in a Blackhawk.
- 21 Q. Uh huh (yes).
22 A. And they had all the de-, de-briefing, what to do in an emergency kind of thing.
- 23 Q. Yeah.
24 A. We didn't have any of that on this. We just got in the cockpit, put the headsets on and
25 away you go.
- 26 Q. Just got in and left.
27 A. Yeah.
- 28 Q. Was the pilot speaking to you guys through the headsets while you were. I know, I know
29 you mentioned that he said, I landed once here before.
30 A. No, there wasn't a whole lot of conversation flying out there. 'Cause, they, everybody
31 knew where they were going. Larry and him knew they were going out to, what is it?
32 Waterman Peak? And, um, very little. I asked Larry a couple things, 'cause, I saw a site
33 as we were flying by earlier and stuff like that. But, uh, there was no, uh, there wasn't a
34 lot of chatter. Just when we got close to it, there was some incidental. Like, uh, you
35 know, where could we land. And, uh, this looks like, you know, and he had said he,
36 something to the effect, that well, he had landed over here be-, last week, the previous
37 week.

- 1 Q. Mm hm (yes).
- 2 A. And, and, uh, and then we flew around Waterman Peak and we were coming back again.
- 3 And he, it looked like, and that's when, when they were talking about that area where, uh,
- 4 you know, it looked like, you know, a little, like you could park a couple of cars on.
- 5 Maybe going down there.
- 6 Q. Okay.
- 7 A. You know.
- 8 Q. And. And you didn't hear much at all.
- 9 A. Right.
- 10 Q. But, but,
- 11 A2. Hi, I'm John, John Moffett, the PCWIN Officer.
- 12 A. Oh, hi. How you doing? I haven't met you before. How you doing? Is the nurse guy
- 13 here?
- 14 Q. Pardon me?
- 15 A. Is the nurse guy here?
- 16 Q. Yes.
- 17 A3. I'm right here. What's up? _____.
- 18 A. Do I got to leave this on here? Can you just, could you _____.
- 19 A3. Right after _____.
- 20 A. It's like, killing me more than anything.
- 21 A3. If it's uncomfortable, then it's doing it's job.
- 22 A. Okay. All right. Let me just move that. Okay. Hey, John. How you doing?
- 23 A2. _____.
- 24 A. Okay. Go ahead.
- 25 Q. Uh, as a pilot, or no, so, as a person who's been in several helicopter rides, like you
- 26 mentioned before.
- 27 A. No, this was the second. I've only.
- 28 Q. Oh, this is only your second. Okay.
- 29 A. Yeah, the second.
- 30 Q. Okay. I, I don't, could you, so, you probably couldn't give an opinion about the landing
- 31 site where he did choose to land.
- 32 A. No, but, uh, I wasn't, I wasn't looking at that. I was looking at the, the radio site, for
- 33 potential radio use at that point.

- 1 Q. So, when you were video taping with your camera, you were focusing on something that
2 was not the landing site.
- 3 A. No, at that, at that point, I was, I was videoing up the hill. And then when we started to
4 land, I figured well, that'd be cool to video the landing. You know. Tourist kind of stuff.
- 5 Q. Mm hm (yes).
- 6 A. And I had the camera aimed down, watching. And I was trying to, really to show my
7 wife how they, uh, what, the, uh, what do you call those things? I keep forgetting them.
- 8 Q. The skids?
- 9 A. The skids. How the skid was gonna hit the ground. And then she could see we land, we
10 landing, you know. So, I wasn't really, I can't claim that I ever really saw the site that
11 they were gonna land. 'Cause, I was looking at something else.
- 12 Q. Where, where is your camera now? Is it, is it there?
- 13 A. It's in the bag. Which hopefully is around here somewhere.
- 14 Q. Oh, did your bag come here with us, you think?
- 15 A. Yeah. I, I, my bag and my yellow _____. Yeah.
- 16 Q. Oh, great. What, um, we may take, uh, a tape, if that's in there. Um, and give you a
17 receipt for it.
- 18 A. Yeah, I was, uh.
- 19 Q. And, uh.
- 20 Q2. We'll give you, we just need to make a copy of it.
- 21 Q. We just need.
- 22 Q2. It's _____ been done.
- 23 Q. But, uh.
- 24 A. There's a, uh.
- 25 Q. How did, what kind of _____, what kind of camcorder is it?
- 26 A. If you give me, give me _____, I'll show you how to do it.
- 27 Q2. Okay.
- 28 Q. You can come around the other side.
- 29 A. _____.
- 30 Q. Yeah, we'll come to your side.
- 31 A. Open, open, open the top. I don't think, the camera was out. You know, when, when I
32 was.
- 33 Q2. We've got a 35 instant card, though, don't we?
- 34 A. The ca-, yeah, it looks like there's a big SOR.
- 35 Q. Okay.

- 1 A. The camera was out. And, uh, so, I don't know if it got damaged. But, I don't know.
- 2 Q. It looks good. But, is there just an SB card and everything just take?
- 3 A. Yeah. But, what you can do, is if, you see on the top where the GPS is, that netted top.
- 4 Q2. Uh, this?
- 5 Q. No, in the netted top right here.
- 6 A. On the netted top. The very top.
- 7 Q. Right here.
- 8 A. You see that cable? Just take that cable out.
- 9 Q2. Oh, yeah.
- 10 A. If you plug that cable. You see on the, the, the side here, there's like, like, a little bit of, a
- 11 little rubber, uh, by my door.
- 12 Q. Okay. It just goes right into the computer?
- 13 A. Yeah, you don't need that. Not that. The cable. The cable.
- 14 Q. Okay.
- 15 A. Okay. If you plug that in there and then plug the other end into the USB.
- 16 Q. Uh huh (yes).
- 17 A. Turn it on. Have your computer on. And turn this on and then Windows will know it's
- 18 there.
- 19 Q. Okay.
- 20 A. You could do a _____.
- 21 Q. Is, but, is there.
- 22 A. Uh.
- 23 Q. What does evidence have to do with that, though? 'Cause, does, does evidence want the
- 24 card?
- 25 A. I want to keep a video for me, too.
- 26 Q2. Well, he wants.
- 27 Q. We can make him a copy or whatever he wants.
- 28 A. I don't really care. You can take the original if you want.
- 29 Q. If I, I, I think that they would probably want the SB card. And we can give him a copy of
- 30 the SB card.
- 31 Q2. Yeah, we can give him a card. We can actually give it on CD for you.
- 32 Q. Is that okay? We'll just take, we'll leave the camera with you.
- 33 A. Just as long as I get the video, would be fine.
- 34 Q. Okay. You'll get the video. I promise. We'll give you _____.

- 1 A. 'Cause, I don't know, I couldn't see if I had it on. And then when the, when the accident
2 really happened, it might have stayed on. And, uh.
- 3 Q. Well, we'll look and see. You know.
- 4 A. _____.
- 5 Q. Yeah, it could help. It couldn't what's, what's the difference.
- 6 A. Yeah. That's right. I mean, you're welcome to it.
- 7 Q2. _____ right now. What do you think?
- 8 Q. We could. But, I just don't know if.
- 9 A. Uh, if you, if you think they want the SB card, take it. That's fine.
- 10 Q2. I just, I don't want to take it _____.
- 11 Q. Just the, the.
- 12 A. All right. _____. That's why I say, uh, it's easier if the camera still works, is to
13 plug it in and pull it off.
- 14 Q2. Right.
- 15 A. And then if you know you got the _____, using you want the SB card, take the SB card.
- 16 Q. Okay.
- 17 A. Whatever, whatever, whatever you guys want.
- 18 Q. Couple more questions and then I'm fully done.
- 19 A. Definitely.
- 20 Q. No suspicion that the pilot had any kind of medical problem? You didn't see him, his
21 head fall down? Or you didn't see, uh?
- 22 A. No. Uh huh (no).
- 23 Q. Anything like that?
- 24 A. Uh, no, the only, the only thing he said, he went to the dentist in the morning. 'Cause, it
25 was to be an 8:30 flight. And he went, you know, I mean, uh, it turned into a 10:30
26 flight. So, other than that. No.
- 27 Q2. Did he, uh, say what kind of work he had done? Or was it just stuff?
- 28 A. No, I have no idea. I don't know if he had anesthesia or nothing. I have no idea. He just
29 said he had went to the dentist.
- 30 Q. And he, he was talking immediately after you guys had touched down. You said that he
31 said, oh, no. Or something like that?
- 32 A. Oh, yeah, yeah. He yell-, he yelled, Paul remembers exactly what he said. I think he
33 yelled, oh, what's going on. Or, oh, no. Something like that.
- 34 Q. Okay. So, he's definitely awake.
- 35 Q2. Real quick. I got to ask a different question.
- 36 A. Yeah.

- 1 Q2. Has your wife been called? Do you know?
2 A. Yeah, I already talked to her.
- 3 Q2. You've already talked to her?
4 A. Yeah, I have.
- 5 Q. Is she on her way down?
6 A. No, she, she lives in _____.
- 7 Q. Oh, she's in Virginia?
8 A. Yeah, she's fine. I already talked to her.
- 9 Q. Are you related or?
10 A3. No, I'm, I'm the project manager for this. I'm just trying to make sure he's got
11 somebody here to take care of him.
- 12 Q. Oh, okay.
13 A. I actually, I feel fine, John, other than my wrist. This, this whole rigmarole is worse than,
14 uh.
- 15 Q. I can't think of anything else.
16 A. Yeah, but, this is their procedure.
- 17 A2. How do you, to Cheryl. I don't know whether you've talked to her.
18 A. Yeah, I talked to her.
- 19 Q2. Okay. I'm gonna leave this right here real quick. But, we are probably gonna run and
20 tape that. And.
21 A. Yes. Okay.
- 22 Q2. All that.
23 A. Okay that's fine. Whatever you got to do. Thanks.
- 24 Q. Okay.
25 A. Mm hm (yes).
- 26 Q. I don't have any other questions to ask you. I'm gonna turn the, this recorder off and let
27 you be to yourself.
28 A. Sure.
- 29 Q. Thank you very much. I appreciate it.
30 A. Yeah, you're welcome, Thanks.
- 31 Q. THE TIME IS 1515 HOURS. PRESENT IS DEPUTY BERNSTEIN, BADGE 5680,
32 DEPUTY GARDNER AND EDWIN NETTLETON.
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